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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class J. C. McDuffa (Army serial No. 34[illegible]424), Company I, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. During bitter fighting from the ridgetops of a series of sawlike coral hills, the platoon in which Private McDuffa was an automatic rifleman, was ordered to assume another position. With full knowledge that he would draw a concentration of enemy action, Private McDuffa voluntarily remained at an exposed point and provided a covering fire with his weapon while the remainder of the platoon made the move. Private McDuffa was mortally wounded while engaged in this heroic action. The courage and determination displayed by this intrepid soldier are examples of the highest standard of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty.

Technical Sergeant Robert D. Lipsett (Army serial No. 37279508), Company K, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. While engaged in a reconnaissance mission Sergeant Lipsett and another soldier were caught in an enemy artillery barrage which left Sergeant Lipsett unharmed but seriously wounded his companion. Disdaining the protection of numerous adjoining foxholes Sergeant Lipsett went to the injured man in spite of the continuing fire and rendered first aid until he, himself, was mortally wounded. The gallant action of this soldier who put the welfare of his followman above his own, exemplify the finest traditions of the United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Raymond F. Weaver (Army serial No. 36109014), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Discovering that his platoon was in an untenable position during an assault on a fortresslike series of jungle-covered hills, Sergeant Weaver ordered the platoon to proceed to a new position and, voluntarily and alone, advanced toward the enemy where he laid down a covering fire for the platoon's movement. During this heroic action Sergeant Weaver was instantly killed by the enemy but not until his platoon had successfully made its way to more protected ground. The heroic self-sacrifice of this gallant soldier in giving his life for the service is a perpetual inspiration to his fellow soldiers.

Private First Class Otto P. Cherny (Army serial No. 37573509), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. Private Cherny, a rifleman, volunteered as a member of a patrol which had been assigned the hazardous mission of placing and exploding demolition charges in positions held by the enemy. While engaged in placing a demolition charge, he was mortally wounded. The gallant action of Private Cherny in volunteering for an extremely hazardous mission won for him the esteem and admiration of his company.

Private First Class Mario D'Ignazio (Army serial No. 33338539), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 28 October 1944. Private D'Ignazio volunteered for additional duty as a litter bearer in order to assist in the evacuation of a large number of casualties. He made repeated trips through very difficult terrain in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire and continued these duties until mortally wounded by mortar fire. Private D'Ignazio's physical stamina and total disregard for his personal safety, won the esteem and admiration of all who witnessed his actions.

Private First Class Roman C. Zarnoch (Army serial No. 35549553), Company A, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. Private Zarnoch, a gunner, was occupying a machine gun emplacement when he observed a fellow soldier struck by a rifle bullet. At great personal risk he left his position of safety and moved into the area under hostile fire to assist the wounded man. In execution of this voluntarily assumed mission, he was fatally wounded.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Chui On Soo Hoo (Army serial No. 38178578), Company D, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. Private Soo Hoo, a heavy machine gunner, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his personal safety, subjected himself to enemy and chanced friendly fire by climbing a tall tree so as to be able to locate enemy positions. During the morning's vigil he was able to locate three of the enemy whom he killed by accurate rifle fire. The initiative, courage, and accomplishments of Private Soo Hoo won for him the admiration of his comrades.

Private First Class Jack R. Musolf (Army serial No 36352311), 81st Signal Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 October 1944. Upon learning that the sergeant in charge of his detail, while repairing a broken telephone wire had encountered and killed an enemy soldier, Private Musolf immediately volunteered to accompany the sergeant and re-enter the swampy jungle where the action had taken place to search out additional of the enemy believed to be in the area. Shortly after entering the swamp Private Musolf and his companion were attacked with grenades by four enemy soldiers whom they killed by their joint rifle fire. The initiative and courage shown by Private Musolf in seeking out and destroying the enemy is highly praiseworthy and won the admiration of his comrades.

Sergeant Walter V. Jaskulski (Army serial No. 33309404), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. An enemy attack struck two positions held by the platoon of which Sergeant Jaskulski was a squad leader. Observing that an adjacent squad was without a leader and was in a state of disorganization, Sergeant Jaskulski moved to the group while under enemy fire and assumed control. He so directed the actions of this unit that the enemy's attack was checked. Sergeant Jaskulski's action was an outstanding example of courage, leadership, and initiative.

Private First Class Joseph J. Rhody (Army serial No. 38115960), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. Shortly before dawn the company of which Private Rhody was a member was subjected to an enemy attack and in the ensuing fight he was injured by grenade fragments. Dispite his serious wounds, Private Rhody remained in his position and participated in the action until the enemy attack was repulsed. His gallant actions was an inspiration to his comrades and spurred them to greater efforts.

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Section I - Award of the Purple Heart
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Robert A. O'Brien, 11083811, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 31 October 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Gary W. Dodd, 33397304, 306th Med Bn, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944.

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 November 1944:

Pfc Willie C. Ramsey, 39287077, 306th Engr Bn
Pvt Henry R. Cates, 31386399, 306th Engr Bn

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc William W. Williams, 14097438, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 November 1944.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant John O. Harstad (Army serial No. 39600365), Company C, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. After Sergeant Harstad and the rifle squad he was leading were pinned down by enemy machine gun and rifle fire, he shifted his location until he was in a favorable firing position from which he could engage the enemy successfully. By reason of his accurate fire the squad was enabled to change its position. After assuring that his squad was properly disposed, Sergeant Harstad personally aided a wounded member of his squad to a place of safety. His courageous action was an inspiration to his squad.

Private Stanislaus Lewendowski (Army serial No. 32738561), Headquarters Company, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 6 October 1944. Private Lewendowski volunteered to accompany a patrol into an area occupied by the enemy in order to recover the body of an officer killed in action. The objective accomplished, the patrol was returning when the enemy opened fire with automatic weapons and rifles. Private Lewendowski with one other man engaged the enemy in a firefight to divert attention of the enemy from the litterbearers. By this commendable action the patrol was enabled to complete its mission without casualties.

Private First Class Charlton D. Coley (Army serial No. 34307035), Company A, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 October 1944. During mopping up operations among a series of pinnacles which formed a natural fortress at the northwest sector of the island, the squad in which Private Coley was a member, was checked in its advance. Private Coley took charge and led a group in routing the enemy. During the advance Private Coley was wounded. His commendable display of initiative and courage was an inspiration to his comrades.

Staff Sergeant Sherman Evans (Army serial No. 6918335), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, from 2 - 4 November 1944. For three successive days while his company was engaged in an attack against an enemy position, Sergeant Evans led patrols in attempts to dislodge the enemy from high ground overlooking his company's position. On the first two occasions, he failed to accomplish his mission because of casualties caused by enemy rifle and gernade fire, but on the third attempt he was successful in dislodging the enemy. Immediately upon reaching his objective, Sergeant Evans strengthened the position, booby trapped it and installed trip flares so successfully that enemy infiltration through that area was prevented. The leadership qualities, untiring efforts, and solution of apparently unsurmountable obstacles displayed by Sergeant Evans were in the best traditions of the military service.

Private Donald H. McGrew (Army serial No. 33309441), Company C, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 11 November 1944. Private McGrew, with two others, volunteered to enter a small valley covered by enemy machine gun and rifle fire in order to recover the body of a comrade killed in action. Several previous attempts to accomplish this mission had failed because of intense enemy fire. Riding the rear of a bulldozer where he was exposed to possible enemy fire, Private McGrew successfully completed his voluntarily assumed mission. His heroic actions won the admiration of all who observed them.

Private Maynard W. Pierce (Army serial No 36506096), Company C, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 11 November 1944. Private Pierce, with two others, volunteered to enter a small valley covered by enemy machine gun and rifle fire in order to recover the body of a comrade killed in action. Several previous attempts to accomplish this mission had failed because of intense enemy fire. Riding the rear of a bulldozer where he was exposed to possible enemy fire, Private Pierce successfully completed his voluntarily assumed mission. His heroic actions won the admiration of all who observed them.

Private Lester J. Hauri (Army serial No. 37186760), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. After the foremost defensive position held by the platoon of which Private Hauri was a member was assaulted by the enemy and the three defenders killed, the enemy continued his advance to the second position. This position was held and the enemy assault group repulsed largely through the courageous action of Private Hauri, who fired his weapon with skill and rapidity even though wounded. His commendable action contributed materially to the successful defense of the platoon's position.

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Private First Class Rea L. Fetter (Army serial No. 37484209), Company L, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. During an assault on a strongly fortified enemy held ridge, the platoon of which Private Fetter was a member encountered intense enemy action and determined to deploy to a new position from which to continue the attack. Without considering his personal safety and with full knowledge of the danger involved, Private Fetter remained in position and, firing his automatic weapon, covered the movement of his platoon until its selected position had been reached. In this gallant action Private Fetter was fatally wounded by the enemy. His heroic and determined self-sacrifice for the service is a source of constant inspiration to his comrades.

Private First Class James G. Ramsey (Army serial No. 34490165), Company E, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. While participating in an attack against enemy positions, Private Ramsey and five other men were cut off from their unit and subjected to enemy rifle and automatic weapons fire, killing three and seriously wounding Private Ramsey. In spite of his wounds, Private Ramsey fired his automatic rifle until all his ammunition was expended and then securing a sub-machine gun, continued firing on the enemy. While engaged in this action he received mortal wounds. Private Ramsey's gallant actions and self-sacrifice enabled the two unwounded men of his group to escape to a position of safety.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HENRY ALMEIDA, 01302102, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 19 October 1944. LIEUTENANT ALMEIDA was directing an attack of his platoon over extremely difficult terrain against a ridge held by the enemy. After some progress, the attack was stopped by intense crossfire of enemy machine guns and rifles. Immediately realizing the dangerous location of his platoon, LIEUTENANT ALMEIDA, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved under fire to a position so that he could direct the withdrawal of each man, and while so engaged was mortally wounded. The leadership and personal courage demonstrated by LIEUTENANT ALMEIDA were an inspiration to his entire platoon.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL LESTER J. EVANS, 0316975, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. When an enemy mortar shell burst in his command post wounding seven persons including himself, LIEUTENANT COLONEL EVANS although wounded in both arms refused to be evacuated until the others had been attended. After receiving first-aid treatment he resumed control of his battalion which was at that time heavily engaged with the enemy. It was only after being assured that the tactical situation was favorable to his unit, and two hours after being wounded, that COLONEL EVANS consented to his evacuation. His devotion to duty under trying circumstances was in inspiration to his command.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES I. BELT, 01302105, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 September 1944. LIEUTENANT BELT was leading his rifle platoon in a battalion attack when heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire checked its attack. When tanks were brought forward, LIEUTENANT BELT, with complete disregard for his personal safety, proceeded the tanks to indicate enemy positions by firing tracer ammunition. While engaged in this hazardous act he was wounded by enemy machine gun fire. LIEUTENANT BELT'S gallant action was an inspiration to his command.

Private First Class Donald L. Cochran (Army serial No. 35096886), Company F, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 24 September 1944. As his company advanced through a series of cave-pocked enemy-held hills a sudden burst of machine gun fire was encountered from a cave which wounded Private Cochran knocking him to the ground. Despite three bullet wounds in his leg Private Cochran seized his automatic rifle, silenced the enemy gun and, under heavy enemy mortar fire, retained his squad carrying his automatic rifle and two additional weapons dropped by wounded companions. In this heroic action Private Cochran exhibited outstanding courage self-sacrifice and determination.

Private Arthur A. Yerkes (Army serial No. 39178765), Cannon Co, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. When his platoon suffered casualties from hostile machine gun fire, Private Yerkes, although wounded, continued to deliver effective fire against the enemy. When a comrade next to him was struck by a hostile bullet, Private Yerkes applied a tourniquet, picked up the wounded man, and carried him to safety through enemy fire. In the accomplishment of this gallant act Private Yerkes was wounded a second time.

Technician Fifth Grade Earl J. Nobles (Army serial No. 34449365), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. Technician Nobles, a bulldozer driver, engaged in closing caves occupied by the enemy refused to be relieved or to abandon his mission despite repeated attempts by the enemy to destroy him and his machine. An enemy soldier damaged the blade of his bulldozer by a hand-placed mine but another of the enemy was eliminated as he began to place a mine under the track. Shortly after these two actions Technician Nobles continued operating his bulldozer to cover over an enemy emplacement from which small-arms fire was being received. His personal courage in the face of continued danger won the admiration and esteem of all witnesses and materially assisted in the accomplishment of the mopping-up mission of the infantry unit his company was supporting.

Sergeant Clayton E. Shockley (Army serial No. 39843678), 81st Signal Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 October 1944. While tracing the break in a faulty telephone line, Sergeant Shockley, believing that the enemy had deliberately injured the wire, cautiously followed it into a swamp. He suddenly saw a Japanese soldier and immediately fired, killing the enemy. Believing that additional enemy soldiers were in the area, Sergeant Shockley with another soldier moved farther into the swampy jungle. A short time later the two were attacked with grenades by four Japanese of whom two were killed and the third wounded by this intrepid soldier while his companion dispatched the fourth. The initiative and courage of Sergeant Shockley reflect great credit on himself and on his organization.

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Sergeant Ervin M. Wassman (Army serial No. 17080306), Battery A, 906th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Melvin K. Martin (Army serial No. 39693896), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, from 27 September to 4 October 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis J. Cahill (Army serial No. 33469214), Headquarters Company First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944.

Private Conrad H. Brantley (Army serial No. 34332608), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944.

Private James E. Bagley (Army serial No. 38177973), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944.

Private First Class Derril F. Looney (Army serial No. 36828599), Headquarters Company First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944.

Sergeant George L. Marlow (Army serial No. 34306225), Headquarters Company First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944.

Private First Class Leslie Anderson (Army serial No. 39843247), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944.

Technical Sergeant James W. Richardson (Army serial No. 39390067), Company A, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, from 22 October to 7 November 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Francis P. Casher (Army serial No. 33254576), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For herioc service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, from 27 September to 4 October 1944. During this period Technician Casher repeatedly operated his bulldozer in the face of enemy small-arms fire in order to construct trails through difficult terrain so that tanks could operate in the support of the infantry. His courage and perseverance won the esteem and admiration of all who observed his work, and assisted materially the ultimate success of the attacking forces.

Staff Sergeant Edward E. Martin (Army serial No. 34331654), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. The position in the company area occupied by Sergeant Martin and three other men was subjected to an enemy grenade attack which wounded all four men. Despite his wounds Sergeant Martin defended his position until his three wounded companions could be evacuated and relief arrived. Sergeant Martin's heroic act prevented enemy infiltration through his position.

Private First Class Carl J. Flippin (Army serial No. 38178073), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. An enemy attack during the night of 26-27 October forced the abandonment of a company observation post and a nearby position held by Private Flippin and a companion. At dawn Private Flippin and his companion, armed with automatic rifles, advanced under enemy rifle and grenade fire, and preceded an assault which succeeded in driving the enemy from the previously abandoned positions.

Staff Sergeant Russel H. Griffin (Army serial No. 36059816), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. During the hours of darkness the area occupied by the platoon to which Sergeant Griffin was a squad leader, was subjected to heavy enemy grenade attacks. Exhibiting great personal courage under fire and superb leadership, Sergeant Griffin maintained the position of his squad against the enemy attacks even though other positions were overrun. This nucleus of resistance enabled the platoon to reorganize, counterattack and regain the lost position.

FIRST LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS F. MARRA, 01286158, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 28 October 1944. An enemy mortar shell, landed in the area occupied by LIEUTENANT MARRA'S platoon, causing a number of casualties and some disorganization. With total disregard for his personal safety LIEUTENANT MARRA moved under enemy grenade fire from position to position, reassuring and encouraging the individual members of his platoon. His calmness and courage under enemy fire and outstanding leadership restored the morale and combat efficiency of his platoon.

FIRST LIEUTENANT VICTOR P. DALMAS, 0445785, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Following an advance by his platoon, LIEUTENANT DALMAS observed several men wounded by enemy rifle and mortar fire. Moving forward through the enemy fire he reached the side of one wounded man and assisted him to a place of safety. Again advancing alone, he reached and assisted another wounded man. The commendable acts by LIEUTENANT DALMAS while under fire were an inspiration to his platoon.

Private First Class George N. Maddux (Army serial No. 38519153), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. An enemy attack during the night of 26-27 October forced the abandonment of a company observation post and a nearby position held by Private Maddux and a companion. At dawn Private Maddux and his companion, armed with automatic rifles, advanced under enemy rifle and grenade fire, and preceded an assault which succeeded in driving the enemy from the previously abandoned positions.

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1. Sergeant Ervin M. Wassman (Army serial No. 14080306), Battery A, 906th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. Sergeant Wassman, a radio operator of an artillery forward observer party, was wounded by an enemy mortar fragment. Despite his wound Sergeant Wassman refused evacuation and continued to operate his radio set. By his meritorious act essential communication was maintained and permitted uninterrupted artillery fire in support of an infantry attack.

2. Technician Fifth Grade Melvin K. Martin (Army serial No. 39693896), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, from 27 September to 4 October 1944. During this period Technician Martin repeatedly operated his bulldozer in the face of enemy small-arms fire in order to construct a trail through difficult terrain to assist tanks in the support of an infantry attack. His courage and perseverance won the esteem and admiration of all witnesses and assisted materially the ultimate success of the attacking forces.

3. Technician Fifth Grade Francis J. Cahill (Army serial No. 33469214), Headquarters Company First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. A wire team consisting of Technician Cahill and four other men laid communications lines to one of the assault companies and thence to an adjacent unit on the flank of the battalion. The route traversed was over jagged coral formations, in spots densely covered with jungle growth, and through an area, portions of which were still occupied by the enemy. Despite obstacles of terrain and frequent bursts of enemy machine gun and rifle fire which forced them to screen their actions with smoke grenades, Technician Cahill and his companions completed their task.

4. Private Conrad H. Brantley (Army serial No. 34332608), Headquarters Company First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. A wire team consisting of Private Brantley and four other men laid communications lines to one of the assault companies and thence to an adjacent unit on the flank of the battalion. The route traversed was over jagged coral formations, in spots densely covered with jungle growth, and through an area, portions of which were still occupied by the enemy. Despite obstacles of terrain and frequent bursts of enemy machine gun and rifle fire which forced them to screen their actions with smoke grenades, Private Brantley and his companions completed their task.

5. Private James E. Bagley (Army serial No. 38177973), Headquarters Company First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. A wire team consisting of Private Bagley and four other men laid communications lines to one of the assault companies and thence to an adjacent unit on the flank of the battalion. The route traversed was over jagged coral formations, in spots densely covered with jungle growth, and through an area, portions of which, were still occupied by the enemy. Despite obstacles of terrain and frequent bursts of enemy machine gun and rifle fire which forced them to screen their actions with smoke grenades, Private Bagley and his companions completed their task.

6. Private First Class Derril F. Looney (Army serial No. 36828599), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. A wire team consisting of Private Looney and four other men laid communications lines to one of the assault companies and thence to an adjacent unit on the flank of the battalion. The route traversed was over jagged coral formations, in spots densely covered with jungle growth, and through an area, portions of which, were still occupied by the enemy. Despite obstacles of terrain and frequent bursts of enemy machine gun and rifle fire which forced them to screen their actions with smoke grenades, Private Looney and his companions completed their task.

7. Sergeant George L. Marlow (Army serial No. 34306225), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. A wire team consisting of Sergeant Marlow and four other men laid communications lines to one of the assault companies and thence to an adjacent unit on the flank of the battalion. The route traversed was over jagged coral formations, in spots densely covered with jungle growth, and through an area portions of which were still occupied by the enemy. Despite obstacles of terrain and frequent bursts of enemy machine gun and rifle fire which forced them to screen their actions with smoke grenades, Sergeant Marlow and his companions completed their task.

8. Private First Class Leslie Anderson (Army serial No. 39843247), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Despite a back injury which permitted him to stand upright only with difficulty, Private Anderson refused evacuation and insisted on accompanying his platoon in supporting an attack against the enemy. At a time when every available source of fire power was needed, Private Anderson's presence permitted the employment of an additional machine gun which could not have been manned without him. His personal courage under physical handicap was an inspiration to his platoon.

9. Technical Sergeant James W. Richardson (Army serial No. 39390067), Company A, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, from 22 October to 7 November 1944. During this period Sergeant Richardson distinguished himself by displaying exceptional soldierly qualities in close combat with the enemy. He voluntarily led patrols into enemy-held territory and on several occasions conducted his platoon in combat situations, all with outstanding success. His personal courage, sound tactical judgement, and leadership contributed materially to his company's successful completion of its missions.

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Section I - Award of the Purple Heart
Section II - Award of the Oak-Leaf Cluster
Section III - Award of the Silver Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pvt Victor C. Crumpton, 39842640, 306th Med Bn, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pvt John E. Crescent, 36665510, 318th FA Bn, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 10 November 1944.

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Robert D. Walters, 37419328, 306th Med Bn, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944.

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Cpl David L. Beckwith, 12172817, 306th Engr Bn, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 November 1944.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Pfc Robert A. O'Brien, 11083811, 323d Inf, by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 November 1944.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade George Demick (Army serial No. 39842977), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September 1944. Technician Demick, a bulldozer operator, was engaged in covering over emplacements from which the enemy was impeding the advance of the infantry. Fearlessly and courageously, despite repeated strikes of small-arms bullets and grenade fragments on his bulldozer, he continued his mission. By thus silencing enemy emplacements, Technician Demick was of great assistance to the infantry in its advance.

Private Edward Augustyniak (Army serial No. 36351410), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. After the battalion command post had been subjected to a harrassing fire from enemy pillboxes located on surrounding ridges, the platoon in which Private Augustyniak operated a rocket launcher, advanced to neutralize these fortifications. Before the platoon could assume a firing position, a burst of machine gun fire checked the advance and caused several casualties. Unable to bring their weapon into play in a prone position due to the irregular terrain, Private Augustyniak and his assistant, heedless of the hostile fire, rose to a standing position and fired round after round from the launcher into the pillboxes until the hostile fire was silenced. During this gallant action Private Augustyniak was wounded. The courage and intrepidity displayed by Private Augustyniak and his assistant were an inspiration to his comrades.

Private First Class Charles P. Wisniewski (Army serial No. 33398790), Company L, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. During an attack on an enemy strongpoint located on a densely wooded ridge, the platoon of which Private Wisniewski was a member, was suddenly confronted by concentrated enemy fire. Private Wisniewski voluntarily moved to secure a field of fire from behind a protective log and from there placed effective automatic rifle fire on the enemy. His determined action was a substantial contribution to the successful accomplishment of the maneuver of his unit.

Technical Sergeant Edward B. Schiddel (Army serial No. 36352420), Antitank Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. Sergeant Schiddel was a member of a reconnaissance party selecting new gun positions among high ridges in close proximity to the enemy. As the party approached a cave, it was suddenly confronted by five heavily armed Japanese soldiers who immediately opened fire. Sergeant Schiddel, by quick decission and with complete disregard for his safety, rushed toward the attackers firing his carbine as he advanced, killing three of the enemy and dispersing the remaining two. His heroic action saved the members of the party from possible death and earned for him the commendation of all who knew of his feat.

Private First Class Robert A. Fagot (Army serial No. 36762821), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. Two forward positions of his platoon were assaulted by the enemy. The first position was overrun and its three occupants killed. Private Fagot, in charge of the second position, together with three other men, bore the full brunt of the enemy assault. Although severely wounded, he fired his rifle and threw gronades with rapidity, effectiveness and skill, and by this courageous action assisted materially in repulsing the enemy and securing the platoon's positions.

Staff Sergeant James A. Stewart (Army serial No. 34332336), Company I, 323d Infantry. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. The position occupied by Sergeant Stewart and his squad was bearing the brunt of an enemy grenade attack. Repeatedly Sergeant Stewart picked up these grenades and tossed them toward the enemy. When the position became untenable, after a number of his men were wounded, Sergeant Stewart evacuated the position and aided in removal of the wounded to safety. He then reorganized his squad and in the face of enemy rifle and grenade fire personally led an advance to the former position which he secured and held. Sergeant Stewart's personal courage and outstanding leadership contributed greatly to the success of his unit in this operation.

Private Jack J. Dalton (Army serial No. 36646200), Company I, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. After the battalion command post had been subjected to a deadly harrassing fire from enemy pillboxes located on surrounding ridges, the platoon in which Private Dalton operated a rocket launcher, advanced to neutralize these fortifications. Before the platoon could assume a firing position a burst of machine gun fire checked the advance and caused several casualties. Unable to bring their weapon into play in a prone position due to the irregular terrain, Private Dalton and his assistant, heedless of the hostile fire, rose to a standing position and fired round after round from the launcher into the pillboxes until the hostile fire was silenced. The courage and intrepidity displayed by Private Dalton and his assistant were an inspiration to his comrades.

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Section I - Award of the Soldier's Medal
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin No. 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Juan F. Velasco (Army serial No. 39851746), 456th Amphibian Truck Company, United States Army. For heroism displayed off Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 October 1944. When an amphibious tractor loaded with Marines, carring full-field equipment, passed near his amphibian truck, Technician Velasco observed a man washed overboard. Disregarding the dangerously high surf, he dived in and with great difficulty was able to support the drowning man until additional help arrived. He assisted in towing the man to a position of safety. The heroism of Technician Velasco reflects great credit on himself and on the military service.

Private First Class John H. Wood (Army serial No. 34826481), Company D, 88th Chemical Battalion, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. When a fire and explosion of undetermined origin occurred in his platoon's ammunition dump, Private Wood observed the serious injury to an enlisted man. Despite the flames and explosions and completely disregarding his personal safety, Private Wood rushed to the side of the wounded man, administered first aid and with the assistance of another man, evacuated him to a position of safety. The heroism of Private Wood conformed to the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Wilbert J. Toennies (Army serial No. 36477278), Company D, 88th Chemical Battalion, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. When a fire and explosion of undetermined origin occurred in his platoon's ammunition dump, Private Toennies observed the serious injury to an enlisted man. Despite the flames and explosions and completely disregarding his personal safety, Private Toennies rushed to the side of the wounded man, administered first aid and with the assistance of another man, evacuated him to a position of safety. The heroic act by Private Toennies conformed to the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Louis W. McCloskey (Army serial No. 33263734), 454th Amphibian Truck Company, United States Army. For heroism displayed off Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 October 1944. From his position in an amphibian truck proceeding toward shore, Technician McCloskey observed a Marine in full-field equipment washed overboard from an amphibian tractor and a man dive to the Marine's rescue. It was soon apparent that due to the dangerously high surf and the weight of equipment that both men were in danger of drowning. Without hesitation Technician McCloskey dived into the sea and swam to the struggling men. He assisted them in reaching the side of an amphibian vehicle into which they were hoisted. The heroism displayed by Technician McCloskey reflects great credit on himself and on the military service.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin No. 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personne:

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Corporal Elmar E. Gray (Army serial No. 39303296), Company A, 726th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, United States Army. For heroism in Maalaea Bay, Maui Island, T.H., on 4 August 1944. Corporal Gray was commander of an amphibian tractor which sank during a training exercise. Observing that the driver of the vehicle was in difficulty, Corporal Gray, without regard to his own safety, went to the assistance of his companion and removed him from the driver's compartment and enabled him to be rescued. By so doing Corporal Gray was unable to extricate himself from the vehicle before it was completely submerged. He lost his life by this heroic action in order to save the life of a comrade.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFFOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Paul C. Winter (Army serial No. 36505390), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September to 15 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Roy A. Scapellato (Army serial No. 33309440), Company B, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944.

Staff Sergeant Harry J. Shemberger (Army serial No. 38281485), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944.

Staff Sergeant Hal P. Hodge (Army serial No. 34285445), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES G. RYAN, 01303198, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, during the period 15 October - 7 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Harold T. Stedman (Army serial No. 39842186), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Eugene Bevers (Army serial No. 38133383), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944.

SECOND LIEUTENANT MURRAY G. SIMON, 01306007, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944.

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1. Private First Class Paul C. Winter (Army serial No. 36505390), Co I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September to 15 October 1944. During this period Private Winter, as a vehicle driver, repeatedly delivered urgently needed supplies to the forward areas of his company frequently under enemy fire. When difficulties of terrain prevented movement by vehicle he unhesitatingly hand-carried the supplies forward. Private Winter's personal courage and perseverance made possible a continuous flow of essential supplies to the assault elements.

2. Staff Sergeant Roy A. Scapellato (Army serial No. 33309440), Company B, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. The attack of the platoon of which Sergeant Scapellato was a squad leader, was checked by enemy machine gun, rifle and grenade fire. By outstanding leadership and application of sound tactical principles, Sergeant Scapellato so successfully maneuvered his squad in a flank attack that the enemy was forced to withdraw abandoning a machine gun and a number of rifles. The outstanding manner in which Sergeant Scapellato accomplished his mission permitted the platoon to resume its advance.

3. Staff Sergeant Harry J. Shembarger (Army serial No. 36181485), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. In order that he might direct and observe a mortar concentration fired by his platoon on a strong enemy position, Sergeant Shembarger with utter disregard for personal safety, made his way over rough terrain in the face of enemy sniper fire. He assumed an exposed position and from here directed the successful fire of his mortars which was a determining factor in the destruction of the enemy installations. His coolness and courage under fire were an inspiration to every member of his platoon.

4. Staff Sergeant Hal P. Hodge (Army serial No. 34285445), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. Sergeant Hodge volunteered to lead his squad as a reconnaissance patrol into an area strongly held by the enemy. The movements of the patrol were under enemy observation and subjected to continuous harrassing machine gun and rifle fire. By personal courage and outstanding leadership, Sergeant Hodge so inspired the patrol that the mission was successfully completed. The information obtained by his patrol was a major factor in the successful attack of his company over the reconnoitered terrain on the following day.

(Citations to Accompany GO 95, Hq 81st Inf Div, 4 Dec 44, contd).

5. SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES G. RYAN, 01303198, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, during the period 15 October - 7 November 1944. LIEUTENANT RYAN, in charge of a group designated to destroy enemy emplacements demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and personal courage under enemy fire. During this period he personally led his group to emplacements to be demolished and actively engaged in the placing of explosive charges. His leadership, initiative and aggressiveness were a constant incentive to the men composing his group and contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of his mission.

6. Staff Sergeant Harold T. Stedman (Army serial No. 39842136), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. The platoon in which Sergeant Stedman was a squad leader, was advancing to attack when the explosion of an enemy mortar shell caused a number of casualties in the command. Sergeant Stedman and one other noncommissioned officer, immediately assumed control of the resulting difficult situation and, moving under enemy rifle fire, reorganized the remainder of the platoon. The personal courage, leadership qualities and calmness under enemy fire of Sergeant Stedman so inspired the men of the platoon that their self-confidence was restored.

7. Staff Sergeant Eugene Bevers (Army serial No. 8133383), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. When the squad leader of a platoon of which Sergeant Bevers was a member, became a casualty, Sergeant Bevers immediately reorganized the squad and restored its self-confidence. Shortly thereafter, under fire, he proceeded to a supply point and obtained ammunition necessary for the conduct of the combat. His courage and his leadership qualities were outstanding in this action.

8. SECOND LIEUTENANT MURRAY G. SIMON, 01306007, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. Shortly after reaching shore with the assault troops on the beachhead, LIEUTENANT SIMON, Battalion Communications Officer, received a leg wound. Disdaining this injury, he remained with his communications platoon throughout the day, actively and efficiently coordinating the construction and maintenance of vital communication lines. LIEUTENANT SIMON displayed exceptional courage and leadership which inspired his platoon, and his untiring efforts contributed substantially to the success of the initial phase of the operation.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant Howard L. Murphy, (Army serial No. 36058337), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Sergeant Murphy was leading his machine gun squad in the face of enemy machine gun and rifle fire to an advantageous position to support the attack, when he was killed by an enemy's bullet. The outstanding leadership and determination shown by Sergeant Murphy were a constant inspiration to the men under his command.

Private First Class Ira J. Johnson (Army serial No. 33443860), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 October 1944. During an advance of the unit in which Private Johnson was a medical aid man, the enemy suddenly launched a strong counterattack which caused several casualties. Private Johnson despite the intensity of the attack, immediately went to the aid of his wounded comrades and was mortally wounded while engaged in rendering emergency treatment. His courageous actions were an inspiration to all.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Claude M. Swisher (Army serial No. 6968499), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. Sergeant Swisher was participating with his platoon in an attack against a hill held by the enemy when intense machine gun and rifle fire halted the advance. Observing a good firing position on a high ridge, he and one other enlisted man, advanced through enemy fire and placing their machine gun in action, delivered such effective fire that the advance of the platoon could be resumed. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant Swisher were an inspiration to his entire platoon.

1ST LIEUTENANT GEORGE HORHOTA, 01302434, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. LIEUTENANT HORHOTA'S platoon was in the lead of a battalion effort to effect a breakthrough of enemy positions and reach the northwest shore of the island. He personally led the reconnaissance elements preceding his platoon and under hostile fire successfully maneuvered his platoon through the enemy's positions. LIEUTENANT HORHOTA'S actions contributed materially to the achievement of the battalion's objective of dispersing the enemy resistance.

Sergeant Chester J. Visniesky (Army serial No. 33297526), Company H, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Sergeant Visniesky, a machine gun squad leader, voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, assumed and remained in a dangerously exposed position where several casualties had previously occurred, in order to accomplish the building of a new gun position which would afford an improved field of fire. He remained in this position until the completion of the gun position, which later proved a valuable asset in the successful support of an attack by his battalion.

Private First Class Lee B. Dunaway (Army serial No. 33217404), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. After the foremost defensive position held by the platoon, of which Private Dunaway was a member, was assaulted by the enemy and the three defenders killed, the enemy continued its advance to the second position. This position was held and the enemy assault group repulsed, largely through the courageous action of Private Dunaway, who fired his weapon with skill and rapidity. His commendable action contributed materially to the successful defense of the platoon's position.

Private Joseph L. Keepers (Army serial No. 39213060), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. After the foremost defensive position held by the platoon, of which Private Keepers was a member, was assaulted by the enemy and the three defenders killed, the enemy continued its advance to the second position. This position was held and the enemy assault group repulsed, largely through the courageous action of Private Keepers, who fired his weapon with skill and rapidity. His commendable action contributed materially to the successful defense of the platoon's position.

Private First Class Odell Atkinson (Army serial No. 34286010), Company H, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. After the gunner of his machine gun squad was incapacitated, Private Atkinson took over the operation of the gun being used to support an attacking rifle company. Despite the fact that he was the target of heavy enemy fire, Private Atkinson remained at his gun and continued supporting the action. By his commendable determination, courage, and devotion to duty he contributed materially to the accomplishment of the mission of the company.

Staff Sergeant Harvey J. Bird, (Army serial No. 38176155), Antitank Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. A unit supported by the platoon in which Sergeant Bird was a squad leader, was receiving casualties from enemy fire observed to be coming from a cave. Given the mission of destroying the occupants of the cave, Sergeant Bird directed the movement by hand of a 37-mm gun over extremely difficult terrain exposed to enemy rifle and mortar fire. By outstanding leadership and personal example of courage and fortitude, he so inspired his squad that the mission was completed with dispatch.

Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Chester M. Hubbart (Army serial No. 36059888), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 October 1944. Sergeant Hubbart, leading his squad over rough and broken terrain, halted the advance just prior to reaching an exposed area. After climbing to a vantage point on a ledge he observed an enemy machine gunner at close range covering the approach of his squad. Sergeant Hubbart personally killed the enemy, then continued to lead his men forward. His example of personal courage and leadership was an inspiration to his squad.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles M. Swaim (Army serial No. 36622104), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 October 1944. As machine gun sections moved to the base of a high coral ridge, a shell exploded nearby wounding several men. Despite the fact that he was himself wounded, Technician Swaim, a company medical aid man, calmed the men who were upset by the blast and, rejecting treatment for himself, proceeded with the task of caring for the wounded. It was only after he had provided others with aid and supervised their evacuation, that Technician Swaim consented to receive treatment. His act is an outstanding example of devotion to duty and willing self-sacrifice.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to Sgt Emory L. Thompson, 34351123, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 October 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944:

Pfc Raymond F. Thompson, 35347478, 323d Inf
Sgt William E. Dukes, 34125026, 323d Inf
Pfc Thomas L. Frost, 39607508, 323d Inf
Pfc Edward W. Farrell, 32637635, 323d Inf
Pvt Harold E. Makins, 36870701, 323d Inf

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 28 October 1944:

Pvt Harry J. Glass, 39177120, 323d Inf
Pvt Charles J. Richmond, 37020445, 323d Inf
S Sgt Frank C. Vesecky, 36348787, 323d Inf
Pvt Earl J. Offner, 36245224, 323d Inf
Pfc Hugh T. Mahar, 36408065, 323d Inf

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944:

Pvt Joseph L. Keepers, 39213060, 323d Inf
Pfc Bert L. Aycock, 34351985, 323d Inf
Pfc Arthur M. Reber, 33371071, 323d Inf
Pfc Edward H. Thrap, 39137444, 323d Inf
Pfc Paul D. Chase, 39607501, 323d Inf

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to Pvt William F. Weed, 39212773, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 30 October 1944.

6. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to Pvt Leonard J. Kajma, 36870213, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 31 October 1944.

7. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to S Sgt Thomas C. Mayes, 38176948, 322d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 1 November 1944.

8. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 November 1944:

CAPT ROBERT R. COOK, 01166036, 318th FA Bn
Pfc Frank L. Reed, 34476488, 323d Inf
Pvt Eugene R. Hansen, 36711287, 323d Inf
Pfc Wilbur Blacksmith, 37127989, 323d Inf
Pfc Don A. Housekeeper, 39026569, 323d Inf
Pfc John W. McCombs, 34305815, 323d Inf

9. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944:

Pvt Simon M. Kamiel, 32987991, 323d Inf
Pfc Alfred L. Shatterlroe, 36564841, 323d Inf
Tec 5 Larry W. Coady, 37281893, 323d Inf

10. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944:

Pfc Homer E. Sligar, 34285597, 323d Inf
Pfc Edward W. Bender, 36408291, 323d Inf
Pvt Frank J. Titolo, 32993525, 323d Inf

11. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 4 November 1944:

Pfc Robert J. Janson, 35913004, 323d Inf
Pvt Samuel R. Freiley, 38178586, 323d Inf

12. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Howard F. Kribs, 36683901, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 5 November 1944.

13. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pvt Dominic V. Canulli, 36668215, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 6 November 1944.

14. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pvt Dolphurs H. Childers, 34449489, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 8 November 1944.

15. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 10 November 1944:

Pvt Rankin A. Ramsey, 34375791, 323d Inf
S Sgt Harold T. Stedman, 39842186, 323d Inf

16. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Sgt Stanley V. Stutzman, 35548612, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 11 November 1944.

17. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 12 November 1944:

Pfc Michael P. Grahovac, 36352457, 323d Inf
S Sgt Willie E. Edwards, 34305785, 323d Inf
1ST LT JOHN J. BOCHEK, 01301094, 323d Inf

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AGRS-DA 201 Offner, Earl J.
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6 February 1951

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Earl J. Offner
Star Rooms
Pueblo, Colorado

So much of General Orders 97, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, dated 5 December 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private Earl J. Offner, 36 245 224, for wounds received in action, which reads "on 28 October 1944", is amended to read "on 19 November 1944".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 81

5 December 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
: Section I - Award of the Oak-Leaf Cluster
NUMBER 98) Section II - Award of the Purple Heart

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Pvt Arthur L. Huff, 36408184, 322d Infantry, by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2[illegible] October 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Pfc Marvin I. Goss, 34350840, 323d Infantry, by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 30 October 1944.

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Pfc Donald G. Larson, 17181130, 323d Infantry, by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 31 October 1944.

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Pfc David Brand, 34351887, 323d Infantry, by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 10 November 1944.

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to S Sgt Clarence Quackenbush, 19015155, 323d Infantry, by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 November 1944.

6. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to 2D LT WILLIAM P. BOSWELL, 01302264, 323d Infantry, by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry, Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944.

7. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Pfc Marvin I. Goss, 34350840, 323d Infantry, by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 November 1944.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to S Sgt Keith G. Nielson, 39027030, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 14 November 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 15 November 1944:

1ST LT LELAND C. McPHERSON, 01302408, 323d Inf
Sgt Joseph J. Mathews, 14082143, 323d Inf

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 November 1944:

Pfc Harry C. Bergquist, 39026589, 323d Inf
Pfc Troy M. Fox, 38178102, 323d Inf
Pfc Ancel T. Beaver, 39542684, 323d Inf
Pfc William E. Edwards, 39337062, 323d Inf

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 November 1944:

Pvt Donald R. Marks, 33830616, 323d Inf
Pfc Edwin J. Kohs, 16143385, 323d Inf

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944:

Pvt Joseph Lax, Jr, 31209534, 323d Inf
S Sgt Cannon W. Johnson, 34207825, 323d Inf
Pfc Henry F. Kittrell, 34396729, 323d Inf

6. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 19 November 1944:

Pfc Sherwood Roberts, 34369862, 323d Inf
Pfc George B. McNutt, 34278730, 323d Inf

7. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 20 November 1944:

T Sgt Arthur L. Converse, 19105904, 323d Inf
S Sgt Floyd E. Wright, 38152636, 323d Inf

8. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944:

Pvt Manuel Padilla, 37329957, 323d Inf
2D LT LYFORD L. CRAIG, 01545169, 323d Inf
Pvt Albert C. Lang, 32522633, 323d Inf
Pfc Marion R. Stevens, 37187383, 323d Inf

9. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 November 1944:

Tec 4 James O. Ponder, Jr, 38162534, 323d Inf
S Sgt Edwin F. Morgan, 36506807, 323d Inf
Pfc Charles W. Wolfe, 35674453, 323d Inf

By command of Major General MUELLER:

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HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION
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6 December 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 99)

Section I - Award of the Purple Heart
Section II - Award of the Silver Star
Section III - Award of the Soldier's Medal

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to 1ST LT SAMUEL R. KILPATRICK, 01304397, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 November 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Cpl Jacob A. Young, 38174478, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 November 1944.

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 November 1944:

Pfc Loren C. Brenner, 37126279, 323d Inf
Sgt Harold M. Woodard, 38173522, 323d Inf

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 November 1944:

S Sgt Trafford L. Monzingo, 38133553, 323d Inf
Pvt Gene S. Keller, 15121661, 323d Inf
Pfc Robert M. Lyckholm, 37278437, 323d Inf
Sgt Buren A. Wolf, 18076426, 323d Inf

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 28 November 1944:

Pvt Leo J. Harrington, 20211148, 323d Inf
T Sgt Joseph J. Viola, 36351062, 323d Inf

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in [illegible] Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Raymond A. Brock (Army serial No. 34702242), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. Private Brock, an automatic rifleman, volunteered as a member of a reconnaissance patrol. While engaged on this mission, he observed enemy soldiers attempting to attack the patrol from the rear. Without hesitation, he occupied a position, exposed to enemy fire, from which he killed five of the enemy's force before being mortally wounded. Private Brock's courageous actions were an inspiration to the members of his company.

(Par 1, Sec II, GO No. 99, Hq 81st Inf Div, 6 Dec 44, contd)

Private First Class Dominic Nola (Army serial No. 33140004), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. As an assault force of which Private Nola was a part, was advancing and driving the enemy from positions on a high ridge, it was suddenly caught in a concentration of machine gun and rifle fire which caused several casualties. Responding immediately, Private Nola, a litter bearer, advanced to the wounded men and began to render emergency first aid. Observing that a seriously wounded man was in danger of falling down a steep precipice, Private Nola moved to his side and had just tied the man to a tree to prevent his falling when he, himself, was mortally wounded. His courageous and determined action is an example of the highest standard of self-sacrifice and fidelity to duty.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Ralph Lucas (Army serial No. 34663937), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. During an enemy counterattack, Private Lucas, moving on foot, guided a tank into position so that it could fire effectively on an enemy machine gun emplacement. Advancing under fire he successfully completed his mission and while so doing killed two of the enemy at close range with rifle fire. Private Lucas carried out the hazardous task with fearlessness and with determination. By his action the tank was enabled to destroy the machine gun and thereby contributed materially to the successful action of his company.

Private First Class Joseph E. Papes (Army serial No. 36351485), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. While advancing as a member of a patrol, Private Papes observed an enemy pillbox and proceeded to investigate it. As he approached he was fired on and when he attempted to return the fire, his pistol failed to function. Returning to his patrol he obtained a carbine and advancing alone, fired as he moved until the fire by the enemy was silenced. The emplacement was found to contain six enemy soldiers presumably killed by Private Papes. His aggressiveness and courageous actions won for him the admiration and esteem of his comrades.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin No. 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Aubrey W. Keyser (Army serial No. 33533257), Company B, 52d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroism on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 15 November 1944. A native went insane and cut several members of his tribe at a native civilian internment camp where Private Keyser was on guard. Private Keyser was unaware of the reason for the commotion he heard but he alerted himself for action. Seeing a native approaching him and, recognizing him as a member of the camp, he withheld his fire. Without warning the native drove a woodcarver's adze into Private Keyser's back. Although grievously wounded, as he dropped to his knees, he shot and killed the native. The composure and deliberate action of Private Keyser despite his serious wound prevented further casualties in the camp.

By command of Major General MUELLER:

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AGV A-DC-S 201 Keller, Gene S.
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8 April 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Gene S. Keller
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Canton, Ohio

So much of General Orders 99, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, dated 6 December 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Gene S. Keller, 15 121 661, which reads "Private Gene S. Keller" is amended to read "Private First Class Gene S. Keller".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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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 No. 45, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Robert A. Shields (Army serial No. 33217622), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. In the performance of his duties as company aid man, Technician Shields was attached to a platoon which was subjected to a heavy enemy mortar barrage. Observing a wounded man bleeding profusely he moved through the shell bursts to his side and administered first aid. Then, observing that a company to his flank was being attacked, Technician Shields voluntarily moved into the area and completely disregarding the enemy fire, administered first aid until his medical supplies were exhausted. Still under fire he returned to a medical supply dump to replenish his supplies and to bring forward litter bearers. The courageous and fearless actions of Technician Shields were an inspiration to all who observed them.

Staff Sergeant George F. Friend (Army serial No. 36503793), Company B, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. Sergeant Friend, a squad leader, volunteered to lead a group into an area covered by enemy fire in order to evacuate casualties. Advancing through enemy small-arms and grenade fire, he reached his seriously wounded platoon leader and started his evacuation when he himself was seriously wounded in one arm. Despite the fact that he lost the use of this arm, Sergeant Friend continued his attempt to evacuate the officer. His gallant actions were such an inspiration to the remainder of his group that all wounded were safely evacuated.

SECOND LIEUTENANT MONROE M. BROOKS, 01319084, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 September 1944. When his battalion was counterattacked by the enemy, LIEUTENANT BROOKS, with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced across an open space to render first aid to a seriously wounded man. After the wounded man had been evacuated, he returned to his platoon, obtained a rocket launcher and unassisted, destroyed an enemy machine gun and its crew which had been holding up the advance of a patrol. LIEUTENANT BROOKS' personal courage under enemy fire and his superior leadership throughout the day were an inspiration to all of his men and aided materially in repulsing the counterattack.

Private Anthony E. Garcia (Army serial No. 39390299), Headquarters Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. A platoon of his regiment was pinned down by rifle and machine gun fire, so intense that any movement by a member of the platoon drew accurate fire. During this stalemate in the action Private Garcia, with utter fearlessness, jumped to his feet and moved forward firing his rifle as he ran. His action drew concentrated fire upon himself until he fell wounded. The gallant actions of Private Garcia diverted the enemy's fire from the platoon and permitted it to resume the advance.

Private First Class Frank Jacobs (Army serial No. 34449614), Company E, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. In the early morning hours an enemy mortar barrage followed by an attack with hand grenades, struck the position occupied by Private Jacobs. Despite severe wounds, he refused evacuation and actively participated in the repulse of the enemy attack. The gallant actions of Private Jacobs were a major factor in maintaining intact a section of the company's perimeter defense.

Private William A. Utter (Army serial No. 19044225), Company E, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. The combat patrol of which Private Utter was a member, was pinned down by intense short-range enemy machine gun fire. On his own initiative and in complete disregard for the enemy fire, Private Utter crawled to a point from which he could signal a supporting tank. Upon arrival of the tank, he guided it into position and indicated the enemy target. The gallant actions of Private Utter resulted in the destruction of a large force of the enemy.

CAPTAIN HAROLD E. MEYER, 01012324, 710th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 - 28 September 1944. CAPTAIN MEYER, directing the action of his company in an Infantry-Tank combat patrol, distinguished himself by courageous leadership. Despite heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire directed at his column, he remained in an exposed position on the lead tank in order to more closely supervise all tank action. His personal courage under enemy fire and skillful leadership were largely responsible for a 3000-yard penetration of enemy-held terrain and the neutralizing of 15 enemy emplacements.

SECOND LIEUTENANT GORDON B. COSTELLO, 01319898, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Ngesebus Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. While engaged in mopping up enemy emplacements the patrol led by LIEUTENANT COSTELLO, was fired on from a cave. LIEUTENANT COSTELLO, an enlisted member of the patrol, and a prisoner-of-war advanced to the immediate vicinity of the cave in an attempt to induce the occupants to surrender. The attempt was not successful and LIEUTENANT COSTELLO was forced to withdraw his patrol while under heavy fire. He then obtained a machine gun and moved it forward to a position from which it was fired effectively into the cave. The courageous actions of LIEUTENANT COSTELLO resulted in the destruction of an enemy position and its occupants.

Private Harvey H. Haynes (Army serial No. 36058835), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. A platoon of which Private Haynes was a member, was in danger of being isolated by an enemy counterattack. Private Haynes, with utter disregard for his personal safety, from an exposed position under enemy fire and single-handed, covered the maneuver of the platoon. During this action he killed twelve of the enemy and wounded several others. His determined and fearless actions in the face of superior odds was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Sergeant Robert C. Boutwell (Army serial No. 38174398), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. Sergeant Boutwell observed a wounded man fall from the fire of an enemy machine gun concealed in a cave. Moving his machine gun squad to a position from which it could fire into the cave, he worked his way forward to within 25 yards of the enemy machine gun. Tossing smoke grenades into the cave, he dashed forward, picked up the wounded man and carried him to a position of safety. The courageous actions of Sergeant Boutwell were an inspiration to his entire company.

Private Milford E. Clipner (Army serial No. 35765189), Company G, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 14 October 1944. Private Clipner, a rifleman, volunteered to accompany a night patrol into an area known to be held by the enemy in order to evacuate five wounded men. The route was three-quarters of a mile in length over rough coral ridges, matted in places with thick jungle growth. After successfully infiltrating the enemy lines, the patrol was in the act of carrying out the wounded when the group was subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire. With total disregard for his personal safety, Private Clipner successfully assisted the wounded to positions of safety.

By command of Major General MUELLER:

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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 No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Guy B. Glover (Army serial No. 39177530), Company G, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 14 October 1944. Sergeant Glover, a squad leader, volunteered to accompany a night patrol into an area known to be held by the enemy in order to evacuate five wounded men. The route was three-quarters of a mile in length over rough coral ridges, matted in places with thick jungle growth. After successfully infiltrating the enemy lines, the patrol was in the act of carrying out the wounded when the group was subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire. With total disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Glover successfully assisted the wounded to positions of safety.

Private First Class Juan B. Chapa (Army serial No. 38159862), Company G, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 14 October 1944. Private Chapa, a rifleman, volunteered to accompany a night patrol into an area known to be held by the enemy in order to evacuate five wounded men. The route was three-quarters of a mile in length over rough coral ridges, matted in places with thick jungle growth. After successfully infiltrating the enemy lines, the patrol was in the act of carrying out the wounded when the group was subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire. With total disregard for his personal safety, Private Chapa successfully assisted the wounded to positions of safety.

Private First Class John A. Fries (Army serial No. 38111317), Company G, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 14 October 1944. Private Fries, a rifleman, volunteered to accompany a night patrol into an area known to be held by the enemy in order to evacuate five wounded men. The route was three-quarters of a mile in length over rough coral ridges, matted in places with thick jungle growth. After successfully infiltrating the enemy lines, the patrol was in the act of carrying out the wounded when the group was subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire. With total disregard for his personal safety, Private Fries successfully assisted the wounded to positions of safety.

Sergeant Arthur C. Davis (Army serial No. 19193481), Company G, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 14 October 1944. Sergeant Davis, an assistant squad leader, volunteered to accompany a night patrol into an area known to be held by the enemy in order to evacuate five wounded men. The route was three-quarters of a mile in length over rough coral ridges, matted in places with thick jungle growth. After successfully infiltrating the enemy lines, the patrol was in the act of carrying out the wounded when the group was subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire. With total disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Davis successfully assisted the wounded to positions of safety.

Private First Class Fred Lujan (Army serial No. 37329959), Company G, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 14 October 1944. Private Lujan, a rifleman, volunteered to accompany a night patrol into an area known to be held by the enemy in order to evacuate five wounded men. The route was three-quarters of a mile in length over rough coral ridges, matted in places with thick jungle growth. After successfully infiltrating the enemy lines, the patrol was in the act of carrying out the wounded when the group was subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire. With total disregard of his personal safety, Private Lujan successfully assisted the wounded to positions of safety.

Technicial Sergeant Harry R. Stauffer (Army serial No. 38111507), Company G, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 14 October 1944. Sergeant Stauffer, a platoon sergeant, volunteered to accompany a night patrol into an area known to be held by the enemy in order to evacuate five wounded men. The route was three-quarters of a mile in length over rough, coral ridges, matted in places with thick jungle growth. After successfully infiltrating the enemy lines, the patrol was in the act of carrying out the wounded when the group was subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire. With total disregard of his personal safety, Sergeant Stauffer successfully assisted the wounded to positions of safety.

Private First Class Amador D. Munoz (Army serial No. 38555148), Company G, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 14 October 1944. Private Munoz, a rifleman, volunteered to accompany a night patrol into an area known to be held by the enemy in order to evacuate five wounded men. The route was three-quarters of a mile in length over rough coral ridges, matted in places with thick jungle growth. After successfully infiltrating the enemy lines, the patrol was in the act of carrying out the wounded when the group was subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire. With total disregard for his personal safety, Private Munoz successfully assisted the wounded to positions of safety.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK R. SMITH, 0441156, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. A combat patrol which he was leading in an attack against a hill held by the enemy was suddenly subjected to intense small-arms fire. LIEUTENANT SMITH was seriously wounded twice. Despite the pain of his wounds, he continued to exercise command and with great difficulty he successfully maneuvered his patrol to a covered position. His calmness, outstanding courage, and leadership qualities under fire were an inspiration to his men.

Private First Class Ralph B. Keasler (Army serial No. 36748558), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. Private Keasler, as an attached company aid man, repeatedly advanced in the face of enemy fire in order to render first aid to the wounded. Despite a severe chest wound from enemy machine gun fire, he continued his activities under intense enemy fire. He dressed his own wound and then proceeded to the side of a severely wounded man. Administering first aid to the wounded man, he assisted in his evacuation and would not himself be evacuated until all others were in positions of safety. These gallant actions and self-sacrifice by Private Keasler were an inspiration to all members of the company.

Sergeant Luster Risley (then Private First Class), (Army serial No. 38177944), Company E, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. Early in the night a mortar shell exploded in one of the positions held by his platoon, eliminating the entire holding force by killing five men and wounding two. Sergeant Risley volunteered to hold the vulnerable position alone for the remainder of the night to prevent it from being occupied by the enemy. This he did successfully until morning though fired on by mortars and grenades intermittently. His heroic action was an inspiration to his platoon.

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Private Thomas A. Jacobs (Army serial No. 6782679), Company F, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Private Jacobs as acting squad leader was leading his squad through extremely rough terrain in order to seize a small ridge when he became wounded. Refusing evacuation, he dressed his own wounds and then observed that a fellow soldier was lying seriously wounded in an exposed position. Disregarding enemy fire Private Jacobs moved to the side of the wounded man, dressed his wounds and was attempting to carry him to a position of safety when Private Jacobs was wounded a second time. Private Jacob's insistence on continuing in action after being wounded and his courage in moving to the aid of a wounded comrade won the admiration of all who observed the action.

Staff Sergeant James E. Brown (Army serial No. 34278984), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. The platoon, of which Sergeant Brown was a member, was attacked by the enemy with such intensity that it was forced to withdraw from its untenable position. Upon the completion of the withdrawal a check disclosed that three men were missing. Sergeant Brown, voluntarily and under intense enemy fire, re-entered the dangerous area and located the three missing men who had been severely wounded. Sergeant Brown took one of the wounded men on his back and evacuated him to a position of safety. His gallant actions won the admiration of all the men of his platoon.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN CEBALLOS, 01309689, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. LIEUTENANT CEBALLOS' platoon was attacked by the enemy with such intensity that it was forced to withdraw from its untenable position. Upon completion of the withdrawal a check disclosed that three men were missing. LIEUTENANT CEBALLOS and two members of the platoon voluntarily, under intense enemy fire, re-entered the dangerous area and located the three missing men who had been severely wounded. LIEUTENANT CEBALLOS took one of the wounded men on his back and evacuated him to a position of safety. His gallant actions won the admiration of all the men of his platoon.

Private First Class Samuel A. Powell (Army serial No. 34644112), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. The patrol of which Private Powell was a member, was subjected to the cross fire from two enemy machine guns, but by skillful use of available cover it was able to continue the advance until a third machine gun commenced firing. Private Powell delivered effective fire on the enemy and destroyed one machine gun and its crew before his automatic rifle was disabled by an enemy bullet. His calmness and courage under enemy fire permitted the patrol to successfully accomplish its mission.

Staff Sergeant Paul H. Knick, Jr, (Army serial No. 34207169), Company C, 323d Infantry. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. The platoon, of which Sergeant Knick was a member, was attacked by the enemy with such intensity that it was forced to withdraw from its untenable position. Upon the completion of the withdrawal a check disclosed that three men were missing. Sergeant Knick, voluntarily and under intense enemy fire, re-entered the dangerous area and located the three missing men who had been severely wounded. Sergeant Knick took one of the wounded men on his back and evacuated him to a position of safety. His gallant actions won the admiration of all the men of his platoon.

Private First Class Gerald C. Russell (Army serial No. 36865162), Company E, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 October 1944. During a night attack by the enemy a grenade exploded in a foxhole occupied by Private Russell and two others. Both of his comrades were wounded by the explosion. Private Russell held the position alone and continued to engage the enemy in close combat throughout the night. His gallant actions materially aided in repulsing the hostile attack and prevented the enemy from gaining a foothold on a tactically important and hard-won ridge held by his company.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLARENCE H. VITA, 01302237, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 October 1944. At about 0330 o'clock the enemy launched an attack against hill positions held by LIEUTENANT VITA's platoon. Seeing that white phosphorous grenades thrown by the enemy caused confusion among his men, LIEUTENANT VITA rushed up, under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire, and encouraged them to remain in their positions. As enemy pressure increased the platoon was forced to give ground. Reorganizing his platoon, LIEUTENANT VITA led them in a strong counterattack which resulted in the recapture of their former positions. LIEUTENANT VITA, by his display of superior leadership and personal courage was a source of inspiration to the men of his platoon.

CAPTAIN OSCAR D. LUTTRELL, 01283986, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 4 November 1944. While directing the actions of one of his platoons, CAPTAIN LUTTRELL observed two aid men attempting to evacuate a wounded man under intense enemy machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he and a platoon sergeant moved into the enemy fire to assist the aid men. One of the aid men was killed, and CAPTAIN LUTTRELL grasped his end of the litter, but before it could be moved, the man on the litter was hit and killed by machine gun fire. Realizing that further movement would be disastrous, CAPTAIN LUTTRELL directed the remaining men to seek cover. Under cover of smoke and fragmentation grenades, the group successfully escaped from the enemy fire. CAPTAIN LUTTRELL's personal courage, calmness under enemy fire and leadership gained the admiration of his company.

Technical Sergeant Kenneth E. Peters (Army serial No. 6855395), Company F, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 4 November 1944. Sergeant Peters, with complete disregard of his personal safety, advanced with his company commander to assist two aid men attempting to evacuate a wounded man under intense enemy machine gun fire. Voluntarily assuming the role of rear guard, he attempted to cover the withdrawal of the group until increasing enemy fire forced all to seek cover. Sergeant Peters' calmness and courage under enemy fire and his reassuring words to the other men of the group assisted materially in their safe withdrawal under cover of smoke and fragmentation grenades.

Private First Class Howard F. Kribs (Army serial No. 36683901), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 November 1944. Private Kribs the flamethrower operator of a patrol engaged in mopping up enemy-held caves, was fired on from a cave. Without hesitation he moved directly to the mouth of this cave and directed the fire of his weapon into the cave. Private Kribs despite a barrage of hand grenades held his position and continued firing until other members of the patrol could assist him. His gallant actions facilitated the destruction of the enemy's position.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Paul C. Conger (Army serial No. 37197609), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. Upon discovering an enemy occupied pillbox, Sergeant Conger, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled to the installation in the face of heavy fire and threw a grenade into the ventilation shaft. He then rushed the pillbox with a flamethrower killing all the occupants. His coolness under fire and his courage in the face of the enemy was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Corporal John F. Mow (Army serial No. 36503455), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. The patrol to which Corporal Mow was attached was engaged in searching out and destroying enemy snipers and concealed automatic weapons positions when it received enemy machine gun fire causing casualties. Observing a seriously wounded man in the fire lane of the enemy weapon, Corporal Mow, with complete disregard for his personal safety, dashed to the wounded man, picked him up and carried him to a position of safety. The courageous acts of Corporal Mow without doubt saved the life of the wounded man.

Private First Class George H. Majerus (Army serial No. 39677141), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 September 1944, on Peleliu Island, Palau Group. When a platoon to which he was attached was stopped in its advance by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private Majerus together with another enlisted man, carried a machine gun forward under heavy enemy fire to a position from which they could return the fire. The two men were subjected to fire of rifles and hand grenades, but continued in action. They accounted for a number of enemy dead which enabled the platoon to resume its advance. This heroic action was instrumental in facilitating the advance of the platoon and was an inspiration to all who witnessed it.

Technical Sergeant Ray C. Draeger (Army serial No. 38130025), Company E, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For herioc achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. During an assault on an enemy-held ridge, one of the men of his platoon was wounded by a bullet which also ignited a phosphorous grenade being carried by the wounded man. In his attempt to extinguish the fire, the wounded man fell off a cliff. Sergeant Draeger, without regard for his own personal safety, exposed to enemy fire, climbed down the cliff and aided the wounded man. His courageous action was an inspiration to his platoon.

Private First Class Joseph A. McDonough (Army serial No. 33355696), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 19 October 1944. The platoon of which Private McDonough was a member, was receiving enemy small-arms fire from the front and flank when he observed a seriously wounded man lying in an exposed position. With total disregard for his personal safety Private McDonough moved to the wounded man, placed him across his shoulders and carried him to a position of safety. His gallant actions despite the enemy fire and terrain difficulties were an inspiration to his platoon.

Sergeant (then Corporal) Harold A. Thelen (Army serial No. 36504662), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 October 1944. Sergeant Thelen was participating in the assault of a hill held by the enemy when he was severly wounded by a grenade fragment. Despite his wound, he refused to be evacuated but persisted in carrying forward sandbags to secure the position gained by his unit. The courageous actions of Sergeant Thelen and his insistence on continuing in action were an inspiration to all who observed them.

Sergeant Marvin H. Jones (Army serial No. 36444636), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. The squad of which Sergeant Jones was a member, was bearing the brunt of a furious night attack by enemy troops armed with grenades. In the fighting which ensued the squad leader and three others were wounded. Sergeant Jones quickly assumed command and rallied the depleted squad. He so inspired the men with his composure under fire that they repulsed the enemy and maintained the integrity of their important position.

Private First Class James B. Adams (Army serial No. 34351905), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. A tactically important knob was seized and occupied during a general advance during the day but accurate machine gun fire from adjacent peaks forced its evacuation before nightfall. A combat patrol of which Private Adams was a member successfully reoccupied the position by a carefully organized and methodical approach. From the sandbag emplacement constructed on the peak the patrol repulsed futile attempts of the enemy during the night to scale the cliffs and retake the position. The actions of this patrol were outstanding in the operations of the battalion.

Private First Class Forrest G. Crook (Army serial No. 34590063), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. A tactically important knob was siezed and occupied during a general advance during the day but accurate machine gun fire from adjacent peaks forced its evacuation before nightfall. A combat patrol of which Private Crook was a member successfully reoccupied the position by a carefully organized and methodical approach. From the sandbag emplacement constructed on the peak the patrol repulsed futile attempts of the enemy during the night to scale the cliffs and retake the position. The actions of this patrol were outstanding in the operations of the battalion.

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Master Sergeant Robert J. Kammert (Army serial No. 39243402), Headquarters Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, from 17 September to 25 October 1944.

CAPTAIN JAMES C. THWEATT, 01289343, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 - 19 September 1944.

CAPTAIN BERNARD F. DeWITT, 01283736, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944.

Private Vincent E. Smolinski (Army serial No. 6288754), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944.

CAPTAIN CALDWELL B. HARRISON, 0387686, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944.

Private First Class Walter J. Marter, (Army serial No. 37669610), Antitank Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Charles H. Gent (Army serial No. 36060555), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD D. BAREAM, 0528934, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944.

Corporal Mathew Christer (Army serial No. 36059776), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. As the company advanced in a column of platoons to attack enemy installations, heavy enemy fire forced the rear elements to take cover and divided the column. Although it was beyond the scope of his duty, Corporal Christer voluntarily returned over the rough ground through the enemy fire and guided the rear group forward until the forces joined. This outstanding act of initiative and courage contributed materially to the success of the days' operation of his company.

SECOND LIEUTENANT PERRY G. McCLELLAND, 01306872, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. LIEUTENANT McCLELLAND was directing the attack of his platoon against an enemy position when it was struck by a strong enemy counterattack which threatened to cut off the platoon from supporting units. Although wounded LIEUTENANT McCLELLAND refused evacuation until other casualties had been evacuated and the successful maneuver of the platoon to a more tenable position was completed. His heroic actions were an inspiration to his command.

Staff Sergeant Harold Schultz (Army serial No. 39244171), Company E, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. Sergeant Schultz, a squad leader, was directing the advance of his squad when it became necessary to cross a ridge devoid of cover. During the crossing a member of his squad was so severely wounded by enemy fire that he was unable to move. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Schultz crawled to the side of the wounded man and assisted in moving him out of the danger. His heroic action was an inspiration to his squad.

Private First Class Oland H. Gavin (Army serial No. 34332430), Company E, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. Private Gavin, a rifleman, was a member of a squad the advance of which necessitated crossing a ridge devoid of cover. During the crossing a member of the squad was so severely wounded by enemy fire that he was unable to move. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Gavin crawled to the side of the wounded man and assisted in moving him out of the danger. His heroic action was an inspiration to the members of the squad.

Technician Fifth Grade Floyd J. Monson (Army serial No. 39828496), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. During an enemy mortar barrage the burst of a shell caused several casualties in the company to which Technician Monson was attached. Immediately moving to the assistance of the wounded, he was knocked off his feet by the explosion of a second mortar shell. Despite continuing bursts of enemy mortar shells, Technician Monson continued to administer first aid until all wounded had been treated. His personal courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the entire company.

Private First Class Robert F. Armstrong (Army serial No. 34332327), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. A tactically important knob was seized and occupied during a general advance during the day but accurate machine gun fire from adjacent peaks forced its evacuation before nightfall. A combat patrol of which Private Armstrong was a member successfully reoccupied the position by a carefully organized and methodical approach. From the sandbag emplacement constructed on the peak the patrol repulsed futile attempts of the enemy during the night to scale the cliffs and retake the position. The actions of this patrol were outstanding in the operations of the battalion.

Private Frank M. Garcia (Army serial No. 39706498), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. A tactically important knob was seized and occupied during a general advance during the day but accurate machine gun fire from adjacent peaks forced its evacuation before nightfall. A combat patrol of which Private Garcia was a member successfully reoccupied the position by a carefully organized and methodical approach. From the sandbag emplacement constructed on the peak the patrol repulsed futile attempts of the enemy during the night to scale the cliffs and retake the position. The actions of this patrol were outstanding in the operations of the battalion.

2. So much of General Orders No. 80, cs, this headquarters, as pertains to Sergeant John C. Smith, Company M, 322d Infantry, as reads "39842561" is amended to read "39842566".

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CITATIONS TO ACCOMPANY PARAGRAPH 1, GENERAL ORDERS NO. 104, HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION

1. Master Sergeant Robert J. Kammert (Army serial No. 39243[illegible]), Headquarters Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service on Angaur and Peleliu Island, Palau Group from 17 September to 25 October 1944. When the Regimental Communications Officer was wounded and evacuated Sergeant Kammert assumed the duties of assistant communications officer. His initiative and determination were important factors in the establishment and maintenance of the complex wire systems needed in the operations. On several occasions he personally transported vital signal equipment to front-line troops over routes exposed to enemy fire. The technical skill and devotion to duty of Sergeant Kammert were an inspiration to his section.

2. CAPTAIN JAMES C. THEATT, 01289343, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 - 19 September 1944. During this period CAPTAIN THEATT, as Regimental Communications Officer, displayed superior ability and foresight in planning the details which insured successful coordination of Army and Navy joint communications. Repeatedly, during the assault, he voluntarily moved through forward areas known to contain enemy riflemen in order to select the most advantageous routes for wire communications and while so engaged was wounded. His untiring efforts and professional skill were an inspiration to all who worked with him and contributed materially to the success of the operation.

3. CAPTAIN BERNARD F. DeWITT, 01283736, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. Assigned the mission of attacking through an area along the coast defended by numerous pillboxes and natural caves concealed by dense jungle growth, CAPTAIN DeWITT's company made commendable progress. Under his skillful leadership and despite the fact that he was wounded CAPTAIN DeWITT and his company destroyed many enemy emplacements. The leadership qualities and courage under enemy fire of CAPTAIN DeWITT was outstanding in this attack.

4. Private Vincent E. Smolinski (Army serial No. 6288754), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. An enemy counterattack struck the company to which Private Smolinski was attached, causing several casualties. As he administered to the wounded and dying, Private Smolinski observed the company moving to new positions. Despite the danger from the enemy lurking in the vicinity, he remained with the wounded until all were evacuated. The courageous actions of Private Smolinski under enemy fire won the esteem and admiration of all.

(Citations to Accompany GO No. 104, Hq 81st Inf Div, 8 Dec 44, contd)

5. CAPTAIN CALDWELL B. HARRISON, 0387686, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. When CAPTAIN HARRISON, commanding a rifle company, learned of the precarious situation of an adjacent unit that was being pinned down on a ridge by enemy machine gun fire and unable to maneuver, he devised a plan of supporting fire by his company which facilitated the movement of the endangered company with a minimum of casualties. During this action he exposed himself time and again so as to successfully direct the fire. His superior leadership and quick thinking were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions.

6. Private First Class Walter J. Marter (Army serial No. 37669610), Antitank Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, [illegible] October 1944. The antitank gun crew of which Private Marter was a member, was subjected to enemy mortar fire which caused several casualties and forced the temporary abandonment of the gun position. Despite the confusion of the moment, Private Marter retained sufficient composure to remove mechanisms which would render the gun inoperative in case of capture. Obtaining two litters and the assistance of several other enlisted men, he evacuated the wounded from the area. The calmness and personal courage under enemy fire exhibited by Private Marter were an inspiration to his gun crew.

7. Staff Sergeant Charles H. Gent (Army serial No. 36060555), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. The platoon in which Sergeant Gent was a squad leader, was advancing to attack when the explosion of an enemy mortar shell caused a number of casualties in the command. Sergeant Gent and one other noncommissioned officer, immediately assumed control of the resulting difficult situation and, moving under enemy rifle fire, reorganized the remainder of the platoon. The personal courage, leadership qualities and calmness under enemy fire of Sergeant Gent so inspired the men of the platoon that their self-confidence was restored.

8. SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD D. BARTRAM, 0528934, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. When information was received that an enemy patrol was operating in a rear area, LIEUTENANT BARTRAM in command of a hastily gathered patrol was dispatched to locate and destroy the enemy group. Arriving in the area he learned that the enemy patrol was firmly intrenched in a strong position. LIEUTENANT BARTRAM's concise orders and decisive actions resulted in the annihilation of the enemy patrol with a minimum number of casualties to his unit.

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star (Oak-Leaf Cluster)
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", in addition to the Silver Star awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Ralph Lucas (Army serial No. 34663937), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. The attack of an infantry company against a hill held by the enemy was impeded by fire from enemy automatic weapons concealed in caves in the hillside. Private Lucas volunteered to reconnoiter for routes over which demolition teams could approach and destroy the caves. With considerable difficulty and at great personal hazard, he successfully located a feasible route and guided forward personnel to place and fire demolition charges. Private Lucas' successful accomplishment of this mission was of material assistance in the capture of the enemy position.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32 Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ELDRIDGE A. FURLINE, 01315051, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. A tactically important knob was seized and occupied during a general advance during the day but accurate machine gun fire from adjacent peaks forced its evacuation before nightfall. A combat patrol led by LIEUTENANT FURLINE successfully reoccupied the position by a carefully organized and methodical approach. From the sandbag emplacement constructed on the peak the patrol repulsed futile attempts of the enemy during the night to scale the cliffs and retake the position. The actions of this patrol were outstanding in the operations of the battalion.

Private Vincent R. Hoffman (Army serial No. 36708115), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. A tactically important knob was seized and occupied during a general advance during the day but accurate machine gun fire from adjacent peaks forced its evacuation before nightfall. A combat patrol of which Private Hoffman was a member successfully reoccupied the position by a carefully organized and methodical approach. From the sandbag emplacement constructed on the peak the patrol repulsed futile attempts of the enemy during the night to scale the cliffs and retake the position. The actions of this patrol were outstanding in the operations of the battalion.

Private Leonard W. Switzer (Army serial No. 37675805), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. A tactically important knob was seized and occupied during a general advance during the day but accurate machine gun fire from adjacent peaks forced its evacuation before nightfall. A combat patrol of which Private Switzer was a member successfully reoccupied the position by a carefully organized and methodical approach. From the sandbag emplacement constructed on the peak the patrol repulsed futile attempts of the enemy during the night to scale the cliffs and retake the position. The actions of this patrol were outstanding in the operations of the battalion.

Private First Class Roy C. Seville, Jr (Army serial No. 35763937), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. A tactically important knob was seized and occupied during a general advance during the day but accurate machine gun fire from adjacent peaks forced its evacuation before nightfall. A combat patrol of which Private Seville was a member successfully reoccupied the position by a carefully organized and methodical approach. From the sandbag emplacement constructed on the peak the patrol repulsed futile attempts of the enemy during the night to scale the cliffs and retake the position. The actions of this patrol were outstanding in the operations of the battalion.

Private First Class Clarence F. Gwinner (Army serial No. 19051684), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. During an advance up a defile bordered by high coral ridges, intense enemy fire from higher ground caused several casualties, one of whom fell in an open area directly in the field of hostile fire. Although it meant exposure to a concentration of enemy action, Private Gwinner, with three companions, voluntarily worked his way under cover of smoke grenades to the side of the wounded soldier and assisted in moving him to safety. The heroism displayed by Private Gwinner was an inspiration to all men of the company.

Staff Sergeant Walter C. Smith (Army serial No. 36060886), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. During an advance up a defile bordered by high coral ridges, intense enemy fire from higher ground caused several casualties, one of whom fell in an open area directly in the field of hostile fire. Although it meant exposure to a concentration of enemy action, Sergeant Smith, with three companions voluntarily worked his way under cover of smoke grenades to the side of the wounded soldier and assisted in moving him to safety. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Smith was an inspiration to all men of the company.

Staff Sergeant Wayne E. Luscomb (Army serial No. 16084745), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. During an advance up a defile bordered by high coral ridges, intense enemy fire from higher ground caused several casualties, one of whom fell in an open area directly in the field of hostile fire. Although it meant exposure to a concentration of enemy action, Sergeant Luscomb, with three companions voluntarily worked his way under cover of smoke grenades to the side of the wounded soldier and assisted in moving him to safety. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Luscomb was an inspiration to all men of the company.

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AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin No. 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following military personnel:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. BARTON, 01114356, 52d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. An explosion occurred in an ammunition dump starting a fire which threatened to set off nearby dumps. With complete disregard for his personal safety and in the face of continuing explosions, LIEUTENANT BARTON, and six others, voluntarily dragged a hose to the source of the flames and successfully extinguished the fire. The heroism of LIEUTENANT BARTON prevented the destruction of essential combat supplies, and possible death or injury to personnel in the immediate area.

Private Bernard A. Bass (Army serial No. 33440455), 592d Joint Assault Signal Company, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. An explosion occurred in an ammunition dump starting a fire which threatened to set off nearby dumps. With complete disregard for his personal safety and in the face of continuing explosions, Private Bass, and six others, voluntarily dragged a hose to the source of the flames and successfully extinguished the fire. The heroism of Private Bass prevented the destruction of essential combat supplies, and possible death or injury to personnel in the immediate area.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward R. Silveus (Army serial No. 36478197), 592d Joint Assault Signal Company, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. An explosion occurred in an ammunition dump and started a fire which threatened to set off nearby dumps. With complete disregard for his personal safety and in the face of continuing explosions, Technician Silveus, and six others, voluntarily dragged a hose to the source of the flames and successfully extinguished the fire. The heroism of Technician Silveus prevented the destruction of essential combat supplies, and possible death or injury to personnel in the immediate area.

Technician Fifth Grade Alvin I. Dust (Army serial No. 35571636), 592d Joint Assault Signal Company, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. An explosion occurred in an ammunition dump starting a fire which threatened to set off nearby dumps. With complete disregard for his personal safety and in the face of continuing explosions, Technician Dust, and six others, voluntarily dragged a hose to the source of the flames and successfully extinguished the fire. The heroism of Technician Dust prevented the destruction of essential combat supplies, and possible death or injury to personnel in the immediate area.

Master Sergeant Mitchell H. Piwowarski (Army serial No. 31214099), 592d Joint Assault Signal Company, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. An explosion occurred in an ammunition dump starting a fire which threatened to set off nearby dumps. With complete disregard for his personal safety and in the face of continuing explosions, Sergeant Piwowarski, and six others, voluntarily dragged a hose to the source of the flames and successfully extinguished the fire. The heroism of Sergeant Piwowarski prevented the destruction of essential combat supplies, and possible death or injury to personnel in the immediate area.

Private First Class Melvin Blacklock (Army serial No. 35721749), Company C, 52d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. An explosion occurred in an ammunition dump starting a fire which threatened to set off nearby dumps. With complete disregard for his personal safety and in the face of continuing explosions, Private Blacklock, and six others, voluntarily dragged a hose to the source of the flames and successfully extinguished the fire. The heroism of Private Blacklock prevented the destruction of essential combat supplies, and possible death or injury to personnel in the immediate area.

CAPTAIN HERBERT L. KOWNSLAR, 045489C, 52d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroism on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. When an explosion in an ammunition dump started a fire which threatened to set off nearby dumps, CAPTAIN KOWNSLAR organized a volunteer group to combat the flames. With complete disregard for his personal safety, in the face of continuing explosions, he assisted in laying a hose line and directed the actions of his group until wounded. The heroism of CAPTAIN KOWNSLAR prevented the destruction of urgently needed combat supplies and possible death or injury to personnel in the immediate area.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EDWIN K. WILLIAMS, 0596403, 104th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad, United States Army. For heroism on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 September 1944. LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS and four others were engaged in cleaning out an ammunition dump which twice previously had exploded and caught fire, causing several casualties, when the dump for the third time burst into flames. With complete disregard for his personal safety, LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS assisted in clearing the area of personnel and in extinguishing the flames. With the fire extinguished, he continued to aid in the disposition of fire-damaged ammunition. The heroism of LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS prevented further destruction of urgently needed combat supplies and possible death or serious injury to personnel in the affected area.

Sergeant Patsy A. Venuto (Army serial No. 32356286), 104th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad, United States Army. For heroism on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 September 1944. Sergeant Venuto and four others were engaged in cleaning out an ammunition dump which twice previously had exploded and caught fire, causing several casualties, when the dump for the third time burst into flames. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Venuto assisted in clearing the area of personnel and in extinguishing the flames. With the fire extinguished, he continued to aid in the disposition of fire-damaged ammunition. The heroism of Sergeant Venuto prevented further destruction of urgently needed combat supplies and possible death or serious injury to personnel in the affected area.

Technical Sergeant Frank Santos (Army serial No. 32331239), 104th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad, United States Army. For heroism on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 September 1944. Sergeant Santos and four others were engaged in cleaning out an ammunition dump which twice previously had exploded and caught fire, causing several casualties, when the dump for the third time burst into flames. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Santos assisted in clearing the area of personnel and in extinguishing the flames. With the fire extinguished, he continued to aid in the disposition of fire-damaged ammunition. The heroism of Sergeant Santos prevented further destruction of urgently needed combat supplies and possible death or serious injury to personnel in the affected area.

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Section I - Award of the Purple Heart
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Tec 5 Elmer D. Romberlin, 34457318, 323d Inf for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Palmer D. Carlsrud, 37277956, 306th Engr Bn for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 31 October 1944.

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Tec 5 Alfred Griffin, 34125392, 306th Engr Bn for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944.

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Walter H. Timpe, 37619126, 323d Inf for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 4 November 1944.

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to CAPT FREDERICK G. FOX, JR, 01283750, 323d Inf for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 14 November 1944.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade Paul C. Amos (Army serial No. 34307417), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. The company, to which Technician Amos was attached, suffered several casualties from enemy rifle and grenade fire. Disregarding his personal safety, he advanced to the side of a seriously wounded man, lying in an exposed position, and administered first aid and remained with him until he could be safely evacuated. The courageous actions of Technician Amos were of material assistance in saving the life of his comrade.

Technician Fifth Grade Alton A. Jones (Army serial No. 39414127), Medical Detachment, 154th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. As company aid man, Technician Jones accompanied a demolition team engaged in destroying enemy caves and fortified positions. Totally disregarding machine gun and rifle fire he repeatedly moved in the close proximity of caves and dugouts occupied by the enemy in order to administer first aid to the wounded. While moving forward under enemy machine gun and rifle fire over extremely rough terrain he discovered a detachment of men who had been separated from the main body and who had become pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Displaying unusual leadership qualities Technician Jones led these men back to the main body. His gallant actions and complete disregard of his personal safety materially assisted in the execution of the assigned missions.

Private First Class Edwin D. Chamberlain (Army serial No. 32942200), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. Private Chamberlain was participating in an attack by his company when intense enemy mortar and rifle fire forced a maneuver to a more tenable position. Voluntarily occupying a position which afforded an excellent field of fire, Private Chamberlain, and one other man, were able to deliver such effective automatic rifle and rifle fire on the enemy that the company successfully completed its maneuver with a minimum number of casualties. While moving to rejoin his company, Private Chamberlain was wounded.

Private First Class Alby O. C. Dean (Army serial No. 34331459), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. Private Dean was participating in an attack by his company when an intense enemy mortar and rifle fire forced a maneuver to a more tenable position. Voluntarily occupying a position which afforded an excellent field of fire, Private Dean, and one other man, were able to deliver such effective automatic rifle and rifle fire on the enemy that the company successfully completed its maneuver with a minimum number of casualties. While moving to rejoin his company, Private Dean was wounded.

Staff Sergeant Leslie C. Mann (Army serial No. 39245330), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. Sergeant Mann, a mess sergeant, was present in the forward areas of his company when it received an enemy mortar and machine gun barrage which caused numerous casualties. With complete disregard for his personal safety Sergeant Mann evacuated two wounded men and assisted in the evacuation of four others. His heroic actions under enemy fire were an inspiration to the company.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN R. JORDAN, 0349926, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 October 1944. LIEUTENANT JORDAN and his platoon were assigned the mission of destroying a large cave occupied by the enemy which was impeding the maneuver of the battalion. With full knowledge of the hazards involved, LIEUTENANT JORDAN entered the cave in order to determine the correct placing of demolition charges and while so engaged was severely wounded by enemy fire. Despite his wound, he directed the placing of charges and other preparations for the destruction of the cave. His personal courage and devotion to duty resulted in the complete destruction of an enemy position.

Technician Third Grade Hans R. Hartl (Army serial No. 39177402), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. Repeatedly advancing under enemy rifle and grenade fire to forward positions, Technician Hartl administered aid to the wounded of his company. His disregard for his personal safely and courage in the face of enemy fire were instrumental in saving the lives of three men. His devotion to duty and skillful application of his technical knowledge were factors in maintaining a high state of morale in his organization.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Otho R. Patterson (Army serial No. 37276014), Company E, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 21 October 1944.

Corporal Sam Olson (Army serial No. 39607498), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur, and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 29 October 1944.

Private First Class Eugene H. Darnaby (Army serial No. 34329392), Company B, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade George A. Nichols (Army serial No. 34331118), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 24 September 1944.

Private First Class Donald R. Murray, Sr (Army serial No. 33745709), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 24 September 1944.

Private First Class Clarence E. Barnes (Army serial No. 34307066), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 24 September 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND C. TROWBRIDGE, 01302391, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944.

Technical Sergeant Edward H. Shafer (Army serial No. 36505080), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September - 5 October 1944.

First Sergeant Sylvester L. Hutchins (Army serial No. 6576375), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Clifford E. Hensley (Army serial No. 39177600), Company C, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October - 3 November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Vernon H. Waters (Army serial No. 34457690), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. Landing with the assault waves, Technician Waters immediately employed his bulldozer to construct a crossing over an antitank ditch and to clear areas for supply dumps. Upon completion of the beach work and despite enemy small-arms and mortar fire, he accompanied the infantry to open trails and remove obstacles impeding the advance of the infantry. His courageous actions were a contributing factor in the initial rapid advances from the beachheads.

Technician Third Grade Victor O. Pomerenke (Army serial No. 37280191), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 4 October 1944. With complete disregard for his personal safety Technician Pomerenke, as company aid man, repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to render aid to his wounded comrades. His many brave acts were inspirational to the men of his detachment and saved numerous lives.

Technician Fifth Grade Cecil B. Moulton (Army serial No. 31176721), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. During the night Technician Moulton, a company aid man, rendered outstanding service in giving medical aid when his company suffered twelve casualties as a result of a heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety and under the handicap of darkness, he moved in the zone swept by the fire, administering first aid to each of the wounded and later assisting in their evacuation.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT W. CONRAD, 0508341, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. As battalion surgeon, LIEUTENANT CONRAD received information that the battalion command post had been subjected to enemy mortar fire causing a number of casualties. Disregarding his personal safety he moved forward from his aid station through heavy enemy fire to the command post. Despite the continuing mortar fire, he moved about administering first aid to the wounded and supervising their evacuation.

Technician Fifth Grade Alvin C. Debuhr (Army serial No. 37127552), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. Technician Debuhr, a company aid man, observed three men fall as a result of enemy fire. Although he was forced to advance over the rugged terrain for two hundred yards under the concentrated fire of a desperate enemy, Technician Debuhr reached the side of two of the wounded men and rendered prompt treatment. His utter disregard for personal safety in order to aid his comrades, demonstrated the highest standard of soldierly qualities.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph W. Hanch (Army serial No. 36821175), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. When the company to which he was attached, received enemy machine gun and grenade fire Technician Hanch voluntarily left the safety of his fox hole in order to administer first aid to a wounded soldier. While administering to the man he observed a second man wounded and again moved under enemy fire in order to assist him. His courageous actions won the admiration of the entire company.

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1. Staff Sergeant Otho R. Patterson (Army serial No. 37276014), Company E, 322d Infantry United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 21 October 1944. As company supply sergeant during this period, Sergeant Patterson delivered supplies to the front-line elements of his company with great ingenuity and efficiency. Because of enemy action it was often necessary to reconnoiter new routes of approach and to infiltrate carrying parties to the forward positions. His devotion to duty and demonstrated leadership aided materially in the successful actions of his company against the enemy.

2. Corporal Sam Olson (Army serial No. 39607498), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 29 October 1944. Corporal Olson, assigned to duty in the regimental aid station, repeatedly volunteered to lead litter squads in the evacuation of the wounded from the most active sectors in the regimental area. His courage under fire, initiative, untiring efforts and willingness to volunteer for additional duties, bolstered the already high combat efficiency of his section and won their confidence in him as a leader.

3. Private First Class Eugene H. Darnaby (Army serial No. 34329392), Company B, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. Private Darnaby, a scout, displayed outstanding ability and personal courage in the performance of his duties by successfully guiding his squad into a position from which an attack could be launched. He did this while exposed to hostile rifle fire. The personal courage and aggressive actions of Private Darnaby assisted the attack so effectively that the enemy position was overrun and a machine gun and other arms were captured.

4. Technician Fifth Grade George A. Nichols (Army serial No. 34331118), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 24 September 1944. Technician Nichols, while performing his duties as a wireman, assisted in moving heavy equipment over extremely rough terrain. Exposing himself to enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, he patrolled lines of communication in order to keep them in operating condition. Technician Nichols' courageous actions were a large factor in the successful maintenance of vitally needed lines of communication between his battalion command post and forward elements of the assault units.

5. Private First Class Donald R. Murray, Sr (Army serial No. 33745709), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 24 September 1944. Private Murray, while performing his duties as a wireman, assisted in moving heavy equipment over extremely rough terrain. Exposing himself to enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, he patrolled lines of communication in order to keep them in operating condition. Private Murray's courageous actions were a large factor in the successful maintenance of vitally needed lines of communication between his battalion command post and forward elements of the assault units.

6. Private First Class Clarence E. Barnes (Army serial No. 34307066), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 24 September 1944. Private Barnes, while performing his duties as a lineman, assisted in moving heavy equipment over extremely rough terrain. Exposing himself to enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, he patrolled lines of communication in order to keep them in operating condition. Private Barnes' courageous actions were a large factor in the successful maintenance of vitally needed lines of communication between his battalion command post and forward elements of the assault units.

7. FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND C. TROWBRIDGE, 01302391, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Having been assigned the mission of mopping up small pockets of enemy resistance which were impeding the advance of other troops, LIEUTENANT TROWBRIDGE by outstanding leadership of his platoon and by personal courage under enemy fire accomplished his mission with distinction and dispatch. Inspired by the example set by him, the platoon forced a breakthrough of the enemy's lines and seized and held terrain features which permitted the more rapid advance of the supporting units.

8. Technical Sergeant Edward H. Shafer (Army serial No. 36505080), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September - 5 October 1944. Throughout this period Sergeant Shafer distinguished himself by his outstanding and courageous leadership of a platoon. On numerous occasions he volunteered to assist in the evacuation of casualties over rugged terrain known to be covered by concealed enemy snipers. He directed the many successful demolitions of enemy installations. The leadership qualities, courage under enemy fire and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Shafer materially assisted in the completion of the missions assigned the company.

9. First Sergeant Sylvester L. Hutchins (Army serial No. 6576375), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. When his company came under enemy machine gun fire and contact between elements could not be maintained, Sergeant Hutchins by outstanding leadership and great personal courage was able to move the rearward elements to positions of relative safety. Through his efforts the seriously wounded were evacuated and isolated groups consolidated. Sergeant Hutchins' effective action prevented a possible disorganization of a part of his company.

10. Staff Sergeant Clifford E. Hensley (Army serial No. 39177600), Company C, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October - 3 November 1944. During this period Sergeant Hensley distinguished himself by outstanding courage under enemy fire and technical skill in destroying enemy positions until he was evacuated with serious wounds. His unusual ability to locate troublesome enemy emplacements and to place and fire charges to obtain the maximum amount of destruction won the admiration of all observers. The personal courage and technical skill of Sergeant Hensley were of major assistance in the advance of the infantry.

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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 (Bulletin No. 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFFE, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Robert S. Dearing, Jr. (Army serial No. 34705111), 104th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 September 1944. Technician Dearing and four others were engaged in cleaning out an ammunition dump which twice previously had exploded and caught fire, causing several casualties, when the dump for the third time burst into flames. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician Dearing assisted in clearing the area of personnel and in extinguishing the flames. With the fire extinguished, he continued to aid in the disposition of fire-damaged ammunition. The heroism of Technician Dearing prevented further destruction of urgently needed combat supplies and possible death or serious injury to personnel in the affected area.

Corporal Norman A. Andrews (Army serial No. 38414006), 104th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 September 1944. Corporal Andrews and four others were engaged in cleaning out an ammunition dump which twice previously had exploded and caught fire, causing several casualties, when the dump for the third time burst into flames. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Andrews assisted in clearing the area of personnel and in extinguishing the flames. With the fire extinguished, he continued to aid in the disposition of fire-damaged ammunition. The heroism of Corporal Andrews prevented further destruction of urgently needed combat supplies and possible death or serious injury to personnel in the affected area.

Private First Class Clarence A. Moore (Army serial No. 34332345), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 November 1944. When a fire in the platoon area ignited an ammunition dump, Private Moore and three other men made repeated efforts, despite exploding grenades and small-arms ammunition, to extinguish the flames. Although unsuccessful in extinguishing the primary fire, they were able to extinguish secondary blazes and prevent further spread of the fire. The heroism of Private Moore prevented further destruction of government property and possible death or injury to personnel in the affected area.

Technical Sergeant Wilbur O. Raddatz (Army serial No. 37197528), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 November 1944. When a fire in the platoon area ignited an ammunition dump, Sergeant Raddatz and three other men made repeated efforts, despite exploding grenades and small-arms ammunition, to extinguish the flames. Although unsuccessful in extinguishing the primary fire, they were able to extinguish secondary blazes and prevent further spread of the fire. The heroism of Sergeant Raddatz prevented further destruction of government property and possible death or injury to personnel in the affected area.

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Private First Class Joseph D. Carone (Army serial No. 32638055), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 November 1944. When a fire in the platoon area ignited an ammunition dump, Private Carone and three other men made repeated efforts, despite exploding grenades and small-arms ammunition, to extinguish the flames. Although unsuccessful in extinguishing the primary fire, they were able to extinguish secondary blazes and prevent further spread of the fire. The heroism of Private Carone prevented further destruction of government property and possible death or injury to personnel in the affected area.

Private George G. Madrid (Army serial No. 31201820), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 November 1944. When a fire in the platoon area ignited an ammunition dump, Private Madrid and three other men made repeated efforts, despite exploding grenades and small-arms ammunition, to extinguish the flames. Although unsuccessful in extinguishing the primary fire, they were able to extinguish secondary blazes and prevent further spread of the fire. The heroism of Private Madrid prevented further destruction of government property and possible death or injury to personnel in the affected area.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Robert L. Bayer (Army serial No. 39212205), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. Private Bayer, an ammunition bearer, observed two wounded men lying in an area exposed to enemy machine gun fire. Voluntarily he moved to their side, administered first aid and assisted them in returning to the lines of their company. He then re-entered the exposed area and secured the arms and ammunition of the wounded men. His courageous acts under fire were instrumental in saving the lives of two of his comrades.

Private First Class Richard O. Wente (Army serial No. 36622092), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 September 1944. The company to which Private Wente was attached as a company aid man was engaged in destroying Japanese emplacements when he observed an officer and an enlisted man injured by a dynamite blast at the mouth of a cave held by the enemy. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Wente advanced through enemy fire to the side of the wounded, and while in this exposed position, administered first aid. He then procured litter bearers and directed the evacuation of the wounded. His personal courage under enemy fire was a source of inspiration to all.

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Sergeant (then Private First Class) William E. Murphy (Army serial No. 32522160), Company I, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 September 1944. Sergeant Murphy was engaged with his platoon in action against the enemy when increasingly intense enemy fire forced movement to more favorable positions. Remaining in the area after the movement of the platoon, Sergeant Murphy noticed a wounded man ahead. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he advanced through enemy machine gun and rifle fire, picked up the wounded man and carried him to a position of safety over terrain so tortuous that great physical strength and stamina was required. His gallant action won for him the esteem and admiration of all members of his company.

Private First Class George C. Boyd (Army serial No. 38178039), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. The company to which Private Boyd was attached, was preparing a bivouac area for the night when it received heavy enemy machine gun fire which resulted in several casualties. Disregarding his personal safety, Private Boyd crawled to the aid of the wounded men and remained with them, administering first aid until the enemy machine gun barrage lifted and they could be evacuated by litter bearers. His courageous deed undoubtedly assisted in the saving of several lives, and was an inspiration to his comrades.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN L. LESTER, JR., 01302149, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. LIEUTENANT LESTER and his platoon were subjected to an enemy mortar barrage which caused several casualties, including the attached company aid man. Disregarding his personal safety, LIEUTENANT LESTER left his foxhole and secured the kit of the aid man, and moving from one to another, administered aid to all wounded. His personal courage under fire was highly commended by all who observed his deeds.

Private First Class Floyd J. Ryan (Army serial No. 36 82950), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. During a heavy enemy mortar barrage Private Ryan, a machine gunner, observed the company aid man wounded and in an exposed position. Disregarding his personal safety he advanced to the side of the wounded man, administered first aid and carried him to a position of safety.

Sergeant Arthur L. Anderson (Army serial No. 36182439), Company A, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. When the squad in which Sergeant Anderson was assistant squad leader became pinned down by heavy enemy small-arms and grenade fire, the squad leader fell, seriously wounded. With complete disregard for his personal safety Sergeant Anderson moved the wounded sergeant to a position of safety and administered first-aid treatment. This prompt and courageous action by Sergeant Anderson undoubtedly saved the life of his squad leader.

CAPTAIN EDWARD B. BOYER, C-47635, Medical Corps, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. During an assault CAPTAIN BOYER, observing a wounded man lying in an exposed area, advanced to his side, under enemy fire, administered first aid and carried him to a position of safety. The heroic action of CAPTAIN BOYER probably saved the man's life and inspired all who observed it.

Private First Class Michael L. Kelly (Army serial No. 37418167), Company D, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. Private Kelley was moving forward with the machine gun section to which he was assigned when it was subjected to heavy fire by the enemy. During the action he observed a wounded man from his unit. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Kelly moved to the side of the wounded man across fire-swept ground to administer first aid, which he successfully accomplished.

Staff Sergeant James W. Wheeler (Army serial No. 34306452), Company L, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. With complete disregard for his personal safety Sergeant Wheeler volunteered to assist in the evacuation of a wounded man lying in an exposed area. Unmindful of the enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Wheeler was successful in the evacuation of his comrade.

Staff Sergeant York J. Holbert (Army serial No. 14121594), Company L, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. With complete disregard for his personal safety Sergeant Holbert volunteered to assist in the evacuation of a wounded man lying in an exposed area. Unmindful of the enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Holbert was successful in the evacuation of his comrade.

Corporal Harm W. Snider (Army serial No. 38178526), Antitank Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. When two men fell wounded on a curved roadway which had been a favorite point of ambush by the enemy, Corporal Snider with another rifleman voluntarily advanced into an exposed position to provide covering fire for the company aid man who was treating the wounded. Although bullets struck all about them, Corporal Snider and his companion continued to return the fire until a tank was brought up to evacuate the wounded. By his ready willingness to face serious injury or death to aid the fallen men, Corporal Snider gained the respect and esteem of all.

Corporal Charles Lorenz, Jr. (Army serial No. 32637976), Antitank Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. When two men fell wounded on a curved roadway which had been a favorite point of ambush by the enemy, Corporal Lorenz with another rifleman voluntarily advanced into an exposed position to provide covering fire for the company aid man who was treating the wounded. Although bullets struck all about them, Corporal Lorenz and his companion continued to return the fire until a tank was brought up to evacuate the wounded. By his ready willingness to face serious injury or death to aid the fallen men, Corporal Lorenz gained the respect and esteem of all.

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Private First Class Ernest C. Simpson (Army serial No. 35717016), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. While performing his duties as an ammunition bearer, Private Simpson volunteered to evacuate wounded men from an area under control of the enemy. Advancing with a group over rough, rocky terrain a casualty was reached and the return trip started when the enemy opened with rifle fire on the rescue party. Private Simpson was wounded but continued to assist in the evacuation before he would accept medical treatment. Private Simpson's courageous actions under enemy fire were an inspiration to his company.

Private First Class Jeremiah B. Malpass (Army serial No. 34457566), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. Private Malpass, a company aid man, saw two men fall wounded. Covered by the small-arms fire of three men of his company, he advanced through enemy shell fire to the side of the wounded men. While administering first aid, he realized it was not possible, because of the heavy enemy fire, for him to evacuate the wounded men. Private Malpass then returned, obtained a tank, and, using the tank as a shield, returned to the wounded men and assisted in evacuating them.

Private First Class John W. Wade (Army serial No. 35568312), Company H, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Private Wade volunteered to evacuate casualties through an area swept by enemy small-arms fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety he assisted in rescuing two wounded comrades from certain death. This heroic act reflects great credit on himself and on the organization of which he is a member.

Private First Class Gus Dilles (Army serial No. 39389990), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Observing a wounded man in a forward area, Private Dilles volunteered to aid in the evacuation. Advancing in the face of rifle fire he successfully reached the seriously wounded soldier and evacuated him to a position of safety, thereby unquestionably saving the life of a comrade.

Private Patsy F. Blue (Army serial No. 37329913), Company H, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Private Blue volunteered to evacuate casualties through an area swept by enemy small-arms fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety he assisted in rescuing two wounded comrades from certain death. This heroic act reflects great credit on himself and on the organization of which he is a member.

Private First Class Theodore R. Nabors (Army serial No. 34651060), Company H, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Private Nabors volunteered to evacuate casualties through an area swept by enemy small-arms fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety he assisted in rescuing two wounded comrades from certain death. This heroic act reflects great credit on himself and on the organization of which he is a member.

Private Herman J. Falkenstein (Army serial No. 36268286), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Private Falkenstein, as company aid man, was accompanying a rifle company in an attack on a heavily fortified enemy position. The platoon to which he was attached, received intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire which caused numerous casualties. Despite the heavy enemy fire Private Falkenstein voluntarily remained with three wounded soldiers and administered first aid. Under continuous enemy fire, he successfully directed and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men to a position of safety.

Private First Class Angus E. Antcliff (Army serial No. 19016197), Company A, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. When the advance of the company in which he was a rifleman was halted by fire from enemy pillboxes, Private Antcliff with three others volunteered to obtain demolitions with which to destroy the fortifications. With full knowledge of the danger involved, the group had proceeded only a short distance when enemy machine gun fire was received mortally wounding one of the members. Private Antcliff, in the face of enemy fire, assisted in removing the wounded man to a position of comparative safety. His heroic actions in volunteering for a hazardous mission and in going to the rescue of a wounded companion, won the esteem of all his comrades.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Robert L. Everett (Army serial No. 34474754), Company D, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. When the advance of the company in which he was a rifleman was halted by fire from enemy pillboxes, Sergeant Everett with three others volunteered to obtain demolitions with which to destroy the fortifications. With full knowledge of the danger involved, the group had proceeded only a short distance when enemy machine gun fire was received mortally wounding one of the members. Sergeant Everett, in the face of enemy fire, assisted in removing the wounded man to a position of comparative safety. His heroic actions in volunteering for a hazardous mission and in going to the rescue of a wounded companion, won the esteem of all his comrades.

Staff Sergeant Clyde R. Cox (Army serial No. 39027109), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. When the advance of the company, in which he was a squad leader, was halted by fire from enemy pillboxes, Sergeant Cox with three others volunteered to obtain demolitions with which to destroy the fortifications. With full knowledge of the danger involved, the group had proceeded only a short distance when enemy machine gun fire was received mortally wounding one of the members. Sergeant Cox, in the face of enemy fire, assisted in removing the wounded man to a position of comparative safety. His heroic actions in volunteering for a hazardous mission and in going to the rescue of a wounded companion, won the esteem of all his comrades.

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Sergeant John J. Clark, (Army serial No. 35347511), Antitank Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. When an enemy hand grenade, thrown into a foxhole, seriously wounded one of his comrades, Sergeant Clark without regard for his personal safety crawled through rifle and mortar fire to the side of the wounded man and administered first aid. Later that night, Sergeant Clark again crawled back to obtain additional morphine which he administered to the wounded man.

Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) John P. Dial (Army serial No. 39026803), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. From his foxhole, Sergeant Dial observed an officer and an enlisted man receive wounds from enemy rifle fire. Without hesitation and in the face of this rifle fire, he left his position of safety to throw smoke grenades to screen his action and then assisted in carrying the wounded personnel to safety.

Private First Class James L. Breaux (Army serial No. 18133961), Company A, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 October 1944. When an enemy night attack struck the defensive sector in which he was located, Private Breaux volunteered to evacuate a seriously wounded casualty. Moving two hundred yards through enemy rifle and grenade fire, he and one other man reached the wounded soldier and evacuated him to a position of safety. The heroic action of Private Breaux inspired to greater efforts all who observed it.

Private First Class Raymond M. Christensen (Army serial No. 37418423), Company A, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 October 1944. When an enemy night attack struck the defensive sector in which he was located, Private Christensen volunteered to evacuate a seriously wounded casualty. Moving two hundred yards through enemy rifle and grenade fire, he and one other man reached the wounded soldier and evacuated him to a position of safety. This heroic deed of Private Christensen inspired to greater efforts all who observed it.

Technician Fifth Grade Glen C. Malenke (Army serial No. 37127277), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, on 5 October 1944. In the performance of his duties as a company aid man, Technician Malenke accompanied his company in an attack against an enemy position. Observing a wounded soldier, he crawled forward about thirty yards over rough and jagged coral rocks under enemy machine gun fire in order to reach the side of the casualty. He administered first aid and successfully moved the wounded man to a position from which he could be further evacuated by litter bearers. His courageous actions were a great credit to himself and to his organization.

Private First Class Richard L. Donley (Army serial No. 39707351), Company C, 321st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 19 October 1944. While lying wounded, Private Donley observed a nearby soldier enveloped in an explosion of a white phosphorus grenade which set his clothes afire. Advancing under enemy rifle fire to the side of the endangered soldier, Private Donley was able with sand and his bare hands to extinguish the flames but suffered severe burns while so doing. The courageous actions of Private Donley won for him the esteem and admiration of all witnesses.

Private Francis J. Dowd (Army serial No. 34281074), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When two men of his platoon were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Private Dowd volunteered to assist in an attempt to evacuate them. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, Private Dowd was successful in reaching the wounded men and evacuating them safely. While aiding in the removal of his comrades, Private Dowd also became wounded.

Private First Class Loyd R. Wise (Army serial No. 38129959), Company A, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 October 1944. Private Wise, a rifleman, volunteered to accompany a patrol to cover the withdrawal of a group ambushed by the enemy. The mission was successfully completed when it was learned that a wounded man had remained in the ambushed area. Without hesitation, Private Wise and two other enlisted men volunteered to return to the area and evacuate the wounded man. Advancing over extremely rough terrain in the face of enemy rifle and grenade fire, the group successfully completed its second mission.

Staff Sergeant Everette L. Harvell (Army serial No. 38177643), Company A, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 October 1944. Sergeant Harvell, a platoon guide, volunteered to accompany a patrol to cover the withdrawal of a group ambushed by the enemy. The mission was successfully completed when it was learned that a wounded man had remained in the ambushed area. Without hesitation, Sergeant Harvell and two other enlisted men, volunteered to return to the area and evacuate the wounded man. Advancing over extremely rough terrain in the face of enemy rifle and grenade fire, the group successfully completed its second mission.

Private First Class Charles R. Early (Army serial No. 32674325), Company A, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 October 1944. Private Early, an automatic rifleman, volunteered to accompany a patrol to cover the withdrawal of a group ambushed by the enemy. The mission was successfully completed when it was learned that a wounded man had remained in the ambushed area. Without hesitation, Private Early and two other enlisted men volunteered to return to the area and evacuate the wounded man. Advancing over extremely rough terrain in the face of enemy rifle and grenade fire, the group successfully completed its second mission.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Alton A. Jones (Army serial No. 39414127), Medical Detachment, 154th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 20 October 1944. Technician Jones was engaged with a company in destroying enemy emplacements when he observed a wounded infantryman, lying in an exposed position. Technician Jones, worked his way forward under enemy fire to the side of the wounded man. Although the wounded man expired prior to his arrival, Technician Jones, at great personal risk returned his body to a covered position for which he won the commendation of all who witnessed this heroic act.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Carl W. Thiem (Army serial No. 38163171), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. Ignoring his personal safety, Technician Thiem moved forward under rifle and machine gun fire to administer first aid to the wounded of the company to which he was attached. Subsequently he made five round-trips through an area covered by enemy snipers in order to assist in the evacuation.

Private First Class Mickey J. Radwanski (Army serial No. 36245345), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 27 October 1944. From his position of safety Private Radwanski observed a member of his company lying wounded approximately one hundred yards in front of his platoon's position. Without hesitation he advanced through enemy mortar fire in order to administer first aid to the wounded man. This courageous action inspired the company to greater effort.

Technician Fourth Grade Henry Norman (Army serial No. 36503) Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. During the hours of darkness, Technician Norman, without regard for his personal safety and while under heavy enemy fire, assisted in the evacuation of seven wounded men. He continued to observe and treat several severely wounded patients and when evacuation of the wounded by the supporting collecting company proved impossible, Technician Norman, remained on duty throughout the night, administering treatment with such technical skill that not a single life was lost. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty earned the respect and admiration of his company.

Private First Class Michael J. Walsh (Army serial No. 31306489), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. During the hours of darkness, Private Walsh, without regard for his personal safety and while under heavy enemy fire, assisted in the evacuation of seven wounded men. He continued to observe and treat several severely wounded patients and when evacuation of the wounded by the supporting collecting company proved impossible, Private Walsh, remained on duty throughout the night, administering treatment with such technical skill that not a single life was lost. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty earned the respect and admiration of his company.

Private Woodrow W. Lee (Army serial No. 37198015), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. A patrol of which Private Lee was a member was engaged in a sharp action with an enemy patrol resulting in several casualties. Observing a wounded man lying in an exposed area, Private Lee, with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced under enemy fire to the side of the wounded man. Covered by fire from the remainder of his patrol, he administered first aid and moved the wounded man to a position of relative safety from which he could be evacuated by litter bearers.

Master Sergeant Hugh E. Trussell (Army serial No. 18125675), Headquarters Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. Sergeant Trussell was a member of a patrol in contact with an enemy patrol when he observed a wounded officer in an exposed position. Disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant Trussell moved through enemy rifle fire to the side of the wounded officer and evacuated him to a partly sheltered position between low rocks. He administered first aid and remained with the officer until litter bearers were successful in his evacuation.

Private First Class Jack D. McKinney (Army serial No. 6668997), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. During an advance up a defile bordered by high coral ridges intense enemy fire from higher ground caused several casualties, one of whom fell in an open area directly in the field of hostile fire. Although it meant exposure to a concentration of enemy action, Private McKinney, with three companions, voluntarily worked his way under cover of smoke grenades to the side of the wounded soldier and assisted in moving him to safety. The heroism displayed by Private McKinney was an inspiration to all men of the company.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

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SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. McLAUGHLIN, 01302332, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Late in the afternoon a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and machine gun fire momentarily threatened the company which occupied a ridge on the left flank of the main line of resistance of the battalion. LIEUTENANT McLAUGHLIN, a platoon leader, realizing the importance of holding this position, rallied his platoon and personally led it to the counter-attack and so inspired the entire company by his action that the enemy was repulsed and the ridge was successfully held.

CAPTAIN (then FIRST LIEUTENANT) THOMAS E. BRUSKOTTER, 01286081, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. CAPTAIN BRUSKOTTER, as company commander, was directing the attack of his company against an enemy occupied hill when heavy resistance from caves and pillboxes was encountered. Completely disregarding his personal safety, CAPTAIN BRUSKOTTER moved forward to an advanced position from which he could personally direct the actions of his assault platoons. His courage, leadership, and sound judgment so inspired his command that the enemy resistance was broken and the mission of his company successfully completed.

CAPTAIN ELBERT W. ADAMS, 01283530, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. CAPTAIN ADAMS, as company commander, was directing the attack of his company against enemy-held positions when strong resistance was encountered. Completely disregarding his personal safety, he moved forward to an exposed position from which he could advantageously direct the assault of one of his platoons against the strong point of enemy resistance. Inspired by his calmness and courageous actions under enemy fire his company obliterated the enemy resistance.

Staff Sergeant Carl V. Disney (Army serial No. 39828505), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. The company in which Sergeant Disney was a platoon sergeant, was attacking an enemy position when a concentration of enemy machine gun and rifle fire halted the advance. Sergeant Disney with initiative and outstanding display of leadership, led a squad to a commanding position from which such effective fire was delivered on the enemy that the company was enabled to resume the advance. The leadership qualities and initiative displayed by Sergeant Disney were contributing factors to the ultimate capture of the enemy position.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Norman Lipman (Army serial No. 36716132), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. During the advance of the platoon which was spearheading a company assault on an enemy-held ridge, four men were wounded. Despite the enemy fire, Sergeant Lipman, a rifleman, advanced over terrain devoid of cover to the side of the stricken men and, assisted by three other men, succeeded in carrying them to safety. By this display of heroism and self-sacrifice Sergeant Lipman and his assistants undoubtedly saved the lives of their fallen comrades and won the esteem and respect of all.

Private First Class Harvey H. Haynes,(Army serial No. 36058835), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. During the advance of the platoon which was spearheading a company assault on an enemy-held ridge, four men were wounded. Despite the enemy fire, Private Haynes, a rifleman, advanced over terrain devoid of cover to the side of the stricken men and, assisted by three other men, succeeded in carrying them to safety. By this display of heroism and self-sacrifice Private Haynes and his assistants undoubtedly saved the lives of their fallen comrades and won the esteem and respect of all.

Private First Class Thomas J. Conlon,(Army serial No. 32635690), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. During the advance of the platoon which was spearheading a company assault on an enemy-held ridge, four men were wounded. Despite the enemy fire, Private Conlon, a rifleman, advanced over terrain devoid of cover to the side of the stricken men and, assisted by three other men, succeeded in carrying them to safety. By this display of heroism and self-sacrifice Private Conlon and his assistants undoubtedly saved the lives of their fallen comrades and won the esteem and respect of all.

Technical Sergeant Charles C. Cooksey (Army serial No. 38177029), Company D, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. During the advance of the platoon which was spearheading a company assault on an enemy-held ridge, four men were wounded. Despite the enemy fire, Sergeant Cooksey, a platoon sergeant, advanced over terrain devoid of cover to the side of the stricken men and, assisted by three other men, succeeded in carrying them to safety. By this display of heroism and self-sacrifice Sergeant Cooksey and his assistants undoubtedly saved the lives of their fallen comrades and won the esteem and respect of all.

Private Homer Burlison (Army serial No. 34378546), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 November 1944. Three men, engaged in destroying enemy emplacements with demolition charges, were trapped by enemy rifle fire emanating from a cave and from a ridge overlooking their position. At this point their ammunition supply became exhausted. Learning of their plight, Private Burlison, voluntarily obtained ammunition bandoleers and, crawling through the enemy fire, delivered them to the entrapped men. Under the fire delivered with this ammunition the group was able to complete their mission and to withdraw to their company's lines.

Private Frankie Harvey (Army serial No. 6374730), Company D, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 November 1944. A wounded Japanese soldier about thirty yards from the front line was attempting to surrender, but was afraid to move because he was in the area swept by fire from his own troops. Intelligence personnel with an interpreter urged the wounded man to come forward but were unsuccessful. Private Harvey, a machine gunner, without regard for his own personal safety, voluntarily moved forward to the wounded man, picked him up and carried him across very rough terrain to a point where the interrogation could be conducted. Information obtained from the prisoner was of great immediate value to the assault troops by enabling them to maneuver with fewer casualties.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Wilbur L. Johnson (Army serial No. 13036772), Company B, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. Private Johnson, a litter bearer, assisted in the evacuation of numerous casualties over very difficult terrain. Repeatedly he traversed this area under enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to administer to and evacuate the wounded. While engaged in the evacuation of a casualty, he was mortally wounded. Private Johnson's personal courage and devotion to duty won for him the admiration of all observers.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOAGLAND LAPHAM, 0396465, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. While personally directing the attack against an enemy-held cave, LIEUTENANT LAPHAM's detachment was counterattacked by a superior force of the enemy and subjected to short range machine gun fire. Directing his men to take cover, he advanced in the face of heavy enemy fire in order to evacuate a wounded soldier. Before he could accomplish his hazardous mission, he was mortally wounded. The gallant action of LIEUTENANT LAPHAM will be a lasting inspiration to the men of his company.

Technical Sergeant Adrian L. Chaney (Army serial No. 39310425), Company F, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. While participating in an attack against enemy caves and emplacements located in the inland ridges, Sergeant Chaney observed a companion fall wounded before enemy fire. Without considering his personal safety in the face of machine gunfire, Sergeant [redacted]

[redacted] direction of the President, under the provisions of [redacted] and pursuant to Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, [redacted]), 22 September 1943, and authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

[redacted] beachhead under [redacted] defense. [redacted] organization's first night of action against a fanatical enemy and under jungle conditions, CAPTAIN WAGLEY personally placed each man in a tactically sound and sheltered position. This necessitated his constant movement in darkness and in a strange area subjected to enemy gunfire. His heroic action and dauntless zeal for the welfare of his troops under the most trying of [redacted] cy of his

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CAPTAIN WALLACE B. MOORMAN, [illegible] Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action [illegible], Palau Group, 17 - 18 September 1944. During the hours of darkness CAPTAIN MOORMAN's company, in a defensive position for the night, was subjected to a strong enemy counterattack. CAPTAIN MOORMAN moved forward to his front lines and personally directed the actions of his platoons with such success that the enemy counterattack was repulsed. He remained in the front lines throughout the night. On 18 September CAPTAIN MOORMAN personally directed small elements of his command in the assault and destruction of enemy prepared positions. His outstanding leadership, and bravery under enemy fire so inspired his men that a difficult mission was successfully accomplished.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM W. EDWARDS, 01283568, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2[illegible] tember 1944. The company of which LIEUTENANT EDWARDS was executive officer, was forced by formation of the terrain to cross an open area swept by enemy machine gun fire. The initial attempt at crossing the area resulted in several casualties and some disorder in the company. LIEUTENANT EDWARDS with complete disregard for [illegible] personal safety reconnoitered a relatively safe route and three separate times crossed [illegible] to guide small groups of the company. His courageous actions restored the confidence of the [illegible] and [illegible]ed execution of the maneuver without further casualties.

Staff Sergeant Rollie A. Law (Army serial No. 39828245), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. Troops engaged in attacking the enemy on a hill with precipitous sides, were halted by automatic weapons fire emanating from two mutually supporting caves located in almost inaccessible positions. Voluntarily, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Law, carrying demolition charges, worked his way up the cliff to a position above one cave and by attaching charges to ropes, successfully silenced the enemy fire. He repeated this procedure in silencing the second cave. His gallant actions were to a large degree responsible for facilitating the subsequent complete demolition of a strong defensive position, with heavy casualties for the enemy and with practically no loss to our own troops.

Technician Third Grade Harold S. Steed (Army serial No. 39026860), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. When several members of the assault unit fell wounded in the battle area among the jagged coral hills, Technician Steed, a surgical technician, voluntarily joined a rescue party and moved to the side of the wounded and assisted in rendering emergency treatment. Before the men could be evacuated, however, a burst of enemy fire killed one of the rescuers and drove the remainder of the party to cover. Securing a rope, Technician Steed re-entered the field of fire and taking one of the wounded over his shoulder worked his way down to the litters; he then returned and assisted in lowering the remaining casualties down the side of a cliff to a place of safety by means of the rope. His heroic and determined action in going to the aid of his stricken comrades in the face of the gravest danger exemplifies the highest military tradition.

3. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders No. 106, this headquarters, as pertains to Private George L. Bratten (Army serial No. 6[illegible]79528), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, as reads "Bratten" is amended to read "Brattin".

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

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FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD P. TAFFE, 01283694, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ulithi Atoll, 21 - 23 September 1944.

Sergeant Gilbert P. Ortiz (Army serial No. 39858484), Company C, 154th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE H. HENDRICKS, JR., 0390549, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944.

Private First Class Bertram A. Bailey (Army serial No. 33254597), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944.

Private First Class Richard B. Wertz (Army serial No. 36707637), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944.

Sergeant Gerald T. Lowe (Army serial No. 14050061), Headquarters Company Third Battalion, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944.

Sergeant Everett H. Bothun (Army serial No. 37198052), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 31 October 1944.

Corporal Gilbert E. Carswell (Army serial No. 34307137), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 31 October 1944.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD D. FISCHER, 01012370, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD F. NOVIS, 01301196, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944.

Technician Third Grade Allan R. Helstrom (Army serial No. 37313744), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 19 October 1944. During intense fighting among the high coral ridges three members of a patrol fell wounded from enemy fire. Although he faced the concentrated fire of two machine guns, Technician Helstrom moved to the side of the wounded where he effectively rendered emergency treatment. His prompt, heroic action, accomplished under great difficulties and danger, was an inspiration to his company.

Private First Class Randolph Butler (Army serial No. 33443980), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 20 October 1944. Participating with his squad in an advance over extremely rough terrain, Private Butler observed a man fall exhausted in an exposed position. When enemy rifle fire forced the movement of the squad to more tenable positions, Private Butler voluntarily crawled forward to the side of his fallen comrade, administered first aid and successfully assisted and guided him to a position of safety.

Private First Class William R. Kyle (Army serial No. 16025082), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, on Peleliu Island, Palau Group 27 - 28 October 1944. Private Kyle, a litter bearer, was participating in combat with the company to which he was attached. Throughout the night this company was subjected to sporadic enemy rifle fire. Repeatedly, Private Kyle left his position of safety in order to administer first aid to wounded men while in positions exposed to hostile fire. On one occasion he learned that three men in a machine gun position had been wounded. He crawled forward and administered first aid and continued treatment despite heavy enemy fire until they could be evacuated at daylight. His heroic actions inspired his company to greater efforts.

CAPTAIN GEORGE R. WAGNER, 01288995, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 30 October 1944. Finding the company's advance held up by enemy strongly emplaced in two caves, CAPTAIN WAGNER personally led a squad to a position from which it was able to overcome the resistance. By his courageous leadership and exemplary initiative CAPTAIN WAGNER made possible the continued advance of the company and inspired it to increased effort.

Staff Sergeant Charles B. Patton (Army serial No. 35508362), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. From a position in the front lines Sergeant Patton and two others observed a wounded man lying in an exposed area. Without regard to the enemy rifle fire which was striking the sandbags Sergeant Patton and his companions crawled forward, pushing sandbags ahead of them. A barrier was finally constructed which permitted the safe evacuation of the wounded man. The spirit of self-sacrifice exhibited by Sergeant Patton won the admiration of his company.

Private First Class Sidney E. Olson (Army serial No. 39607439), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. From a position in the front lines Private Olson and two others observed a wounded man lying in an exposed area. Without regard to the enemy rifle fire which was striking the sandbags Private Olson and his companions crawled forward pushing sandbags ahead of them. A barrier was finally constructed which permitted the safe evacuation of the wounded man. The spirit of self-sacrifice exhibited by Private Olson won the admiration of his company.

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CITATIONS TO ACCOMPANY GENERAL ORDERS NO. 118
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1. FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD P. TAFFE, 01283694, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ulithi Atoll, 21 - 23 September 1944. In command of the regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, LIEUTENANT TAFFE landed on the small islands of Ulithi Atoll in advance of assault elements. Information secured by his platoon in its reconnaissance of the islands and the surrounding waters and his tactful handling of local inhabitants contributed materially to the rapid landings on and occupation of the islands by a regimental combat team.

2. Sergeant Gilbert P. Ortiz (Army serial No. 39858484), Company C, 154th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. When the supply of demolition charges of the unit with which he was operating in the destruction of enemy emplacements become exhausted, Sergeant Ortiz volunteered to return to a dump for a resupply. Moving over extremely rough terrain frequently subjected to enemy rifle and mortar fire, Sergeant Ortiz obtained and returned with additional demolition material. Later in the day a second trip was made during which he was severely wounded. The accomplishment of these hazardous feats by Sergeant Ortiz was a contributing factor in the ultimate destruction of the enemy positions.

3. FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE H. HENDRICKS, JR., 0390549, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. During an attack the rifle company in which LIEUTENANT HENDRICKS was a platoon leader, was suddenly subjected to intense machine gun fire. With quick decision he arranged to dispose supporting troops with sound tactical judgment in such a manner as to extricate the company from a critical situation. His courage and superior leadership in this emergency merited the high commendation of all who witnessed the events.

4. Private First Class Bertram A. Bailey (Army serial No. 33254597), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. While answering a call for litter bearers, the team led by Private Bailey was pinned down by enemy fire. Seeking a new route of approach to the wounded men they came within thirty yards of the injured soldier only to find a precipitous cliff in their path. Private Bailey ordered his men to stay under cover and, completely disregarding his own personal safety, scaled the cliff and reached the side of the wounded man and rendered first aid. Due to heavy enemy fire the casualty could not be evacuated so Private Bailey secured the assistance of nearby infantrymen and under the covering fire of their weapons, was finally able to accomplish the evacuation. Private Bailey's initiative, courage, and presence of mind were admirable.

5. Private First Class Richard B. Wertz (Army serial No. 36707637), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Private Wertz was participating in an attack as an attached company aid man when increasing enemy action forced a maneuver by the company to more tenable positions. Observing a severely wounded man, Private Wertz moved forward under the enemy fire and unassisted, evacuated the wounded man to a position of safety. His complete disregard for his personal safety was an inspiration to all members of the company.

(Citations to Accompany GO No. 118, Hq 81st Inf Div, 16 Dec 44, contd)

6. Sergeant Gerald T. Lowe (Army serial No. 14050061), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. As acting platoon sergeant of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, Sergeant Lowe was assigned the mission of constructing barbed wire entanglements in front of a rifle company at a time when effective enemy rifle fire was being received. Weighing the situation carefully, Sergeant Lowe devised a plan to conceal this activity by smoke, which was successfully accomplished. He personally directed the placing of the wire under hazardous conditions. The leadership and initiative displayed by Sergeant Lowe was instrumental in the successful accomplishment of the platoon's mission.

7. Sergeant Everett H. Bothun (Army serial No. 37198052), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 31 October 1944. Sergeant Bothun, while subjected to sporadic enemy rifle fire, remained in an exposed position at his radio in order to relay fire orders for a mortar platoon. Upon the completion of this mission he volunteered to assist in laying a telephone line from mortar positions to the company observation post, although the major portion of the route traversed was under the observation and fire of enemy riflemen. By reason of the initiative and the courageous actions of Sergeant Bothun, essential communications were maintained which enabled effective fire support to be rendered by his company.

8. Corporal Gilbert E. Carswell (Army serial No. 34307137), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 31 October 1944. Corporal Carswell, while subjected to sporadic enemy rifle fire, remained in an exposed position at his radio in order to relay fire orders for a mortar platoon. Upon the completion of this mission he volunteered to assist in laying a telephone line from mortar positions to the company observation post, although the major portion of the route traversed was under the observation and fire of enemy riflemen. By reason of the initiative and the courageous actions of Corporal Carswell essential communications were maintained which enabled effective fire support to be rendered by his company.

9. SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD D. FISCHER, 01012370, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. LIEUTENANT FISCHER was at a 75mm howitzer position situated on a precipitous hill-top overlooking the targets which were the entrances in the cliff below to two caves definitely known to be occupied by the enemy. It was determined that clearance of the field of fire was necessary. Voluntarily, with another officer, he left the gun emplacement with an ax and cut down the trees which obstructed the line of fire. This courageous act carried out in the face of the enemy, enabled the effective employment of fire by this howitzer and assisted in reduction of the enemy resistance.

10. FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD F. NOVIS, 01301196, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. LIEUTENANT NOVIS was at a 75mm howitzer position situated on a precipitous hill-top overlooking the targets which were the entrances in the cliff below to two caves definitely known to be occupied by the enemy. It was determined that clearance of the field of fire was necessary. Voluntarily, with another officer, he left the gun emplacement with an ax and cut down the trees which obstructed the line of fire. This courageous act carried out in the face of the enemy, enabled the effective employment of fire by this howitzer and assisted in reduction of the enemy resistance.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAF POA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Harvward C. Boston (Army serial No. 34329999), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. During the night Sergeant Boston located an enemy pillbox from which his squad was receiving heavy rifle fire. Obtaining a demolition charge he crawled forward without regard for his own safety, for approximately one hundred and fifty yards through dense underbrush, placed the charge which destroyed the enemy position. The heroic act of Sergeant Boston eliminated a serious threat to his unit and aided in the continuation of its advance.

Private First Class Kennon D. Bridges (Army serial No. 34476589), Company A, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. On this date Private Bridges with another litter bearer, evacuated a critically wounded and blinded officer. This evacuation was performed ahead of the front-line troops and in a draw covered by enemy fire. Despite the danger, these men removed the casualty to a point of greater safety where they might get assistance. Private Bridges' heroic action was exemplary and won the respect and esteem of his comrades.

LIEUTENANT BEN H. GUILL, (206681), United States Naval Reserve, 592d Joint Assault Signal Company. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 22 September 1944. With complete disregard for his personal safety, LIEUTENANT GUILL volunteered at a time when medical facilities were overtaxed, to assist in the evacuation of infantry casualties through an area continuously exposed to enemy fire. He made several trips carrying casualties through this hazardous area and on a return to the front lines for another casualty was wounded by shrapnel fragments. The heroic actions of LIEUTENANT GUILL were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and undoubtedly contributed to the saving of the lives of several infantrymen.

Technician Fifth Grade Nathaniel C. Dulaney (Army serial No. 34474285), Company A, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. On this date Technician Dulaney with another litter bearer, evacuated a critically wounded and blinded officer. This evacuation was performed ahead of the front-line troops and in a draw covered by enemy fire. Despite the danger, these men removed the casualty to a point of greater safety where they might get assistance. Technician Dulaney's heroic action was exemplary and won the respect and esteem of his comrades.

LIEUTENANT (J.G.) DAVID L. OSBORN, I - V (S) USNR, (236732), United States Navy (attached). For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. Returning from a mission behind the enemy's lines the small group which LIEUTENANT OSBORN had voluntarily accompanied was forced by terrain features to follow a narrow defile, parts of which were densely covered with jungle growth. Near the central portion of the defile, enemy sniper fire was received which killed one man and wounded a second. Completely disregarding his personal safety LIEUTENANT OSBORN and an enlisted man remained in the sniper's field of fire to administer first aid. Under the protection of covering fire they carried the seriously wounded man to a defiladed position from which, with assistance, he was evacuated. The courageous actions of LIEUTENANT OSBORN won for him the admiration and esteem of all witnesses.

Technician Third Grade Shinso Chojin (Army serial No. 39012341), Headquarters Company, Pacific Ocean Areas, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. Returning from a mission behind the enemy's lines the small group which Technician Chojin had voluntarily accompanied was forced by terrain features to follow a narrow defile, parts of which were densely covered with jungle growth. Near the central portion of the defile, enemy sniper fire was received which killed one man and wounded a second. Completely disregarding his personal safety Technician Chojin and an officer remained in the sniper's field of fire to administer first aid. Under the protection of covering fire they carried the wounded man to a defiladed position from which, with assistance, he was evacuated. The courageous actions of Technician Chojin won for him the esteem and admiration of all witnesses.

Technician Fifth Grade Elmer A. Treptow (Army serial No. 37418346), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 7 October 1944. Technician Treptow observed that litter bearers, because of enemy rifle fire, were having difficulty in reaching a wounded man lying in an exposed position. Being thoroughly familiar with the terrain to be crossed, Technician Treptow voluntarily led the litter team to the wounded man. By the use of smoke grenades from an advantageous position, he covered the actions of the litter bearers and assisted in the evacuation. His courageous actions were an inspiration to all observers.

FIRST LIEUTENANT (then SECOND LIEUTENANT) THOMAS E. DAVIS, 02049786, Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. Voluntarily answering a call for medical assistance to casualties, LIEUTENANT DAVIS joined a rescue party and advanced in the face of intense enemy fire over extremely difficult terrain to the side of the wounded. Although part of his task was accomplished after nightfall, LIEUTENANT DAVIS, under the most adverse and dangerous conditions, labored unceasingly to render emergency aid and evacuate the casualties. His heroic devotion to duty unquestionably resulted in saving the lives of many of his comrades.

Staff Sergeant Dallas K. Hafliger (Army serial No. 36059822), Company D, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. When enemy fire prevented the platoon of which he was acting leader, from seizing its objective, Sergeant Hafliger, heedless of personal danger, moved forward ahead of the platoon to a position from which he was able to throw grenades so effectively that the enemy was routed from its commanding position. Sergeant Hafliger's fearless action expedited the advance of the entire company.

Private John H. Davish (Army serial No. 33469197), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 19 October 1944. As the platoon to which Private Davish was attached as a company aid man, moved toward enemy positions under cover of darkness, it was suddenly subjected to a burst of hostile fire during which three men fell wounded. Private Davish, heedless of the danger involved, went to aid the stricken men, moved them to a temporary shelter, and there rendered prompt and efficient emergency aid. His devotion to duty and willingness to risk his life to save his comrades, won the respect and admiration of his platoon.

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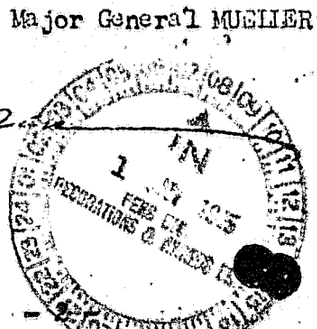

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Harry Eisel (Army serial No. 33384812), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. Leaving his position of relative safety, Private Eisel voluntarily advanced through enemy rifle and grenade fire to render aid to a seriously wounded man. He reached the wounded soldier, administered aid and while assisting in his evacuation, Private Eisel was seriously wounded. Despite his wounds, he was able to administer first aid to himself and continue to assist in the evacuation. His gallant actions were an inspiration to all members of his company.

Private John Laba (Army serial No. 31387265), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. During a period of combat on this date, Private Laba heard a wounded man calling for help from an adjacent emplacement, and in an area where dangerous mortar fire was falling. Without regard for his personal safety, he succeeded in reaching the wounded man, rendered first aid, and helped to effect his safe evacuation. While engaged in this gallant mission the enemy's fire was so effective that one of the group was killed and another wounded. Private Laba's courageous actions under enemy fire were an inspiration to the members of his platoon.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Edward B. Bailey (Army serial No. 12153456), Company F, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Sergeant Bailey was participating in an assault against enemy positions when inaccessible terrain and increasingly heavy enemy fire forced a maneuver of the company to more tenable positions. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Bailey and an assistant, advanced under enemy machine gun fire to a commanding position from which they could cover the movement of the company with a light machine gun. The courageous actions of Sergeant Bailey contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the combat mission of his company.

Private First Class Arley S. Fouchey (Army serial No. 16065476), Company F, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Private Fouchey was participating in an assault against enemy positions when inaccessible terrain and increasingly heavy enemy fire forced a maneuver of the company to more tenable positions. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private Fouchey accompanying the patrol leader, advanced under enemy machine gun fire to a commanding position from which they could cover the movement of the company with a light machine gun. The courageous actions of Private Fouchey contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the combat mission of his company.

Private First Class Tol B. N. Nave (Army serial No. 37187092), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Despite severe wounds received while participating in an attack by his company, Private Nave refused to be evacuated and, enlisting the aid of a group of volunteer litter bearers, moved forward in order to render first aid to the casualties. Intense enemy fire pinned down the litter squad, but Private Nave, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward alone and administered first aid until evacuation of these casualties was possible. The heroic actions of Private Nave were undoubtedly instrumental in saving the lives of his wounded comrades.

Technician Fifth Grade John T. Garner (Army serial No. 37188093), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Technician Garner observed a wounded man lying forward of his position. He advanced through enemy rifle fire, and was engaged in administering first aid when he received a scalp wound. Despite his wound, Technician Garner, unassisted, evacuated the casualty to a safe position, returned to assist another casualty, and was again struck by an enemy bullet on the helmet. Despite this second experience, Technician Garner successfully evacuated the wounded man out of the danger zone and finding that his own wound was of a minor nature, refused to be evacuated and continued to administer to casualties. His total disregard for his personal welfare won the commendation of all.

Private First Class William P. Swistun (Army serial No. 32523185), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When a reconnaissance patrol was suddenly ambushed by fire from an enemy-held cave, Private Swistun who had voluntoered as the lead scout, held his ground and told others of the patrol to seek cover. He killed two of the enemy with grenades while they were in the act of rushing him and he successfully covered the movement of the patrol to safety. The gallant action of Private Swistun at the risk of his life earned the admiration and respect of all his comrades.

Corporal Sam G. Nahra (Army serial No. 37655044), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944. Thirteen men were lying wounded in an exposed position where they could be reached only along dangerous ledges and by crossing ridges exposed to enemy fire. Volunteering, Corporal Nahra led others to the wounded, directed and assisted in giving medical aid and in evacuating them. He accomplished the feat of evacuation over the precipices and ledges by means of hand-carry and a system of ropes and pulleys which he devised. Corporal Nahra's ingenious and courageous action undoubtedly saved several lives and stimulated other aid men to greater efforts.

Staff Sergeant Jack S. Glastra (Army serial No. 37843655), Company A, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. Sergeant Glastra, in position with his company, observed that a position in an adjacent company, occupied by two men, one of whom was wounded, was being subjected to an enemy attack of grenades, rifle and automatic rifle fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he moved under the enemy fire to this position and assisted in repulsing the attack. The gallant actions of Sergeant Glastra were largely responsible for preventing an enemy penetration of the area of an adjacent company.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK G. FOX, JR., 01283750, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 - 14 November 1944. The leading platoon of his company made a 200-yard penetration in a successful attack to seize and hold a key terrain feature. In anticipation of a counterattack, CAPTAIN FOX remained throughout the night with this platoon in order personally to supervise the strengthening of the position. When the anticipated counterattack struck, CAPTAIN FOX was among those wounded but refused to be evacuated until all other casualties had been moved to the rear. His personal [illegible] and presence with the foremost elements of his company were contributing factors in the successful repulse of the enemy.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Willard S. Lowery (Army serial No. 34520110), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 24 October 1944.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH F. MORTIMER, 01283820, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 - 27 October 1944.

Corporal Thomas G. Williams (Army serial No. 39607420), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. Corporal Williams, a mortar gunner, volunteered for duty as a heavy machine gunner. Leading a squad forward, he put his gun into position from which effective fire was delivered on enemy positions which had been impeding the advance of the company. Upon the completion of his mission, he was directing the movement of his squad to another position when he was mortally wounded. The personal courage and calmness under enemy fire demonstrated by Corporal Williams were outstanding and inspiring.

Private Richard S. Smothers (Army serial No. 34389069), Company A, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. When the advance of the company in which he was a rifleman was halted by fire from enemy emplacements, Private Smothers with three others volunteered to obtain demolitions with which to destroy the fortifications. With full knowledge of the dangers involved the group had proceeded only a short distance when enemy machine gun fire was received, mortally wounding Private Smothers. Despite his wounds he attempted to reject all treatment and urged his companions to abandon him and accomplish their mission. Private Smothers, by his courage and self-sacrifice won the esteem of all his comrades.

Staff Sergeant William J. Sanguinetti (Army serial No. 39842597), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. Sergeant Sanguinetti volunteered to accompany his platoon leader and three other enlisted men to evacuate a wounded man from an area which was at that time under dangerous mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he moved forward and while engaged in this gallant mission, Sergeant Sanguinetti was killed by enemy fire. This spirit of self-sacrifice and courage shown by Sergeant Sanguinetti inspired his comrades and conforms to the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Richard M. Vulgamore (Army serial No. 35750300), Company B, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 15 November 1944. Private Vulgamore, a flame-thrower operator, was participating with his company in an attack on enemy-held caves when the use of a flame thrower was called for. Voluntarily and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Vulgamore advanced toward the cave knowing that the area was subjected to hostile small-arms fire. Before he could accomplish his mission he was mortally wounded. By his devotion to duty and the promptness with which he volunteered for his perilous mission, Private Vulgamore earned the respect and admiration of his fellow soldiers.

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2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE A. RASULA, 01323171, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group 27 September 1944.

Staff Sergeant Keith G. Nielson (Army serial No. 39027030), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 9 November 1944.

Private First Class Herman J. Blanchard (Army serial No. 38174667), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Alfred M. Navarette (Army serial No. 37330077), Company A, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 - 27 November 1944.

Private First Class Dale L. Parker (Army serial No. 36183324), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. From a position in the front lines Private Parker and two others observed a wounded man lying in an exposed area. Private Parker and his companions crawled forward pushing sandbags ahead of them without regard to the enemy rifle fire which was striking the sandbags. A barrier was finally constructed which permitted the safe evacuation of the wounded man. The spirit of self-sacrifice exhibited by Private Parker won the admiration of his company.

Corporal Charles R. Samario (Army serial No. 39293295), Company A, 154th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 12 November 1944. Corporal Samario, while engaged in destroying enemy emplacements, learned that a man reconnoitering an enemy-held cave had been severely wounded. He and one other man, with complete disregard for their personal safety, voluntarily entered the cave covering each other's advance with automatic rifle fire. By withdrawal in the same manner they evacuated the casualty and rejoined their group. The courageous actions of Corporal Samario were an inspiration to all witnesses.

Private Ray O. Doeden (Army serial No. 39243224), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 November 1944. As a member of a patrol engaged in destroying enemy-held caves with charges of explosives, Private Doeden with complete disregard for his personal safety, ignored sporadic enemy rifle and machine gun fire in order to accomplish his mission. When enemy fire was intensified so as to prevent movement he engaged in a fire fight until the enemy fire was neutralized and then coolly resumed his duties of placing demolition charges. His courage and composure under enemy fire won for him the esteem and admiration of all witnesses.

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1. Private First Class Willard S. Lowery (Army serial No. 34520110), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 24 October 1944. Assigned the duties of carpenter in his company Private Lowery assumed the extra duties of making up demolition charges and repairing and maintaining flame throwers. By diligent application and devotion to duty, he obtained outstanding results in these duties. On 24 October Private Lowery was mortally wounded by enemy rifle fire while accompanying an assault unit on a mission against the enemy. His initiative and indomitable spirit were an inspiration to the company and were contributing factors to its successful operations against the enemy.

2. CAPTAIN JOSEPH F. MORTIMER, 01283820, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24-27 October 1944. Throughout this period CAPTAIN MORTIMER as company commander, inspired his men by giving his personal attention to their tactical dispositions so as to assure every advantage to them in the combat. When the company entered the front lines for its first night's battle experience, he remained in direct contact with the forward elements in order to insure their self-confidence. CAPTAIN MORTIMER carried out his duties unmindful of the hazards and his actions were a source of encouragement to his troops. While on a mission at the front he was mortally wounded by a sniper's bullet. His personal courage and leadership qualities will remain a lasting inspiration to his company.

3. SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE A. RASULA, 01323171, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. While in command of a rear guard of an armored patrol on a mission of flanking strong enemy positions, LIEUTENANT RASULA displayed exceptional coolness and leadership. When an officer commanding the advance group of the patrol was wounded LIEUTENANT RASULA immediately assumed command of the group, leading it approximately 3000 yards into heavily fortified enemy territory. During the hours of darkness of that night, LIEUTENANT RASULA through extreme alertness and vigilance, on two separate occasions prevented the enemy from laying mines on the tanks accompanying the patrol. His outstanding leadership and courage in the face of the enemy were an inspiration to every member of the patrol, and his actions were an important factor in the successful completion of the mission.

(Citations to Accompany GO No. 121, Hq 81st Inf Div, 17 Dec 44, contd)

4. Staff Sergeant Keith G. Nielson (Army serial No. 39027030), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 9 November 1944. Supervising the construction of a sandbagged position forward of all other positions and under enemy small-arms fire, Sergeant Nielson exhibited exemplary courage and leadership. Although several sand bags he was moving were struck by enemy fire, Sergeant Nielson did not falter. His personal courage and indomitable spirit inspired the men of his group to greater efforts.

5. Private First Class Herman J. Blanchard (Army serial No. 38174667), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. Private Blanchard was a member of a platoon which had advanced two hundred yards ahead of the remainder of the company to occupy a ridge overlooking enemy positions. A sudden attack by the enemy wounded two members of the platoon who, as a result, were about to fall from the ridge into the hands of the enemy below. Although it exposed him to direct enemy fire, Private Blanchard quickly grasped both wounded men in his arms and kept them from falling until others came to assist him in moving the men to safety. By his courageous act, Private Blanchard unquestionably saved the lives of his two companions.

6. Staff Sergeant Alfred M. Navarette (Army serial No. 37330077), Company A, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 - 27 November 1944. During this period Sergeant Navarette personally led his squad through numerous actions in a highly efficient manner. On 23 November while leading his squad on patrol he personally captured an enemy soldier and was successful in establishing a new forward position that aided in further forward movement of his company. Throughout the action Sergeant Navarette was a leader whom his men followed willingly.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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18 December 1944.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Kenneth C. Hutzler (Army serial No. 13155814), Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 316th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. Private Hutzler, a radio operator, volunteered to accompany a tank forward of the infantry front lines in order to adjust artillery fire on an enemy emplacement. From an exposed position on the tank and while subjected to enemy fire he continued the operation of his radio set until the target was destroyed. By his heroic actions he assisted materially in the elimination of an enemy position which was impeding the advance of the infantry.

Private James V. Gaddis (Army serial No. 34520015), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. Observing two casualties near the opening of a cave from which the enemy was firing, Private Gaddis accompanied by another soldier, went forward to the injured men's assistance. Despite the continuing enemy rifle fire, he reached the casualties, administered first aid and successfully assisted in their evacuation. The heroic actions of Private Gaddis won the commendation of all his comrades.

Staff Sergeant Lewis R. Brenton (Army serial No. 36346814), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. Observing two casualties near the opening of a cave from which the enemy was firing, Sergeant Brenton accompanied by another soldier, went forward to the injured men's assistance. Despite the continuing enemy rifle fire, he reached the casualties, administered first aid and successfully assisted in their evacuation. The heroic actions of Sergeant Brenton won the commendation of all his comrades.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) John R. Race (Army serial No. 37538295), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 27 September 1944. Sergeant Race volunteered to accompany a patrol in protecting and reconnoitering safe passage for tanks in a mission to flank strong enemy positions. During the course of this mission, Sergeant Race displayed exceptional courage by walking ahead of the tanks to direct their fire. His work was largely helpful towards eliminating 15 enemy caves and pillboxes as the patrol advanced some 3000 yards into enemy territory. On the following day he again volunteered to assist the patrol in penetrating deeper into enemy territory, harrassing the enemy and further facilitating the advance of troops. The heroic actions demonstrated by Sergeant Race were an inspiration to every member of the patrol.

Staff Sergeant Louis A. Pircher (Army serial No. 38111515), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 27 - 28 September 1944. Sergeant Pircher volunteered to lead a squad of men as part of a patrol in protecting and reconnoitering safe passage for tanks in a mission to flank strong enemy positions. During the course of the mission, Sergeant Pircher especially distinguished himself by walking ahead of the tanks to direct their fire at enemy installations. His work was helpful towards eliminating 15 enemy caves and pillboxes as the patrol advanced some 3000 yards into enemy territory. On the following day Sergeant Pircher again accompanied the patrol as it penetrated deeper into enemy territory, harrassing the enemy and further facilitating the advance of troops. The heroic actions demonstrated by Sergeant Pircher were an inspiration to every member of the patrol.

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Private First Class Frank W. Sheridan (Army serial No. 36349313), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 321st Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 - 28 September 1944. As a radio operator Private Sheridan accompanied an infantry - tank patrol through an area occupied by the enemy. Despite frequent exposure to enemy machine gun and rifle fire, while operating from an exposed position on a tank or on foot, Sergeant Sheridan maintained continuous radio communications. His personal courage and devotion to duty contributed materially to the accomplishments of the patrol.

Private Harry H. Ames (Army serial No. 37493176), Headquarters Company 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 9 October 1944. Private Ames volunteered as a member of a litter team to evacuate a casualty from a position known to be covered at short range by an enemy machine gun. Arduously working their way forward, two hours were required by the team to successfully accomplish its mission. Knowing that another casualty was still in the area, the litter team moved a second time into the exposed area and, by employing smoke grenades, were again successful.

Technician Fourth Grade James R. Shirtz (Army serial No. 36505974), Headquarters Company, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 9 October 1944. Technician Shirtz volunteered as a member of a litter team to evacuate a casualty from a position known to be covered at short range by an enemy machine gun. Arduously working their way forward, two hours were required by the team to successfully accomplish its mission. Knowing that another casualty was still in the area, the litter team moved a second time into the exposed area and, by employing smoke grenades, were again successful.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter G. Mette (Army serial No. 16084712), Headquarters Company, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 9 October 1944. Technician Mette volunteered as a member of a litter team to evacuate a casualty from a position known to be covered at short range by an enemy machine gun. Arduously working their way forward, two hours were required by the team successfully to accomplish its mission. Knowing that another casualty was still in the area, the litter team moved a second time into the exposed area and, by employing smoke grenades, were again successful.

Private First Class Earl James (Army serial No. 14120388), Headquarters Company, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 9 October 1944. Private James volunteered as a member of a litter team to evacuate a casualty from a position known to be covered at short range by an enemy machine gun. Arduously working their way forward, two hours were required by the team to successfully accomplish its mission. Knowing that another casualty was still in the area, the litter team moved a second time into the exposed area and, by employing smoke grenades, were again successful.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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Private First Class George Kraus (Army serial No. 32524434), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 14 October 1944. Private Kraus and three members of his squad were trapped in an exposed position by enemy rifle fire. Without hesitation and disregarding his personal safety, Private Kraus assumed prompt control of the situation and moved to a position from which he could deliver fire on the enemy group. His fire was so effective that his three companions were able to withdraw safely but was himself wounded when he attempted to follow. His leadership and decisive action in difficult situation distinguished him as an outstanding soldier.

Private First Class John Krizanic (Army serial No. 33398727), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. During a period of combat on this date, Private Krizanic and four others volunteered to go to the aid of a wounded man, although the area was subjected to dangerous mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he succeeded in reaching the wounded man and helped to effect his safe evacuation. While engaged in this gallant mission the enemy's fire was so effective that one of the group was killed and another wounded. This spirit of self-sacrifice and courage shown by Private Krizanic conforms to the highest traditions of the military service.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HERMAN J. TRAVERS, 01304587, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. During a period of combat on this date, LIEUTENANT TRAVERS, with four men who had volunteered to accompany him, went forward to assist a wounded man in an area subjected to dangerous mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, LIEUTENANT TRAVERS and his group succeeded in reaching the wounded man and effected his safe evacuation. While engaged in this gallant mission the enemy's fire was so effective that one of the group was killed and another wounded. This spirit of self-sacrifice and courage shown by LIEUTENANT TRAVERS conforms to the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Oliver D. Sherman (Army serial No. 34279358), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. During the early morning hours repeated enemy counterattacks were made against a forward position occupied by elements of the company. The enemy, operating with small patrols, made several attempts to penetrate this position, and on one occasion succeeded in advancing within range of hand grenades which caused several casualties. Despite the confusion resulting from this attack, Sergeant Sherman remained calm and effectively assisted in repulsing the enemy. His courage and heroism under intense enemy fire was a source of inspiration to his comrades.

Private First Class Floyd R. West (Army serial No. 36504189), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. During the early morning hours repeated enemy counterattacks were made against a forward position occupied by elements of the company. The enemy, operating with small patrols, made several attempts to penetrate this position, and on one occasion succeeded in advancing within range of hand grenades which caused several casualties. Despite the confusion resulting from this attack, Private West remained calm and effectively assisted in repulsing the enemy. His courage and heroism under intense enemy fire was a source of inspiration to his comrades.

Private First Class Robert F. Hoffman (Army serial No. 33257825), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. During the early morning hours repeated enemy counterattacks were made against a forward position occupied by the company. The enemy, operating with small patrols, made several attempts to penetrate this position, and on one occasion succeeded in advancing within range of hand grenades which caused several casualties. Despite the confusion resulting from this attack, Private Hoffman remained calm and effectively assisted in repulsing the enemy. His courage and heroism under intense enemy fire was a source of inspiration to his comrades.

Private First Class Elmond Baker (Army serial No. 14123320), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. During the early morning hours repeated enemy counter-attacks were made against a forward position occupied by elements of the company. The enemy, operating with small patrols, made several attempts to penetrate this position, and on one occasion succeeded in advancing within range of hand grenades which caused several casualties. Despite the confusion resulting from this attack, Private Baker remained calm and effectively assisted in repulsing the enemy. His courage and heroism under intense enemy fire was a source of inspiration to his comrades.

Private John R. Boarts (Army serial No. 38105687), Cannon Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 12 November 1944. Private Boarts, while engaged in destroying enemy emplacements, learned that a man reconnoitering an enemy-held cave had been severely wounded. He and one other man, with complete disregard for their personal safety, voluntarily entered the cave covering each other's advance with automatic rifle fire. By withdrawal in the same manner they evacuated the casualty and rejoined their group. The courageous actions of Private Boarts was an inspiration to all witnesses.

Private First Class Sylvester Daniels (Army serial No. 34332117), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 5 November 1944. As a member of a patrol engaged in destroying enemy-held caves with charges of explosives, Private Daniels, with complete disregard for his personal safety, ignored sporadic enemy rifle and machine gun fire in order to accomplish his mission. When enemy fire was intensified so as to prevent movement he engaged in a fire fight until the enemy fire was neutralized and then coolly resumed his duties of placing demolition charges. His courage and composure under enemy fire won for him the esteem and admiration of all witnesses.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

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Private First Class Jack M. Wheeler (Army serial No. 34447038), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. Private Wheeler, a member of a combat patrol, was in the close proximity of his platoon leader on a jungle trail when unseen by the officer, an enemy sniper raised up to fire. Without hesitation, Private Wheeler pushed the officer aside and fired a burst with his flame thrower which deflected the aim of the sniper. His quick courageous actions prevented death or serious injury to his platoon leader.

Private Leonard C. Jarvi (Army serial No. 37573568), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September 1944. When an enemy soldier, brandishing a knife and a grenade, jumped into a foxhole occupied by Private Jarvi and two other soldiers, he quickly grappled with the enemy and assisted in killing him. By his prompt action, courage and physical skill, he saved not only his own life but also the lives of his comrades.

Private First Class Dorsey L. Moore (Army serial No. 38441902), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ngesebus Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Private Moore was accompanying a patrol when it received rifle fire from an enemy-held cave. Without hesitation he advanced over an area subjected to enemy fire, to close proximity of the cave and delivered effective automatic rifle fire into the cave until he was struck by fragments from a hostile grenade. The aggressiveness of Private Moore so inspired the other members of the squad that they immediately advanced and killed the remainder of the enemy occupying the cave.

First Sergeant Joseph W. Evans (Army serial No. 39177212), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. While at the company command post, Sergeant Evans learned that an isolated platoon had suffered several casualties and because of enemy rifle fire, had not received medical attention. Hastily organizing a group of litter bearers, he led them forward to the location of the wounded and, under enemy fire successfully evacuated the casualties. The decisive and brave actions of Sergeant Evans were largely responsible for the prompt evacuation of the wounded.

FIRST LIEUTENANT (then SECOND LIEUTENANT) HILBERT W. OLTMANN, 01317935, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 3 October 1944. LIEUTENANT OLTMANN volunteered to lead a patrol into an enemy-held area in order to evacuate casualties of an earlier action. By skillful selection of the members of his patrol, detailed instructions and orientation on the route and outstanding leadership ability, a successful penetration of the enemy lines was made and the evacuation of the casualties accomplished without loss. The exemplary actions of LIEUTENANT OLTMANN marked him as an outstanding leader.

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) William H. Cooper (Army serial No. 34702310), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. Sergeant Cooper volunteered to conduct a patrol of eight men as ground protection for tanks. Despite minor wounds Sergeant Cooper continued to lead his patrol forward. When intensified enemy fire from commanding positions forced the withdrawal of the patrol, Sergeant Cooper by outstanding leadership, was able to maneuver the patrol to a position of safety without further casualties. His personal courage and leadership contributed materially to the later occupation of the area by our troops.

Private First Class Robert H. Spreng (Army serial No. 33468927), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. During the early morning hours repeated enemy counterattacks were made against a forward position occupied by elements of the company. The enemy, operating with small patrols, made several attempts to penetrate this position and on one occasion succeeded in advancing within range of hand grenades, one of which wounded Private Spreng as well as several others. Despite his wounds, Private Spreng remained calm, and effectively assisted in repulsing the enemy. His courage and heroism under intense enemy fire was a source of inspiration to his comrades.

Private Anthony T. Del Conte (Army serial No. 32989767), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. During the early morning hours repeated enemy counter-attacks were made against a forward position occupied by elements of the company. The enemy, operating with small patrols, made several attempts to penetrate this position and on one occasion succeeded in advancing within range of hand grenades, one of which wounded Private Del Conte, as well as several others. Despite his wounds, Private Del Conte remained calm, and effectively assisted in repulsing the enemy. His courage and heroism under intense enemy fire was a source of inspiration to his comrades.

Sergeant Remy Mason (Army serial No. 38174347), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. The platoon to which Sergeant Mason was assigned, was operating on the company's flank in an attack against a ridge strongly held by the enemy, when heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire was received. Voluntarily, Sergeant Mason and two companions, despite enemy fire, scaled the steep and treacherous side of a dominating pinnacle. Upon reaching the summit they insured the success of their mission by constructing a sandbag position. The exploit of Sergeant Mason and his companions enabled the platoon to hold its objective and consequently the company to successfully complete its mission.

Private Donald R. Marks (Army serial No. 33830616), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 November 1944. As a member of a patrol engaged in destroying enemy-held caves, with charges of explosives, Private Marks, with complete disregard for his personal safety, ignored sporadic enemy rifle and machine gun fire in order to accomplish his mission. When enemy fire was intensified so as to prevent movement he engaged in a fire fight until the enemy fire was neutralized and then coolly resumed his duties of placing demolition charges. His courage and composure under enemy fire won for him the esteem and admiration of all witnesses.

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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 No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFFCA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private John Lisauskas (Army serial No. 32993610), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. When elements of the assault were pinned down near the beach by fire emanating from an enemy pillbox, Private Lisauskas accompanied by a flame thrower operator voluntarily advanced to destroy the occupants of the enemy emplacement. Upon exhaustion of the flame thrower's fuel, Private Lisauskas mounted the enemy's defensive work and tossed hand grenades through an embrasure until he was wounded. The initiative and aggressiveness of Private Lisauskas contributed materially toward the rapid advance made by his company and the success of its initial operations.

Technicial Sergeant John B. Hook (Army serial No. 36350708), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. Conducting the advance of his section in an attack, Sergeant Hook received wounds in his face and neck from enemy shell fragments. As contact with the enemy was momentarily expected, he refused to be evacuated and, after first aid treatment, continued to lead his section. Weakness from loss of blood finally forced Sergeant Hook to be evacuated. Sergeant Hook's indomitable spirit and self-sacrifice won the admiration of his comrades.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR S. HYDE, 01100163, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 September 1944. During the performance of his normal duties, CAPTAIN HYDE came upon an infantry platoon under enemy fire. A member of the platoon was seriously wounded and lying in an exposed position on the road. CAPTAIN HYDE, upon seeing the plight of the wounded soldier, came forward with utter disregard of the enemy fire and removed the injured man to a place of cover. He then obtained a vehicle and proceeded to transport the wounded man to an aid station. During the course of the trip he himself was shot through the leg by an enemy sniper, but despite this injury continued on until reaching a battalion aid station. The fearless actions of CAPTAIN HYDE were undoubtedly instrumental in saving the wounded man from further injury or possible death, and served as an inspiration to all who knew of his feat.

First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant) Kenneth J. Holler (Army serial No. 6937635), Company F, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. As a platoon leader Sergeant Holler observed a wounded soldier lying on an exposed ridge. Ignoring enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire then falling in the area, Sergeant Holler moved to the side of the wounded man, administered first aid and with the assistance of another moved the casualty to a covered position. Later observing another wounded man unable to move because of enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Holler crawled to his position and assisted him to a covered position and there administered first aid. Sergeant Holler's gallant actions were an inspiration to his platoon.

Private First Class Ellis Smith (Army serial No. 34332383), Company E, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 October 1944. During the early morning a concentration of enemy mortar and machine gun fire caused several casualties on the right flank of the platoon in which Private Smith was an automatic rifleman. The enemy followed with an attack in an effort to break through the weakened flank. Private Smith, although grievously wounded, continued to fire his automatic rifle with such devastating effect that the attack was repulsed. The heroic action of Private Smith prevented a breakthrough and drove the enemy from a position from which heavy casualties would have been inflicted on our troops.

Private First Class Lacy L. Pack (Army serial No. 35639564), Company E, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 October 1944. During the early morning a concentration of enemy mortar and machine gun fire caused several casualties on the right flank of the platoon in which Private Pack was an automatic rifleman. The enemy followed with an attack in an effort to break through the weakened flank. Private Pack, although grievously wounded, continued to fire his automatic rifle with such devastating effect that the attack was repulsed. The heroic action of Private Pack prevented a breakthrough and drove the enemy from a position from which heavy casualties would have been inflicted on our troops.

Private Alfred P. Vipperman (Army serial No. 35770667), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. During the early morning hours repeated enemy counter-attacks were made against a forward position occupied by elements of the company. The enemy, operating with small patrols, made several attempts to penetrate this position and on one occasion succeeded in advancing within range of hand grenades, one of which seriously wounded Private Vipperman as well as several others including the noncommissioned officer in charge. Despite his wounds Private Vipperman assumed command of the group and calmly directed the repulse of the enemy and the administering of first aid to the wounded. His heroic, courageous actions, and his effective leadership of the platoon in the face of the enemy was a source of inspiration to his comrades.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Harold J. Patin (Army serial No. 14006419), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. The squad to which Sergeant Patin was assigned was moving forward in an attack when enemy rifle fire from a cave killed the squad leader. The continuing short-range enemy fire caused confusion and disorganization as the squad sought cover. Instantly recognizing the seriousness of the situation, Sergeant Patin assumed command and directed the movement of each individual to an effective firing position. Disregarding the enemy rifle fire, he moved forward and recovered the body of his squad leader. The personal courage, initiative and exemplary leadership instantly won for Sergeant Patin the confidence of every member of his squad.

Technician Fifth Grade Leslie R. Spring (Army serial No. 32637093), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. Technician Spring, a company aid man, was advancing with a platoon when enemy machine gun and rifle fire was received suddenly and at short range. Seven men were wounded by this fire. When the members of the platoon took cover, Technician Spring, with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced to the side of the wounded and unassisted, started their evacuation to covered positions. While so engaged, he was seriously wounded by enemy rifle fire. The courageous actions of Technician Spring won the commendation of all witnesses.

Private First Class Raymond R. Collins (Army serial No. 14120290), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 November 1944. Just prior to dawn, an enemy attack struck the position occupied by a small group under the command of Private Collins. When continuong enemy pressure forced the temporary abandonment of the position, Private Collins, by outstanding leadership, recrganized his group and continued the action from a new position a short distance to the rear. A number of enemy dead resulted from this action. During a lull in the combat Private Collins personally reconnoitered his former position and reoccupied it before ordering his detachment forward. The initiative and courage shown by Private Collins in this action was outstanding and he was largely responsible that the position on this part of the front remained intact.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Elmer R. Toler (Army serial No. 35639891), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 8 October 1944. Private Toler and two companions, volunteered as a reconnaissance patrol to reconnoiter enemy territory not previously entered by friendly troops. Penetrating the area, the patrol successfully determined the location of enemy positions and returned without detection. The information obtained by Private Toler was of great value in planning the subsequent successful attacks against this area.

Private First Class Charles O. Beck (Army serial No. 37536920) Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944. When the squad of which he was a member, was assigned to provide protection for the flank of a combat patrol, Private Beck volunteered to scale a high pinnacle and secure a rope so that movement of the squad to the summit would be facilitated. He accomplished the arduous climb under constant hazard of enemy machine gun and rifle fire and then covered the advance of his companions, killing an enemy sniper who was firing on them. His heroic action enabled the squad to reach high ground from which it could protect the movements of the patrol.

Technical Sergeant Thomas Paine (Army serial No. 39310435), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 November 1944. Assigned the mission of delivering supporting fire from commanding terrain, Sergeant Paine's section while moving to position, received enemy rifle fire which caused two casualties among the advanced elements. He moved rapidly despite the enemy's fire to the side of his men and administered first aid. With the assistance of four others he evacuated the wounded men to a position of comparative safety. Sergeant Paine's act in which he utterly disregarded his own safety, was outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice.

Sergeant Buren A. Wolf (Army serial No. 18076426), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 November 1944. Sergeant Wolf was moving with his section to a position from which it was to deliver close supporting fire, when two of the men forward were seriously wounded. With complete disregard for his personal safety Sergeant Wolf as part of a rescue group, advanced under the enemy fire to the side of the wounded. With the assistance of four others the wounded men were taken to a position of comparative safety. His action in the face of enemy fire was outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice.

Sergeant William H. Hall, Jr (Army serial No. 18134044), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 November 1944. Sergeant Hall was moving with his section to a position from which it was to deliver close supporting fire, when two of the men forward were seriously wounded. With complete disregard for his personal safety Sergeant Hall as part of a rescue group, advanced under the enemy fire to the side of the wounded. With the assistance of four others the wounded men were taken to a position of comparative safety. His action in the face of enemy fire was outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice.

Private First Class Thomas J. Carney (Army serial No. 33469156), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 November 1944. Private Carney was moving with his section to a position from which it was to deliver close supporting fire, when two of the men forward were seriously wounded. With complete disregard for his personal safety Private Carney as part of a rescue group, advanced under the enemy fire to the side of the wounded. With the assistance of four others the wounded men were taken to a position of comparative safety. His action in the face of enemy fire was outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice.

Technical Sergeant Uel W. Tucker (Army serial No. 6820951), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. The company to which Sergeant Tucker was assigned was ordered to make an attack over terrain which required movement through a defile subjected to enemy rifle fire at close range. Sergeant Tucker and five other men volunteered to erect a sandbag wall to permit safer passage of the company. This group, working under the cover of smoke grenades for approximately one hour while exposed to rifle fire, succeeded in erecting the barricade. The courageous actions of Sergeant Tucker were a major factor in the successful accomplishment of the company's mission.

Sergeant Benjamin F. Helmly (Army serial No. 34307279), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. The company to which Sergeant Helmly was assigned was ordered to make an attack over terrain which required movement through a defile subjected to enemy rifle fire at close range. Sergeant Helmly and five other men volunteered to erect a sandbag wall to permit safer passage of the company. This group, working under the cover of smoke grenades for approximately one hour while exposed to rifle fire, succeeded in erecting the barricade. The courageous actions of Sergeant Helmly were a major factor in the successful accomplishment of the company's mission.

Private First Class Peter Berko (Army serial No. 36351249), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. The company to which Private Berko was assigned was ordered to make an attack over terrain which required movement through a defile subjected to enemy rifle fire at close range. Private Berko and five other men volunteered to erect a sandbag wall to permit safer passage of the company. This group, working under the cover of smoke grenades for approximately one hour while exposed to rifle fire, succeeded in erecting the barricade. The courageous actions of Private Berko were a major factor in the successful accomplishment of the company's mission.

Staff Sergeant Daniel W. Odom (Army serial No. 34306838), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. A patrol led by Sergeant Odom was assigned a mission of driving out the enemy that were believed to be entrenched along a beach. After moving some distance along the rough and jagged coral rocks, contact with the enemy was made and after a brief fight at close quarters, several of the enemy were killed. While continuing the advance, sudden enemy rifle and grenade fire struck the patrol, wounding two men. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Odom dropped into position and by rifle fire covered the movement of other members of the patrol to a more tenable position. His brave and decisive actions permitted the remainder of the patrol to reach positions of safety without further casualties.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Myron K. Bussell (Army serial No. 31221362), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 - 25 September 1944. Private Bussell, as a member of an assault team engaged in destruction of enemy emplacements with charges of explosives, was outstanding in his fearlessness. Advancing to cover the operations of flame-thrower operators and demolition men of his team, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire emanating from the attacked emplacements. He was mortally wounded while engaged in the assault of an enemy position. Private Bussell's boundless courage and aggressiveness will be a lasting inspiration to all members of his company.

Private First Class Roy M. Swank, (Army serial No. 39607191), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, 17 September 1944. The platoon to which Private Swank was assigned, was attempting to establish contact with adjacent units when its progress was halted by enemy automatic weapons fire. Voluntarily Private Swank moved forward to a position from which, with hand grenades, he was able to force an enemy machine gun crew to withdraw. By his courageous actions his platoon was enabled to resume its advance and complete its battle mission.

Private Norman J. Sims (Army serial No. 38177055), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, 27 September 1944. Private Sims was participating with a platoon in an attack against an enemy held hill when it received heavy enemy machine gun fire. Voluntarily Private Sims advanced in an attempt to locate and destroy the enemy machine gun. While engaged in firing on the located gun, he was mortally wounded. His heroic action permitted the subsequent destruction of the enemy machine gun and assisted materially in the accomplishment of the mission of his platoon.

Sergeant Byron F. Evans (Army serial No. 39027227), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 November 1944. Sergeant Evans was moving with his section to a position from which it was to deliver close supporting fire, when two of the men forward were seriously wounded. With complete disregard for his personal safety Sergeant Evans as part of a rescue group, advanced under the enemy fire to the side of the wounded. With the assistance of four others the wounded men were taken to a position of comparative safety. His action in the face of enemy fire was outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade James F. Searles (Army serial No. 37187110), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 4 October 1944.

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Technician Fifth Grade Carol Coreland (Army serial No. 36711408), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 4 October 1944.

Private First Class Alvin E. Shockley (Army serial No. 37727473), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 4 October 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR H. JOHNSON, 01302137, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group 17 - 25 November 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT C. STANFIELD, JR., 0485161, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 18 September - 24 October 1944.

SECOND LIEUTENANT DANIEL E. WALTERS, 01317357, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group 13 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade) Joseph L. Elliott (Army serial No. 34278490), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. As acting supply sergeant, Sergeant Elliott was present in the forward areas of his company when it was subjected to an enemy counterattack supported by mortar fire. The ammunition supply of the mortar section of the company was being rapidly depleted by fire against the enemy counterattack. Sergeant Elliott at great personal risk voluntarily returned to a supply dump, secured additional ammunition and delivered it to the mortar positions. The courageous actions of Sergeant Elliott materially assisted in the successful repulse of the enemy counterattack.

Private Bernard Weinstein (Army serial No. 337 3936), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island Palau Group, 20 September 1944. When an enemy soldier, brandishing a knife and a grenade, jumped into a foxhole occupied by Private Weinstein and two other soldiers, he quickly grappled with the enemy and assisted in killing him. By his prompt action, courage, and physical skill, he saved not only his own life, but also the lives of his comrades.

Private First Class Glenn M. Beasley (Army serial No. 34329376), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. As a rescue party moved within twenty-five yards of a cave opening to evacuate two men who had been wounded by enemy fire from the cave, Private Beasley moved to a point between the enemy and the two casualties. He then placed effective fire into the cave. With utter disregard of his own safety in the face of imminent danger he performed this heroic act which permitted the wounded men to be evacuated.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

First Sergeant Harold G. Conner (Army serial No 6068774), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. When the widening of a hastily constructed road became necessary in order to permit the more effective use of tanks, Sergeant Conner volunteered to make a personal reconnaissance. While exposed to enemy small-arms fire, he selected an area, guided forward a bulldozer and supervised the clearing of the area. His personal courage materially assisted in the advance of the tanks and infantry.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Martin N. Zankich (Army serial No. 39843324), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 8 October 1944. Sergeant Zankich, and two companions, volunteered as a reconnaissance patrol to reconnoiter enemy territory not previously entered by friendly troops. Penetrating the area, the patrol successfully determined the location of enemy positions and returned without detection. The information obtained by Sergeant Zankich was of great value in planning the subsequent successful attacks against this area.

Technical Sergeant Edward G. Skonecky (Army serial No. 36352446), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. During a period of combat on this date, Sergeant Skonecky volunteered to accompany his platoon leader and three other enlisted men to evacuate a wounded man from an area subjected to dangerous mortar fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he succeeded in reaching the wounded man and helped to effect his safe evacuation. While engaged in this gallant mission, Sergeant Skonecky was wounded by enemy fire. Sergeant Skonecky's actions under enemy fire were an inspiration to the members of his platoon.

SECOND LIEUTENANT BOYD W. LEMMON, 01315591, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group 2 November 1944. The company to which LIEUTENANT LEMMON was assigned was ordered to make an attack over terrain which required movement through a defile subjected to enemy rifle fire at close range. LIEUTENANT LEMMON and five enlisted men volunteered to erect a sandbag wall to permit safer passage of the company. This group, working under the cover of smoke grenades for approximately one hour while exposed to rifle fire, succeeded in erecting the barricade. The courageous actions of LIEUTENANT LEMMON were a major factor in the successful accomplishment of the company's mission.

Private First Class Arthur M. Reber (Army serial No. 33371071), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. The platoon to which Private Reber was assigned was, operating on the company's flank in an attack against a ridge strongly held by the enemy, when heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire was received. Voluntarily, Private Reber and two companions, despite enemy fire, scaled the steep and treacherous side of a dominating pinnacle. Upon reaching the summit they insured the success of their mission by constructing a sandbag position. The exploit of Private Reber and his companions enabled the platoon to hold its objective and consequently the company to successfully complete its mission.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl L. Swanson (Army serial No. 37279999), Company C, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. In order to rig an overhead cable system to facilitate the evacuation of the wounded from practically impassable terrain, Technician Swanson scaled a high pinnacle while exposed to enemy small-arms fire in order to affix an anchor rope. While engaged in this hazardous mission, he was severely wounded. The courageous actions of Technician Swanson were an inspiration to all who witnessed his feat.

Private First Class John Hirsch (Army serial No. 32637019), Company F, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 November 1944. Participating with his platoon in an attack against an enemy-held ridge, Private Hirsch observed an officer fatally struck by a hostile bullet. Advancing seventy-five yards through the enemy fire, Private Hirsch picked up the officer's body and returned with it over the same route to the safety of his company's lines. His heroic actions won the admiration and esteem of his comrades.

Private First Class Eldridge E. Nissen (Army serial No. 38174029), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. The company to which Private Nissen was assigned was ordered to make an attack over terrain which required movement through a defile subjected to enemy rifle fire at close range. Private Nissen and five other men volunteered to erect a sandbag wall to permit safer passage of the company. This group, working under the cover of smoke grenades for approximately one hour while exposed to rifle fire, succeeded in erecting the barricade. The courageous actions of Private Nissen were a major factor in the successful accomplishment of the company's mission.

Technical Sergeant Homer D. Simpson (Army serial No. 6393274), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. The platoon to which Sergeant Simpson was assigned, was operating on the company's flank in an attack against a ridge strongly held by the enemy, when heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire was received. Voluntarily Sergeant Simpson and two companions, despite enemy fire, scaled the steep and treacherous side of a dominating pinnacle. Upon reaching the summit they insured the success of their mission by constructing a sandbag position. The exploit of Sergeant Simpson and his companions enabled the platoon to hold its objective and consequently the company to successfully complete its mission.

Private First Class Vernon M. Jewell (Army serial No. 36245252), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 8 October 1944. Private Jewell and two companions, volunteered as a reconnaissance patrol to reconnoiter enemy territory not previously entered by friendly troops. Penetrating the area the patrol successfully determined the location of enemy positions and returned without detection. The information obtained by Private Jewell was of great value in planning the subsequent successful attacks against this area.

Sergeant (then Private) John A. Harris (Army serial No. 14107473), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. As the squad in which Sergeant Harris was an automatic rifleman moved through a ravine bordered by high ridges, it suddenly encountered heavy fire from a fortified position which halted further progress and killed the squad leader. While under heavy fire Sergeant Harris and a companion moved into a position from which they placed such effective automatic rifle fire on the enemy that the remaining members of the squad were able to move to covered positions without further casualties.

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Section I - Award of the Soldier's Medal
Section II - Award of the Silver Star

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 (Bulletin No. 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFFOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class George Pease (Army serial No. 32236362), Company D, 111th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroism displayed off Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 30 October 1944. When a small boat carrying five men became stranded behind a coral reef during a heavy squall, Private Pease voluntarily swam with a line from the vessel on which he was serving to the imperiled boat. Although tired from the long swim through high waves and bruised and cut by coral, he helped secure the line and free the boat from the reef, an then, because the rescued craft was already overloaded, swam back to the vessel from which he started. His heroic action saved the occupants of the small boat from drowning or serious injury on the jagged coral.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFFOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANK H. CARLSON, 01017246, 776th Amphibian Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. As a group of amphibian tanks landed on the beach with the first assault wave of the landing force, an obstacle of earth and logs was encountered which stopped further advance. Although the beach was swept by enemy fire from nearby pillboxes, LIEUTENANT CARLSON mounted the open deck of one of the tanks and, while thus exposed, directed two vehicles to a position from which the heavy weapons of the tanks could fire directly into the fortifications. After one pillbox had been demolished LIEUTENANT CARLSON was directing the attack on another when he was fatally wounded. By his inspirational acts of fortitude and courage LIEUTENANT CARLSON greatly assisted in the success of the initial operations on the landing beach.

Technical Sergeant Raleigh Wiser (Army serial No. 34329384), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. Discovering the location of an enemy pillbox from which his platoon was receiving heavy automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Wiser voluntarily assumed the mission of destroying it. Moving alone into the enemy lines for approximately 150 yards, he placed and fired demolition charges which resulted in the destruction of the enemy emplacement and its occupants. By his gallant actions he removed an obstacle which permitted his platoon to continue the advance. His conduct in battle was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Infantryman.

(Sec II, GO No. 130, Hq 81st Inf Div, 21 Dec 44, contd)

Staff Sergeant Francis E. Dayton (Army serial No. 39828480), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Sergeant Dayton was directing the actions of his light machine gun section when the attack of the supported units was halted by enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Observing a position from which more effective fire could be delivered, he started one of his squads forward when enemy fire wounded four men, including himself. Despite his wounds, Sergeant Dayton personally took charge of the machine gun and advanced it to the selected position, where while firing the gun, he was mortally wounded. The gallant actions and indomitable spirit of Sergeant Dayton permitted the company to resume its advance and ultimately capture the enemy position.

Staff Sergeant Raymond L. Radtke (Army serial No. 36182965), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Sergeant Radtke was directing the action of his squad in a platoon attack against an enemy-held hill when its advance was halted by heavy small-arms fire from unlocated sources. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Radtke advanced alone in an attempt to determine the positions of the enemy. While on this mission he was wounded, but despite the severity of his wounds, he continued to direct the actions of his squad until he was evacuated. His gallant conduct will be a lasting inspiration to all members of his organization.

Staff Sergeant Charles O. Marbeth (Army serial No. 36349420), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. Sergeant Marbeth was directing the attack of his platoon when enemy rifle and machine gun fire halted the advance. Moving forward in an attempt to locate the source of the enemy fire, Sergeant Marbeth was wounded in the arm. Despite this wound, he continued to direct the movement and disposition of his platoon until he was struck a second time, this wound resulting in his death. The gallant actions and outstanding leadership of Sergeant Marbeth inspired the men of his platoon to higher achievement.

Sergeant Joseph M. Moddy (Army serial No. 36059896), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. While directing the actions of his squad on a reconnaissance mission Sergeant Moddy personally took the lead and reconnoitered all positions suspected of harboring the enemy before permitting other members of his squad to advance. After locating a cave suspected of concealing an enemy group, Sergeant Moddy discovered booby traps about the cave. These he promptly disarmed, then returned to his squad from which he obtained a demolition charge with which to destroy the emplacement. While in process of placing this charge in the emplacement he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His fearless and courageous actions on this hazardous mission and his outstanding leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Ermon G. Dunham (Army serial No. 36059825), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944. When a litter squad was being formed to evacuate an infantryman who had fallen wounded, Sergeant Dunham, although suffering from an injury at the time, volunteered to join. The litter bearers advanced up a steep slope under heavy enemy fire but before they could reach the stricken man two of the rescue party were wounded and Sergeant Dunham killed by enemy grenade fragments. The gallantry of Sergeant Dunham in giving his life for another is an example of the highest standards of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty.

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Section I - Award of the Purple Heart
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star
Section III - Award of the Soldier's Medal

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to 1ST LT JACK R. FINN, 01283933, 322d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to 1ST LT ARTHUR W. WADE, 01238978, 322d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 5 October 1944.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFFOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Willis E. Hall (Army serial No. 37620424), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. The squad of which Private Hall was a member was participating in a platoon attack against an enemy position when terrain difficulties necessitated its advance through a defile. While in the defile enemy rifle fire was received which wounded Private Hall. Despite his wounds, he engaged the enemy by fire and covered the movement of the squad to better positions. The heroic actions of Private Hall made possible the successful maneuver of the squad without further casualties.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) JAMES K. McCONCHIE, 0538843, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. When a company suffered numerous casualties from the explosion of a heavy enemy land mine, CHAPLAIN McCONCHIE, battalion chaplain, immediately proceeded to the scene. Despite the constant menace of enemy fire, he labored unceasingly to evacuate the wounded and restore confidence to the shaken men. By his zealous concern for the physical welfare of the men and his calm and sincere spiritual guidance, CHAPLAIN McCONCHIE won the unreserved admiration of all members of the battalion.

Private Howard R. Jordan, (Army serial No. 34474669), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. The company to which Private Jordan was assigned was ordered to make an attack over terrain which required movement through a defile subjected to enemy rifle fire at close range. Private Jordan and five other men volunteered to erect a sandbag wall to permit a safer passage of the company. This group, working under the cover of smoke grenades for approximately one hour while exposed to rifle fire, succeeded in erecting the barricade. The courageous actions of Private Jordan were a major factor in the successful accomplishment of the company's mission.

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Private First Class Charles A. Newcomb (Army serial No. 34285797), Company C, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. As the squad in which Private Newcomb was a rifleman moved through a ravine bordered by high ridges, it suddenly encountered heavy fire from a fortified position which halted further progress and killed the squad leader. While under heavy fire Private Newcomb and a companion moved into a position from which they placed such effective automatic rifle fire on the enemy that the remaining members of the squad were able to move to covered positions without further casualties.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LYFORD L. CRAIG, 01545169, Medical Administrative Corps, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944. Behind the shelter of a tank a volunteer litter squad composed of LIEUTENANT CRAIG and three others, moved up a valley bordered by high ridges to evacuate an infantryman who had fallen wounded on one of the ridges. When the tank could progress no further due to the terrain, the litter team continued to advance up the steep slope under heavy enemy fire but before they could reach the stricken man three of the rescue party including LIEUTENANT CRAIG were wounded by enemy grenade fragments. Although his wounds prevented him from accomplishing the mission he volunteered to perform, the gallant action of LIEUTENANT CRAIG in risking his life to save another won the respect and admiration of all his comrades.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence E. Colby (Army serial No. 20602972), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944. In order to determine the effective fields of fire of previously selected machine gun positions atop a high ridge Sergeant Colby voluntarily scaled the steep rocky side of the ridge. Upon completion of his mission he anchored a scaling rope for future use. The heroic action of Sergeant Colby determined the feasibility of the construction of gun positions which were of major importance in the final drive that eliminated all remaining enemy resistance on the island.

Private First Class Robert D. Walters (Army serial No. 37419328), Company C, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944. Behind the shelter of a tank a volunteer litter squad composed of Private Walters and three others, moved up a valley bordered by high ridges to evacuate an infantryman who had fallen wounded on one of the ridges. When the tank could progress no further due to the terrain, the litter team continued to advance up the steep slope under heavy enemy fire but before they could reach the stricken man, three of the rescue party were wounded by enemy grenade fragments. Although enemy action prevented him from accomplishing the mission he volunteered to perform, the gallant action of Private Walters in risking his life to save another, won the respect and admiration of all his comrades.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 69, cs, this headquarters, as reads "Private Sidney R. Pechenuk (Army serial No. 32649855), 592d Joint Assault Signal Company" is amended to read "Private First Class Sidney R. Pechenuk (Army serial No. 32649855), 592d Joint Assault Signal Company".

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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 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

MAJOR DALIAS A. PILLIOD, 01286349, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. As battalion commander MAJOR PILLIOD learned that rumors of enemy strength and difficulties of terrain had been circulated to such an extent that one of his companies appeared hesitant in making an assault against its assigned objective. Realizing the seriousness of the situation MAJOR PILLIOD took command of the company and courageously led it to its objective. By his expeditious appraisal of a critical situation and his decisive remedial action he reestablished a high state of morale within a disorganized unit, and proved himself an exemplary leader.

Staff Sergeant Robert A. McCauley (Army serial No. 39607047), Company C, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. As an infantry unit moved through a ravine to close in on enemy strongpoints, heavy fire was received from caves located in surrounding ridges. Notwithstanding the enemy fire directed at him, Sergeant McCauley, climbed a cliff above one of the caves from which location he lowered an explosive charge attached to a rope into the cave but the enemy cut the rope before the charge was detonated. Sergeant McCauley persisted in his efforts until he succeeded in setting off a charge in the entrance to the cave, completely neutralizing the position. By reason of his outstanding soldierly qualities of courage and tenacity he materially aided the infantry unit in accomplishing its mission.

Private First Class George T. Walden (Army serial No. 34778405), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. Private Walden, a rifleman, was accompanying his platoon in an advance into an enemy position. While advancing through a defile with high pinnacles rising on either side, the platoon received enemy machine gun and rifle fire which caused several casualties. With complete disregard for his personal safety and despite the enemy fire, Private Walden and a companion voluntarily scaled the highest pinnacle. From this position he assisted his companion in delivering effective automatic rifle fire on the enemy. When the automatic rifle could no longer be used because of overheating a light machine gun was substituted and the fire on the enemy continued until Private Walden was wounded. The fearless acts of Private Walden were instrumental in permitting the evacuation of the wounded and in maneuvering the platoon to a more tenable position.

Technical Sergeant Alfred C. Sell (Army serial No. 19018657), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944. When the construction of machine gun positions on a ridge eighty feet high became necessary in order to deliver more effective supporting fire, Sergeant Sell with total disregard for sporadic enemy rifle fire scaled the steep rocky side of the ridge and by means of ropes hauled up sandbags with which to construct a position. He was later joined by other members of his company and continued to supervise the construction of this position, and on two subsequent days completed other positions in equally precarious locations. The personal courage under enemy fire of Sergeant Sell and his outstanding leadership substantially contributed to the ultimate destruction of the last pockets of enemy resistance on the island.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Jack D. Gay, (Army serial No. 38174452), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. As a patrol led by Sergeant Gay was returning from a reconnaissance mission it was subjected to an attack which caused numerous casualties among his men. Sergeant Gay immediately returned to his company area where he organized a rescue party and led it under hostile machine gun fire to the stricken men. The heroic action of Sergeant Gay resulted in the safe evacuation of the casualties and unquestionably saved the lives of many of his comrades.

Private First Class Stephen W. White (Army serial No. 39243938), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 - 18 September 1944. Private White, a radio operator, occupied the same position with a platoon leader and a platoon sergeant, who were killed during a strong enemy counterattack. Heedless of the hazards of his location Private White remained at this post. From time to time he was obliged to expose himself to enemy fire in order to obtain important information, so that he could inform the company command post of the progress of the action by means of his radio. Private White's courage and tenacity helped materially in repulsing the counterattack.

Private First Class Arthur L. Harris (Army serial No. 35759061), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. During the fighting on this date on the high ground to which the enemy had retreated from the beaches, heavy rifle fire had caused numerous casualties among our troops. Private Harris, a rifleman, voluntarily replaced a wounded litter bearer and, heedless of the enemy action, assisted in evacuating the wounded. Though exhausted by several trips with the litter team over rough ground, he rejected an opportunity to rest and continued his efforts until he was wounded by a sniper's bullet while evacuating the last casualty from the area. His heroic action is an example of self-sacrifice and fidelity to duty.

Private Barney L. Cobb (Army serial No. 34331873), Company C, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944. Behind the shelter of a tank a volunteer litter squad composed of Private Cobb and three others, moved up a valley bordered by high ridges to evacuate an infantryman who had fallen wounded on one of the ridges. When the tank could progress no further due to the terrain, the litter team continued to advance up the steep slope under heavy enemy fire but before they could reach the stricken man three of the rescue party including Private Cobb were wounded by enemy grenade fragments. Although his wounds prevented him from accomplishing the mission he volunteered to perform, the gallant action of Private Cobb in risking his life to save another, won the respect and admiration of all his comrades.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Third Grade Masao Abe (Army serial No. 39163520), Headquarters Company, Pacific Ocean Areas. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 25 October 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Hugh E. Whitney (Army serial No. 39178261), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 25 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Gerald D. Wilcox (Army serial No. 36505456), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALBERT F. HENNING, JR., 0485158, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 26 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Robert P. Burleson (Army serial No. 38105795), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944.

Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Harold O. Clinton (Army serial No. 39842643), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. During a strong enemy counterattack the platoon in which Sergeant Clinton was a squad leader was subjected to intense rifle and mortar fire which killed both the platoon leader and the platoon sergeant. Realizing that prompt action was vital to prevent disorganization, Sergeant Clinton assumed command of the platoon, reorganized its position, and enabled it to carry on with its mission. His exemplary leadership and initiative saved the platoon from further casualties and were largely responsible for repulsing the counterattack.

Private First Class Kenneth H. Gunther (Army serial No. 33745655), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 1 October 1944. The company to which Private Gunther was assigned, suffered casualties from enemy rifle fire from dominating positions overlooking the area. He voluntarily returned to the rear in order to secure a litter to be used in the evacuation of a casualty, fully realizing that any movement could be observed by the enemy and that difficulties of the terrain would make progress slow. Returning with the litter over the same exposed area, he was wounded by an enemy sniper before he could reach the casualty. By his courageous actions Private Gunther won the respect and commendation of his company.

Staff Sergeant Glenn E. Niehaus (Army serial No. 36059643), Company E, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. Sergeant Niehaus accompanied a patrol which was forced by enemy machine gun and rifle fire to abandon its route of approach and seek another. Upon reaching a position of comparative safety it was learned that a member of the patrol had been seriously wounded and was unable to withdraw. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Niehaus went back into the area swept by enemy fire and brought out the wounded man. Sergeant Niehaus' heroic action undoubtedly saved the life of his companion.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Roy C. Montgomery (Army serial No. 36227848), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944. While a patrol which included Private Montgomery, was proceeding on its mission of reconnaissance, the enemy opened fire and wounded one of its members. In order to cover the evacuation Private Montgomery and a companion kept the enemy engaged in a fire fight. In order to do this successfully it was necessary to expose themselves to direct enemy fire. The wounded man was safely removed and the litter bearers were unharmed, but both Private Montgomery and his companion were fatally wounded. By this gallant act, which saved the life of others at the cost of his own, Private Montgomery won an undying place in the memory of his fellow soldiers.

SECOND LIEUTENANT PETER CHIPETTO, 01013813, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. During an enemy counterattack LIEUTENANT CHIPETTO was directing the fire of a machine gun section in support of the movement of a rifle company, when he discovered that the leader of one platoon of the company had been killed. To prevent disorganization of the platoon during the difficult maneuver he took command of the riflemen. In spite of the dangers to which his voluntarily assumed duties subjected him he directed the movement even after receiving wounds from which he later died. LIEUTENANT CHIPETTO's heroic action and outstanding leadership resulted in the successful completion of the movement and undoubtedly prevented many casualties.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

So much of General Orders No. 123, cs, this headquarters, pertaining to Private John R. Boarts (Army serial No. 38105687), Cannon Company, 321st Infantry, as reads "Bronze Star Medal is awarded" is amended to read "Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded".

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1. Technician Third Grade Masao Abe (Army serial No. 39163520), Headquarters Company, Pacific Ocean Areas. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 25 October 1944. Accompanying a regimental combat team as a member of a translator-interpreter team, Technician Abe displayed outstanding initiative and zeal. His untiring efforts in interrogating enemy prisoners of war and translating captured documents were of inestimable value to the combat team commander. While attempting to induce an entrapped group of the enemy to surrender he was wounded. His devotion to duty and ability to obtain intelligence information of an immediate combat nature contributed materially to the success of the operation.

2. Technician Fifth Grade Hugh E. Whitney (Army serial No. 39178261), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 25 October 1944. During this period Technician Whitney accompanied a bulldozer as groundman to remove mines and check the course and grade of new roads. On several occasions Technician Whitney moved ahead of the infantry companies through dense jungle and under enemy fire to take compass bearings for the establishment of new roads which were required to facilitate the advance of the assault elements. His skill and personal courage under fire were material contributing factors to the success of the operations.

3. Staff Sergeant Gerald D. Wilcox (Army serial No. 36505456), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944. When the need became apparent for the construction of machine gun positions atop a high ridge, Sergeant Wilcox scaled the side of the ridge and assisted in the construction. For three days under intermittent enemy rifle fire the sandbagging of positions were continued. Sergeant Wilcox's courage, initiative and energy contributed materially to the success of the final drive of assault troops to eliminate all remaining enemy resistance on the island.

4. FIRST LIEUTENANT ALBERT F. HENNING, JR., 0485158, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 26 October 1944. During this period the platoon led by LIEUTENANT HENNING operated in close support of assault infantry forces. Due to the extremely difficult terrain encountered throughout the operations, LIEUTENANT HENNING's platoon was called upon frequently to construct roads for the movement of tanks and infantry. By skillful planning and excellent organizing ability and by the spirit he instilled in his command, he overcame all obstacles and completed all missions assigned him with thoroughness and dispatch. The leadership and professional skill displayed by LIEUTENANT HENNING contributed greatly to the success of the assault elements.

5. Staff Sergeant Robert P. Burleson (Army serial No. 38105795), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944. When the need became apparent for the construction of machine gun positions atop a high ridge, Sergeant Burleson scaled the side of the ridge and assisted in the construction. For three days under intermittent enemy rifle fire the sandbagging of positions was continued. Sergeant Burleson's courage, initiative and energy contributed materially to the success of the final drive of assault troops to eliminate all remaining enemy resistance on the island.

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SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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Private First Class Hancle M. Casey (Army serial No. 34765654), Company K, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. During an attack on enemy pillboxes the advance of the company in which Private Casey was a rifleman was held up by intense mortar and small arms fire. Disregarding his own safety, Private Casey continued to move forward, firing and throwing hand grenades at the pillboxes, thus engaging the attention of the enemy so that the rest of the company was able to resume the attack. His gallant action, which cost Private Casey his life, contributed greatly to the successful completion of the company's mission.

Private Leo Carpenetti (Army serial No. 33609133), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September 1944. When the enemy in a pillbox placed intense fire on the attacking platoon of which Private Carpenetti was a member, he volunteered to destroy the fortification with demolitions. As he advanced toward his objective, Private Carpenetti was struck by enemy mortar fire. Even after having received the serious wound he struggled to accomplish the mission, but before he could reach the pillbox he expired. By his display of exceptional courage and fortitude Private Carpenetti inspired his comrades and won their highest admiration and esteem.

Private Henry E. Reid (Army serial No. 34685207), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. Leading a company attack against an enemy position, the platoon to which Private Reid was assigned had barely established a foothold on a commanding crest when the enemy counterattacked. Without regard to the enemy's fire he moved to a position in advance of the foremost elements of his platoon from which he delivered effective automatic rifle fire. While so engaged he was mortally wounded by the explosion of a land mine in the vicinity. The gallant actions of Private Reid contributed materially to the repulse of the enemy counterattack and the successful holding of a hard-won position by his platoon.

Private First Class Marion L. Boles (Army serial No. 37203972), Company E, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. After advancing some three hundred yards into a small valley, the patrol of which Private Boles was a member was taken under enemy machine gun and rifle fire and forced to seek cover. The patrol was ordered to withdraw but Private Boles chose first to administer aid to a wounded companion. His gallant self-sacrifice, which cost him his life, will be a constant source of inspiration to his companions.

Private Harold O. Tucker (Army serial No. 37535824), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. Private Tucker, a rifleman, was accompanying his platoon in an advance through a defile flanked by high pinnacles from which the platoon received hostile fire. Despite the enemy fire, Private Tucker and a companion voluntarily scaled the highest pinnacle to neutralize the fire on the platoon. With the assistance of his companion who held him in place, he was able to deliver effective automatic rifle fire on the enemy. When the automatic rifle could no longer be used because of overheating, a light machine gun was substituted and the fire on the enemy continued until his companion was wounded. In attempting to rejoin the platoon, Private Tucker was fatally wounded by enemy fire. The fearless acts of this brave soldier enabled the platoon to evacuate its other casualties and to proceed on its mission.

Private First Class J. D. Sharp (Army serial No. 38174588), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944. While a patrol, which included Private Sharp, was proceeding on its mission of reconnaissance, the enemy opened fire and wounded one of its members. In order to cover the evacuation Private Sharp and a companion kept the enemy engaged in a fire fight. In order to do this successfully it was necessary to expose themselves to direct enemy fire. The wounded man was safely removed and the litter bearers were unharmed, but both Private Sharp and his companion were fatally wounded. By this gallant act, which saved the life of others at the cost of his own, Private Sharp won an undying place in the memory of his fellow soldiers.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Robert E. Pfalzer (Army serial No. 35687036), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. The company to which Technician Pfalzer was assigned was attacking an enemy position supported by tanks when heavy fire halted the advance of the infantry. Radio contact with the tanks was broken and the tanks were continuing without infantry support. Realizing the possibility of the tanks being cut off by enemy infantry, Technician Pfalzer on his own initiative dashed forward despite the hazards, and by means of a telephone fastened to the rear of a tank, notified the commander of the existing situation. The heroic action of Technician Pfalzer aided materially in the coordinating of the infantry-tank action in a critical situation.

Private First Class John F. Nolan (Army serial No. 31193407), Company B, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When two men of his platoon were wounded by enemy mortar fire Private Nolan volunteered to assist in an attempt to evacuate them. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, Private Nolan succeeded in reaching the wounded men and assisted in evacuating them safely.

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Technician Fourth Grade Clyde B. Winfield (Army serial No. 34019606), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. Shortly after landing, the company to which Technician Winfield was attached as a company aid man, was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire emanating from three caves. Observing two wounded men Technician Winfield, without hesitation, moved forward under the enemy machine gun fire and administered aid to each man in turn. Establishing one of the wounded in a relatively safe and comfortable position, he returned to the second man and, unassisted, evacuated him from the lane of enemy fire. The gallant actions of Technician Winfield saved the lives of two comrades and won the admiration of all witnesses.

Private First Class Walter W. Greenlund (Army serial No. 31182171), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. Just prior to dawn the position occupied by Private Greenlund and two others was subjected to a heavy enemy grenade attack which rendered their machine gun inoperative. Although wounded by grenade fragments, Private Greenlund and his companions continued their action against the enemy using their secondary weapons until the attack was repulsed. By reason of the fortitude and tenacity of Private Greenlund and his companions an enemy breakthrough in the area of his position was prevented.

Private First Class Jack D. McKinney (Army serial No. 6668997), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944. The combat patrol of which Private McKinney was a member encountered fire from an enemy strongpoint which checked further progress. Voluntarily Private McKinney and a companion scaled a ridge while exposed to hostile rifle and grenade fire and here they engaged and killed four enemy soldiers who held the position. The courageous action of Private McKinney and his companion permitted the patrol to advance and to accomplish its mission.

Private First Class Henry Sebert, Jr. (Army serial No. 36871193), Company G, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944. The combat patrol of which Private Sebert was a member encountered fire from an enemy strongpoint which checked further progress. Voluntarily Private Sebert and a companion scaled a ridge while exposed to hostile rifle and grenade fire and here they engaged and killed four enemy soldiers who held the position. The courageous action of Private Sebert and his companion permitted the patrol to advance and to accomplish its mission.

Technician Fifth Grade Elmer H. Burns (Army serial No. 36423846), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. While attacking a strong enemy position in a cliff, a platoon encountered extremely heavy fire and was forced to take cover. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private Burns worked his way to five wounded men and administered first aid. As soon as the enemy fire lessened he helped several of the less seriously wounded men over the rocky terrain to a position from which they could be evacuated. On his last trip he was struck in the shoulder by a bullet, but because other aid men had many casualties to care for, Private Burns refused help and made his way to the aid station alone. Private Burns' disregard for his personal safety relieved much suffering and probably saved several lives.

Private First Class Raymond W. Stephenson (Army serial No. 16076738), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944. During the advance of an infantry company to which Private Stephenson was attached, an enemy force was encountered which halted progress of the unit. During the ensuing action Private Stephenson moved from man to man, collecting hand grenades and carried them forward to men who could more effectively engage the enemy. Later, when he observed a litter squad attempting to reach a casualty in an exposed position, he voluntarily advanced and by throwing smoke grenades effectively screened the actions of the litter squad. While so engaged he was wounded by enemy grenade fragments. The fearless actions of Private Stephenson won the admiration of all witnesses and greatly assisted in the success of the combat.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technical Sergeant William F. Clapp (Army serial No. 34306286), Company B, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When two men of his platoon were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Sergeant Clapp volunteered to assist in an attempt to evacuate them. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, Sergeant Clapp succeeded in reaching the wounded men and assisted in evacuating them safely.

Staff Sergeant Everett L. Baker (Army serial No. 17057926), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. Learning that a member of his section had been wounded and had not received aid treatment, Sergeant Baker voluntarily left his position of relative safety in an attempt to evacuate the casualty. Moving forward under enemy rifle fire, he was wounded before he accomplished his mission. The spirit of self-sacrifice shown by Sergeant Baker won the admiration and esteem of all members of his section.

Private First Class Ernest R. Milstead (Army serial No. 34278673), Company I, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 November 1944. Private Milstead was a member of a patrol operating in a small, canyon-like valley to secure enemy-held caves by detonating explosives in the entrances and burning the interiors with flame throwers. While advancing on one cave the enemy directed small arms fire at the patrol. Despite this fire Private Milstead advanced to the cave entrance with his flame thrower and burned out the interior. Private Milstead's disregard of his own safety and his courageous action enabled the patrol to accomplish its mission.

Staff Sergeant Cecil Brown (Army serial No. 34125293), Company B, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When two men of his platoon were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Sergeant Brown volunteered to assist in an attempt to evacuate them. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, Sergeant Brown succeeded in reaching the wounded men and assisted in evacuating them safely.

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, D, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Joseph C. Amato (Army serial No. 32922754), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. Just prior to dawn the position occupied by Private Amato and two others was subjected to a heavy enemy grenade attack which rendered their machine gun inoperative. Although wounded by grenade fragments which later proved fatal, Private Amato and his companions continued their action against the enemy using their secondary weapons until the attack was repulsed. By reason of the fortitude and tenacity of Private Amato and his companions an enemy breakthrough in the area of his position was prevented.

Sergeant Hester B. Pennington (Army serial No. 38162774), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Sergeant Pennington and his squad were assigned the mission of patrolling a sector in the ridges overlooking the regimental command post which had been receiving sporadic enemy fire. As he approached the enemy positions through a wooded area, heavy fire forced his squad to take cover. Completely disregarding his personal safety Sergeant Pennington continued to advance alone, firing into the enemy positions until he fell, mortally wounded. His leadership and fearless actions were so inspiring that his squad pressed forward to accomplish the complete destruction of the enemy emplacements and their occupants.

Technician Fifth Grade Philip J. Griego (Army serial No. 38014742), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. During heavy fighting in a ravine surrounded by high ridges to which the enemy had retreated, the squad in which Technician Griego was a rifleman, advanced to new positions from which to press the attack. Voluntarily remaining behind to provide covering fire, Technician Griego discovered an enemy sniper and, rising to a standing position to secure a field of fire, killed the sniper but was himself mortally wounded by an undetected enemy rifleman. The courage and self-sacrifice of Technician Griego in giving his life to protect his comrades will always be remembered by those with whom he served.

Staff Sergeant Harry J. Taylor (Army serial No. 6573491), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. In order to more effectively accomplish his assigned mission of supporting an attack by machine gun fire, Sergeant Taylor was forced by terrain to select an open position for one of his guns under accurate enemy sniper fire. Rather than expose a member of his section to this fire, Sergeant Taylor himself assumed the duties of gunner and while engaged in delivering accurate supporting fire, was mortally wounded. His gallant self-sacrifice and his fortitude will always be an inspiration to the men of his organization.

Staff Sergeant Stanley P. Botowic, Jr. (Army serial No. 20608179), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 19 October 1944. As a squad led by Sergeant Botowic moved forward to attack an enemy-held hill it encountered a sudden burst of fire from enemy machine guns. Despite the intensity of the fire Sergeant Botowic refused to take cover and directed the movement of the squad to a position of comparative safety but was mortally wounded during this heroic action. The devotion of Sergeant Botowic to the welfare of his men and his leadership will always live in the memories of those whom he led in battle.

Sergeant Charles W. Shirell (Army serial No. 38162540), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 20 October 1944. In order to prevent casualties among his men during an impending attack against enemy positions, Sergeant Shirell ordered his squad to remain in position while he advanced alone to a high exposed point from which to observe the enemy action. At this point he encountered the fire of two snipers and in the fight which ensued killed one of the enemy but was himself fatally wounded. By his devotion to the welfare of his men and the heroic action he took to insure their safety at the cost of his own life, Sergeant Shirell won the respect and admiration of all.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFFOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant Mario F. Barsi (Army serial No. 39642239), Combany B, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When two men of his platoon were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Sergeant Barsi volunteered to assist in an attempt to evacuate them. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, Sergeant Barsi succeeded in reaching the wounded men and assisted in evacuating them safely.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RAYMOND h. HAWTHORNE, 0531752, Company D, 88th Chemical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. While in his foxhole for protection from enemy small-arms fire, LIEUTENANT HAWTHORNE observed an armored bulldozer moving in reverse, about to crush a wounded soldier. Leaving his position of safety, LIEUTENANT HAWTHORNE moved rapidly through the enemy fire until he could attract the attention of the bulldozer operator and stop it. The heroic actions of LIEUTENANT HAWTHORNE saved the life of the wounded soldier.

Private First Class Thomas P. Murphy (Army serial No. 37573655), Company B, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When two men of his platoon were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Private Murphy volunteered to assist in an attempt to evacuate them. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, Private Murphy succeeded in reaching the wounded men and assisted in evacuating them safely.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class James G. Whiteley (Army serial No. 38177689), Company B, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When two men of his platoon were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Private Whiteley volunteered to assist in an attempt to evacuate them. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, Private Whiteley advanced to assist in rescuing the wounded men and while so engaged was mortally wounded.

Private Warren O. Starnes (Army serial No. 39705816), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 10 October 1944. Private Starnes was with his platoon which was acting as security for a road construction project when it was attacked by an enemy patrol. Private Starnes advanced on the enemy and was successful in driving them from their positions into the open where they were destroyed by other members of the platoon. While engaged on this hazardous mission, Private Starnes was mortally wounded. By his initiative and courage he aided materially in the success of the action by his platoon.

Private First Class Thomas L. Cooke (Army serial No. 36707509), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army: For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September 1944. The advance against an enemy position by the platoon to which Private Cooke was attached was checked by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Observing a crew member of an accompanying tank wounded by 70-mm gun fire, Private Cooke, with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced to the side of the wounded man, administered first aid and, unassisted, evacuated him to a position of safety. The heroic actions of Private Cooke were an inspiration to all members of his platoon.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Glen C. Aguirre (Army serial No. 39842317), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. When in close proximity to a strongly held and highly fortified enemy position, the platoon of which Sergeant Aguirre was a member was struck by heavy enemy fire which caused numerous casualties. When the platoon moved to a position more advantageous for engaging the enemy, Sergeant Aguirre and a company aid man remained behind and under the covering fire of their platoon leader successfully evacuated eight casualties to positions of safety. By reason of Sergeant Aguirre's calm disregard of his own safety he aided materially in saving the lives of his wounded comrades.

Sergeant , B. Guy (Army serial No. 34474823), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 15 October 1944. Sergeant Guy was a leading scout with a platoon attempting to establish contact between two adjacent rifle companies. When it appeared that the platoon might be unable to accomplish its mission owing to the enemy fire, Sergeant Guy, regardless of danger, made a reconnaissance, succeeded in finding a secure route and guided the platoon to gain the desired contact. By reason of Sergeant Guy's initiative and courageous action the platoon was enabled to accomplish its mission.

Private First Class Coy R. Beaver (Army serial No. 38178181), Company B, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When two men of his platoon were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Private Beaver volunteered to assist in an attempt to evacuate them. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, Private Beaver succeeded in reaching the wounded men and assisted in evacuating them safely.

Corporal Stanley Augustine (Army serial No. 39243894), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. While advancing over difficult ground on combat patrol, the platoon to which Corporal Augustine was attached as an aid man, was brought under enemy fire, and a leading scout wounded. Although the fire was so intense that all members of the platoon sought cover, Corporal Augustine unhesitatingly went forward and administered first aid. For his heroic and unselfish act Corporal Augustine won the admiration and well-merited confidence of all members of the platoon.

Staff Sergeant Henry Hyde (Army serial No. 16065566), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944. Sergeant Hyde's squad was given the mission of protecting supporting tanks and directing their fire against the enemy caves from which our troops were receiving heavy rifle fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Hyde placed himself in a position necessarily exposed, and directed the fire of the tanks by using tracer bullets and hand-and-arm signals. In performing this dangerous task, Sergeant Hyde displayed exceptional courage and through his efforts the tanks were able to neutralize the enemy position.

Private Lester R. Thompson (Army serial No. 37416272), Company C, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944. While advancing into a small valley strongly held by the enemy, Private Thompson, a member of a patrol, crossed the valley floor which was devoid of cover, in order to locate the cave from which the enemy was throwing grenades. When Private Thompson located the cave he advanced under grenade fire and neutralized the cave with an explosive charge. Private Thompson's courageous action assisted greatly in the eventual defeat of the enemy in this area.

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SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Glenn C. Aguirre
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So much of General Orders 137, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division dated 29 December 1944 as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Sergeant Glen C. Aguirre, 39 842 317, is amended to read "Sergeant Glenn C. Aguirre, 39 842 317.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
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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 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Leslie L. McKnight (Army serial No. 36505332), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. On the initial advance from the beachhead the platoon of which Sergeant McKnight was a member encountered hostile fire from a cave. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant McKnight advanced under the covering fire of one automatic rifleman until he reached the roof of the cave. From this position he hurled hand grenades into the cave and neutralized the fire of its occupants. The gallant actions of Sergeant McKnight in the early moments of the initial combat mission of his platoon inspired his men to greater efforts in the ensuing combat.

Sergeant Delbert L. Fellers (Army serial No. 34379969), Company F, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. As the platoon in which Sergeant Fellers was an assistant squad leader, attacked a strongly fortified enemy position, heavy mortar and machine gun fire was received which caused several casualties including the platoon leader, thereby temporarily stopping the advance. Sergeant Fellers, together with three companions crossed the open, rough terrain in the face of this fire to destroy the enemy machine gun. In the fire fight which ensued, Sergeant Fellers together with the other members of the patrol succeeded in their mission by killing the enemy gun crew. The heroic and determined action by Sergeant Fellers was an important contributing factor in the continuance of the successful advance of the platoon.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL (then MAJOR) THOMAS D. McPHAIL, 0348129, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. COLONEL McPHAIL as battalion commander was assigned the mission of capturing a naturally strong hill, fortified and defended in strength by the enemy. With complete disregard for the heavy enemy fire, COLONEL McPHAIL accompanied his forward elements and occupied forward observations posts in order to more closely supervise the execution of his orders. His aggressive actions and exemplary leadership so inspired his battalion that the objective was overrun, four 77-mm. guns captured, and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy.

Private First Class Leo D. Haenftling (Army serial No. 33731488), Company F, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. As the platoon in which Private Haenftling was a rifleman, attacked a strongly fortified enemy position, heavy mortar and machine gun fire was received which caused several casualties including the platoon leader, thereby temporarily stopping the advance. Private Haenftling, together with three companions, crossed the open, rough terrain in the face of this fire to destroy the enemy machine gun. In the fire fight which ensued, Private Haenftling together with the other members of the patrol succeeded in their mission by killing the enemy gun crew. The heroic and determined action by Private Haenftling was an important contributing factor in the continuance of the successful advance of the platoon.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Carl E. Franklin (Army serial No. 34305623), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. Private Franklin, an automatic rifleman, was assigned the mission of covering the advance of an assault squad engaged in clearing out enemy caves and pillboxes. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly placed himself in exposed positions so as to deliver more effective covering fire. By his heroic actions, Private Franklin displayed exceptional courage and enabled his squad successfully to complete its mission. He was subsequently killed in action against the enemy.

Private First Class Owen W. Monger (Army serial No. 39177133), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 3 September 1944. During a strong enemy counterattack the ammunition supply of the platoon of which Private Monger was assigned was being rapidly depleted. To reach the ammunition dump it was necessary to cross an exposed area which was being subjected to heavy rifle and machine gun fire. Private Monger volunteered to return to the dump and bring forward a resupply, which he did successfully. His courageous actions aided materially in repulsing this enemy counterattack. Private Monger was subsequently mortally wounded on Peleliu Island.

Private First Class James [illegible]adigan (Army serial No. 36729250), Company K, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. During an assault on enemy positions the company to which Private Madigan was assigned was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire which caused numerous casualties. Realizing that the company aid men would be unable to care for all the wounded, Private Madigan, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his personal safety, administered first aid and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. While so engaged he was mortally wounded. The courageous self-sacrifice of Private Madigan will be a lasting inspiration to his comrades.

Corporal Leroy McNoel (Army serial No. 38129896), Company D, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. As a machine gun section of which Corporal McNoel was a member, was emplacing its guns a mortar shell burst in the position, wounding four men. Corporal McNoel, although severely wounded, moved to a position from which he could protect with rifle fire, the remainder of the section. The wounds he received subsequently proved fatal. Corporal McNoel's exceptional courage was an inspiration to all his comrades who were witnesses to the incident.

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Section I - Award of the Purple Heart
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SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Sgt George Kraus, 32524434, 322d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 11 October 1944.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Ben Odeimin (Army serial No. 36158604), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 10 October 1944. While furnishing protection for a road construction party, the platoon of which Private Odeimin was a member, was attacked by the enemy and two men killed. Private Odeimin volunteered to lead a patrol to the position of his two fallen companions. While on this mission Private Odeimin was shot and instantly killed by enemy fire. His unselfish bravery in attempting to secure the bodies of his comrades is a cherished memory of all members of the platoon.

Private First Class William R. Phillips (Army serial No. 39843462), Company D, (321st Infantry,) United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 20 October 1944. When a member of his machine gun section was wounded by an enemy mortar shell, Private Phillips without hesitation and without regard for his personal safety, left a position of comparative safety and advanced over rocky and difficult terrain in the face of enemy sniper fire to administer first aid and later assist in the evacuation of the wounded man. His heroic and determined action in going to the aid of a stricken comrade in the face of grave danger exemplifies the highest military tradition. Private Phillips was killed as a result of enemy action at a later date.

Private First Class James T. Davis (Army serial No. 34520347), Company B, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944. When two men of his platoon were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Private Davis volunteered to assist in an attempt to evacuate them. With complete disregard for his personal safety and while subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, Private Davis succeeded in reaching the wounded men and assisted in evacuating them safely.

Private First Class Harry E. Andersen (Army serial No. 39337931), Company E, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 October 1944. Two enemy night attacks caused numerous casualties, forced the withdrawal of the outpost, and exposed the left flank of the company to which Private Andersen was assigned. Private Andersen voluntarily joined a patrol which by counterattack recovered the high ground initially seized by the enemy. His heroic action contributed materially to the tactical security of the company's position. Private Andersen was killed in a later action.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Dominic J. Parenti (Army serial No. 33368900), Company I, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. In an attempt to cross an open area the platoon of which Private Parenti was a member, received heavy machine gun fire which caused several casualties and some disorganization. By example, Private Parenti demonstrated to other members of the platoon how to cross the dangerous area with safety. Observing several men who in the confusion had lost their direction, Private Parenti quickly overtook them and led them to the main body of the platoon. The initiative and leadership of Private Parenti extricated his platoon from a dangerous position without further casualties.

Private Roy Pavich (Army serial No. 36351058), Company L, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Private Pavich was participating with his platoon in an attack against a strongly fortified enemy position when heavy enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire was encountered. Voluntarily Private Pavich advanced to the crest of a ridge from which he delivered effective fire on the enemy despite a leg wound received during his movement. The heroic actions of Private Pavich were instrumental in covering the forward movement of the platoon and its firm establishment on the ridge first occupied by him.

First Sergeant Vilho Mattson (Army serial No. 6540724), Company E, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 October 1944. Two enemy night attacks caused numerous casualties, forced the withdrawal of the outpost, and exposed the left flank of the company to which Sergeant Mattson was assigned. Sergeant Mattson organized and led a patrol in a counterattack which recovered the high ground initally seized by the enemy. The heroic action of Sergeant Mattson contributed materially to the tactical security of his company's position.

Private First Class John Forcia (Army serial No. 36183420), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. In an advance through a draw, the platoon to which Private Forcia was assigned as an aid man, received heavy enemy fire from two caves located on either side which caused two casualties. After rocket launchers had been fired into the caves, Private Forcia without regard for his personal safety advanced under enemy fire to aid the wounded men. He found one of the men dead, so he moved the other to a comparatively safe place and administered first aid. Private Forcia's fearless action was largely responsible for saving the life of a wounded comrade.

Private First Class Wilber L. Johnston (Army serial No. 38541722), Company E, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 October 1944. Two enemy night attacks caused numerous casualties, forced the withdrawal of the outpost, and exposed the left flank of the company to which Private Johnston was assigned. Private Johnston voluntarily joined a patrol which by counterattack recovered the high ground initally seized by the enemy. The heroic action of Private Johnston contributed materially to the tactical security of his company's position.

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARCUS B. BELL, 06616, Assistant Division Commander, 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18-20 September 1944. Shortly after dark on 18 September GENERAL BELL proceeded on a voluntary mission through an area in which enemy patrols were known to be operating in order to expedite delivery of division orders to a regimental commander for the attack on the following day. Throughout the two days which followed he accompanied forward elements of the regiment in the attack, frequently exposing himself to hostile fire in order to confer with and advise junior leaders. In the forward area the leading elements were encouraged and inspired by his calmness under fire. GENERAL BELL's courageous actions contributed materially to the success of the attack.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM M. RODGERS, 0279684, Commanding Officer, 710th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18-20 September 1944. In order to be able to ascertain facts concerning reported unsatisfactory results of infantry-tank action on the day of the landing on Angaur Island, LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROGERS went forward to the front lines in a tank on 18 September. Being unsuccessful in contacting the infantry and tank commanders while in the tank, he dismounted and moved about on foot in an area subjected to enemy rifle and mortar fire. Again on 19 September he was present in the forefront of the tank action. On 20 September, while with the advanced troops, he entered a fire-swept area on foot to indicate measures for the removal of a disabled tank from a defile. By his close supervision of elements of his battalion in the forward areas, he was able to initiate necessary corrective action promptly, thereby contributing materially to the success of infantry-tank teams in the operation.

Staff Sergeant James F. Ustick (Army serial No. 32536945), Company F, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. As the platoon in which Sergeant Ustick was a squad leader, attacked a strongly fortified enemy position, heavy mortar and machine gun fire was received which caused several casualties including the platoon leader, thereby temporarily stopping the advance. Sergeant Ustick, together with three companions, crossed the open, rough terrain in the face of this fire to destroy the enemy machine gun. In the fire fight which ensued, Sergeant Ustick together with the other members of the patrol succeeded in their mission by killing the enemy gun crew. The heroic and determined action by Sergeant Ustick was [illegible] the continuance of the successful advance of the platoon.

Private First Class Lee U. Myers (Army serial No. 37[illegible]244), Company F, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 4 November 1944. The platoon of which Private Myers was a member was engaged in a fire fight with the enemy when the increasing intensity of the enemy fire forced a manauver to more favorable positions. Observing a battalion aid man wounded and fully realizing that any movement would attract enemy fire, Private Myers and another man, despite the enemy fire directed at them, reached the wounded man and evacuated him to a position of safety. Private Myers' total disregard for his personal safety and his actions under fire were an inspiration to his platoon.

Private First Class Joseph M. Shramko (Army serial No. 39243778), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944. Several casualties occurred during an attack by the company to which Private Shramko, a member of the battalion wire team, was attached. Despite the intense action he left his place of shelter and carried one of the wounded men to the protection of a tank where he administered first aid. Then he followed behind the tank as it advanced, and laid a telephone wire connecting the battalion and company command post. He discovered later that the line had been broken so he again entered the area exposed to hostile fire and successfully repaired the break. By his disregard for his personal safety and his devotion to duty, Private Shramko contributed materially to the success of the operations.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERNEST H. WILSON, 016160, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 22 September - 22 October 1944.

Private Alcide E. LePage (Army serial No. 31282405), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BARNEY E. MEADERS, 01105019, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 25 September - 2 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Hilton L. Gust (Army serial No. 17080236), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944.

CAPTAIN EDWARD L. LOCKMAN, JR., 0308815, Company D, 88th Chemical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 27 November 1944.

Private Rual A. Potter (Army serial No. 38130057), Antitank Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 - 25 November 1944. During this period, Private Potter and seven others comprising the crew of a flamethrower mounted on an amphibian tractor circulated in two valleys formed by cave-pocked ridges in which the enemy was strongly entrenched. Although continuously exposed to enemy fire, from which the vehicle offered no protection, the crew fired the flamethrower with devastating effect into numerous caves and other enemy positions. The courageous actions of Private Potter were a contributing factor toward breaking down the enemy's will to resist in his final stronghold on the island.

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CITATIONS TO ACCOMPANY SECTION II, GENERAL ORDERS NO. 140, HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERNEST H. WILSON, 016160, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 22 September - 22 October 1944. During this period the mission of the 322d Infantry, then commanded by LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILSON, was that of completing destruction of the large part of the enemy's force which had retreated to strong defensive positions in the northwest corner of Angaur Island. The peculiar terrain in this area, with its innumerable caves and other natural defensive positions, in the rough coral formations, made necessary the adaptation of special tactical procedures to accomplish the task. LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILSON met the situation with practical and determined tactical methods and under his close personal supervision in the forward areas, frequently while exposed to hostile fire, he observed the daily progress of his battalions. By 22 October the regiment had cleared the enemy's force from Angaur Island. LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILSON contributed materially to the successful conclusion of the operation.

2. Private Alcide E. LePage (Army serial No. 31282405), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944. When the need became apparent for the construction of machine gun positions atop a high ridge, Private LePage scaled the side of the ridge and assisted in the construction. For three days under intermittent enemy rifle fire the sandbagging of positions was continued. Private LePage's courage, initiative and energy contributed materially to the success of the final drive of assault troops to eliminate all remaining enemy resistance on the island.

3. FIRST LIEUTENANT BARNEY E. MEADERS, 01105019, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 25 September - 2 October 1944. In order to aid the Infantry in seizing an enemy center of resistance, it was important that a road be constructed into the area through the dense jungle. LIEUTENANT MEADERS, in charge of this project, reconnoitered proposed routes through very rough terrain, often under enemy fire, and by his energy, enthusiasm, and example inspired his men to successful and rapid completion of a creditable engineering feat. The work accomplished under LIEUTENANT MEADERS' leadership was of great assistance to the combat infantrymen in defeating the enemy in the area served by this road.

4. Staff Sergeant Hilton L. Gust (Army serial No. 17080236), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944. When the need became apparent for the construction of machine gun positions atop a high ridge, Sergeant Gust scaled the side of the ridge and assisted in the construction. For three days under intermittent enemy rifle fire the sandbagging of positions was continued. Sergeant Gust's courage, initiative and energy contributed materially to the success of the final drive of assault troops to eliminate all remaining enemy resistance on the island.

(Citation to accompany GO No. 140, Hq 81st Inf Div, 30 Dec 44, contd)

5. CAPTAIN EDWARD L. LOCKMAN, JR., 0308815, Company D, 88th Chemical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 27 November 1944. During the entire period of the operations on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, CAPTAIN LOCKMAN proved the outstanding quality of his leadership and technical skill. The great volume of mortar fire delivered day and night by his company was extremely accurate, often at pinpoint targets in close proximity to friendly troops, and with minimum ranges. Faced with unusual problems of fire control and of movement of weapons and ammunition, arising because of unprecedented terrain, he devised ingenious supplementary methods which overcame the difficulties. The combat efficiency of CAPTAIN LOCKMAN's company won for him the commendations of all commanders under whom he served, and contributed materially to the success of the operations.

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2. PFC [redacted] JOHN A. BUSH, 0906296, JAGD, Hq 81st Inf Div is granted three (3) days leave of absence effective c/a 15 June 44.

3. (Pertains to award of Expert Infantryman Badge, omitted from Confidential Special Orders).

4. (Pertains to award of Expert Infantryman Badge, omitted from Confidential Special Orders).

5. (Pertains to award of Expert Infantryman Badge, omitted from Confidential Special Orders).

6. The following named offs and EM, Hq Co, 81st Inf Div, having attained the proficiency established by the War Department, are hereby awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge:

[redacted], JOHN O., JR., 01283601
[redacted], DONALD O., 01283975
[redacted], PAUL V., 01283690
[redacted], ROBERT E., 01307766
[redacted], Raymond D., 16113356
[redacted], Robert M., 13276802
[redacted], Richard E., 32843502
[redacted], Carl F., 37186618
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[redacted], Edwin O., 37187005
[redacted], Paul O., 37186256
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EXTRACT

3. Par 5 SO 138 this hq cs, pertaining to the award of Expert Infantryman Badge, is amended to add:

MAJ BRUCH, ROBERT C., JR., 025009, Inf
MAJ FILLIOD, DALLAS A., 01286349, Inf
CAPT LILES, JESSE S., 0340752, Inf
CAPT THUMATT, JAMES C., 01289343, Inf
CAPT WEAR, JAMES H., 01284062, Inf
1ST LT BRUSKOTTER, THOMAS E., 01286061, Inf
1ST LT CUSACK, JOHN F., JR., 01315036, Inf
1ST LT JOHNSON, JOHN F., 01309744, Inf
1ST LT SCHAUB, JOHN H., JR., 01309849, Inf
1ST LT SCHWAB, WILLIAM F., JR., 01300535, Inf
2D LT CHIPPETTO, PETER, 01013813, Inf
2D LT COSTELLO, GORDON B., 01319896, Inf
2D LT GRAY, CHARLES W., 01317139, Inf
2D LT McCLELLAND, PERRY G., 01306472, Inf
2D LT RASUL, GEORGE J., 01323170, Inf
2D LT SPENCER, ROBERT E., JR., 01323870, Inf

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Pvt SMITH, Donald J., 36213774

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[illegible] ., 33692357 Pvt Cochran, Robert H., 39338589
[illegible] D., 35710660 Pvt Moore, Robert E., 36674850
Pvt Sparkman, Duncan T., 34305763

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Pfc Porter, Edward L., 36608220

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[illegible] Murray W., 34714953 Pvt Hamilton, Bernard F., 31263789
Pvt Russell, John, 35653151

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1. Par 6 SO 138 this hq cs, pertaining to the award of Expert Infantryman Badge, is amended to add:

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MAJ GUSSIE, MICHAEL, 0392650, Inf
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CAPT CAHILL, ROBERT E., 01283719, Inf
CAPT CHRISTOFFER, TOLIVER D., 0327047, Inf
CAPT DALEY, JEREMIAH, 01283730, Inf
CAPT DENNIS, HARRY F., 01283734, Inf
CAPT EASON, GEORGE W., 0363629, Inf
CAPT FESLER, CHARLEY W., 0454471, Inf
CAPT LIGHTSEY, JOHN H., 01283982, Inf
CAPT LEY, GEORGE, 0271554, Inf
CAPT McCASKILL, JOHN C., 0322335, Inf
CAPT McKEEVER, JAMES S., 0353431, Inf
CAPT MIXON, SIDNEY T., 0404625, Inf
CAPT PECK, ARTHUR M., JR., 02184012, Inf
CAPT SCHAFFELD, ROBERT A., 02183847, Inf
CAPT SUMMERS, NELSON A., 01284049, Inf
CAPT TALLEDGE, RICHARD H., 01283695, Inf
CAPT TUCKER, EARL F., 0399961, Inf
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1ST LT DOUGLAS, FRANK M., 0277094, Inf
1ST LT EDWARDS, WILLIAM A., JR., 01283568, Inf
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1ST LT FINN, JACK R., 01283933, Inf
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1ST LT HAYES, CHESTER B., 01302127, Inf
1ST LT HYDE, WILLIAM A., 01286130, Inf
1ST LT JOHNSON, CLINTON G., 01283760, Inf
1ST LT LEE, SCEARS, 01283592, Inf
1ST LT RIDGEON, FRANK C. JR., 01296082, Inf
1ST LT RIGG, FRANK H., 01286186, Inf
1ST LT SHEFFIELD, CLAY S., 01283679, Inf
1ST LT SMITH, WARREN T., 0453466, Inf
1ST LT SNYDER, RALPH F., 01283663, Inf
1ST LT THOMPSON, WILLIAM, 01289341, Inf
1ST LT THORPE, FRANCIS H., 01289342, Inf
1ST LT TOWNS, HERSCHEL E., 01284055, Inf
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2D LT SHULER, VICTOR G., 01309855, Inf
2D LT SLOTKIN, MORRIS, 01307474, Inf
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Pfc Chandler, Harry ..., 33297524
Pfc George, Ned, 39243625
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Pfc Kee, Norman, 32963419
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Pfc Sbordone, Andrew J., 32523054
Pfc Schaeffer, Harold F., 33630663
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Pfc Sherrill, Thomas J., 39243540
Pfc Summerford, Willie C., 38177770
Pfc Worden, Charles J., 38153006
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Pvt Fox, Alfred E., 36831644
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Pfc Fiegel, George B., 38174697
Pfc Frederick, William R., 35674458
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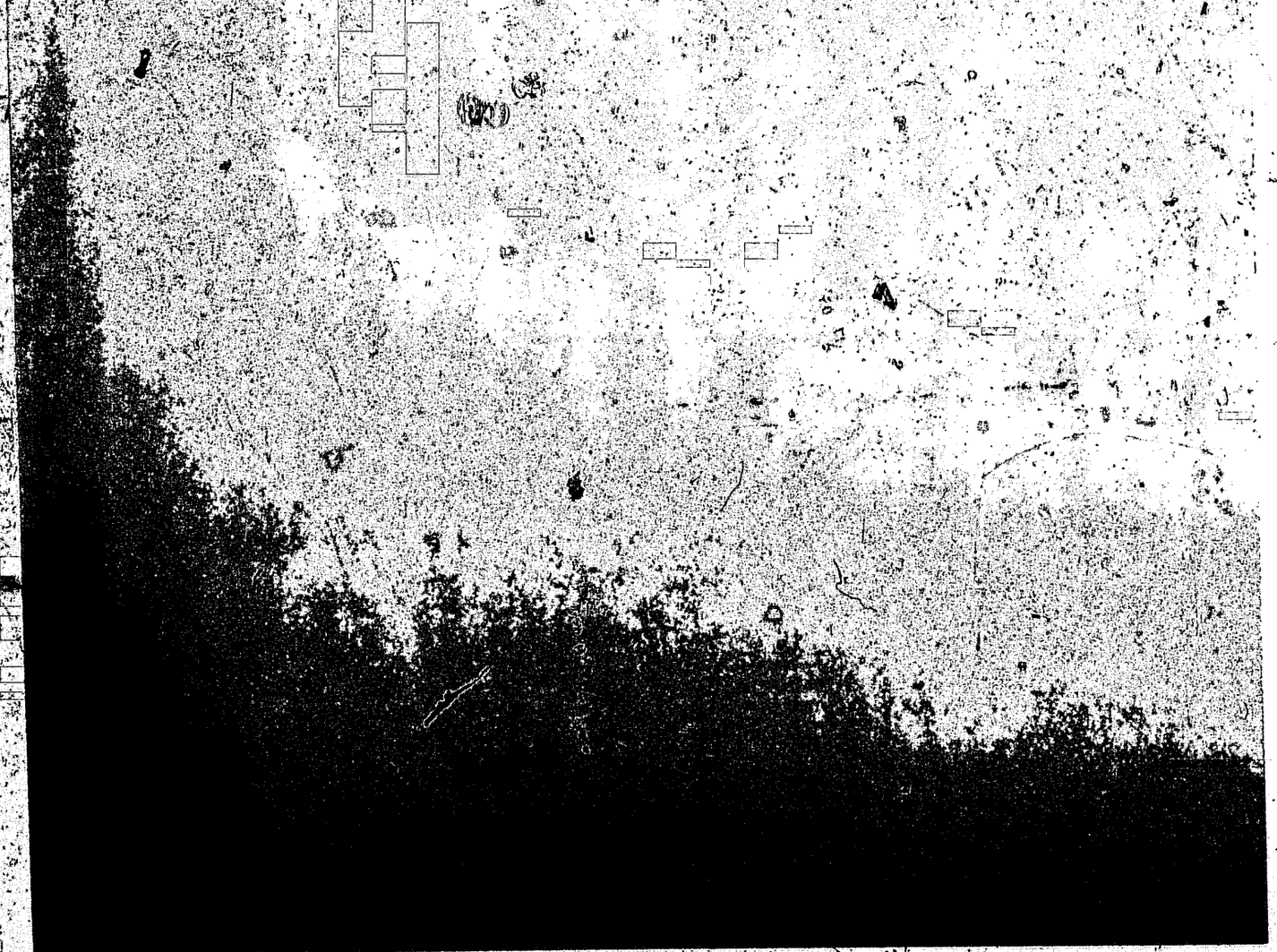

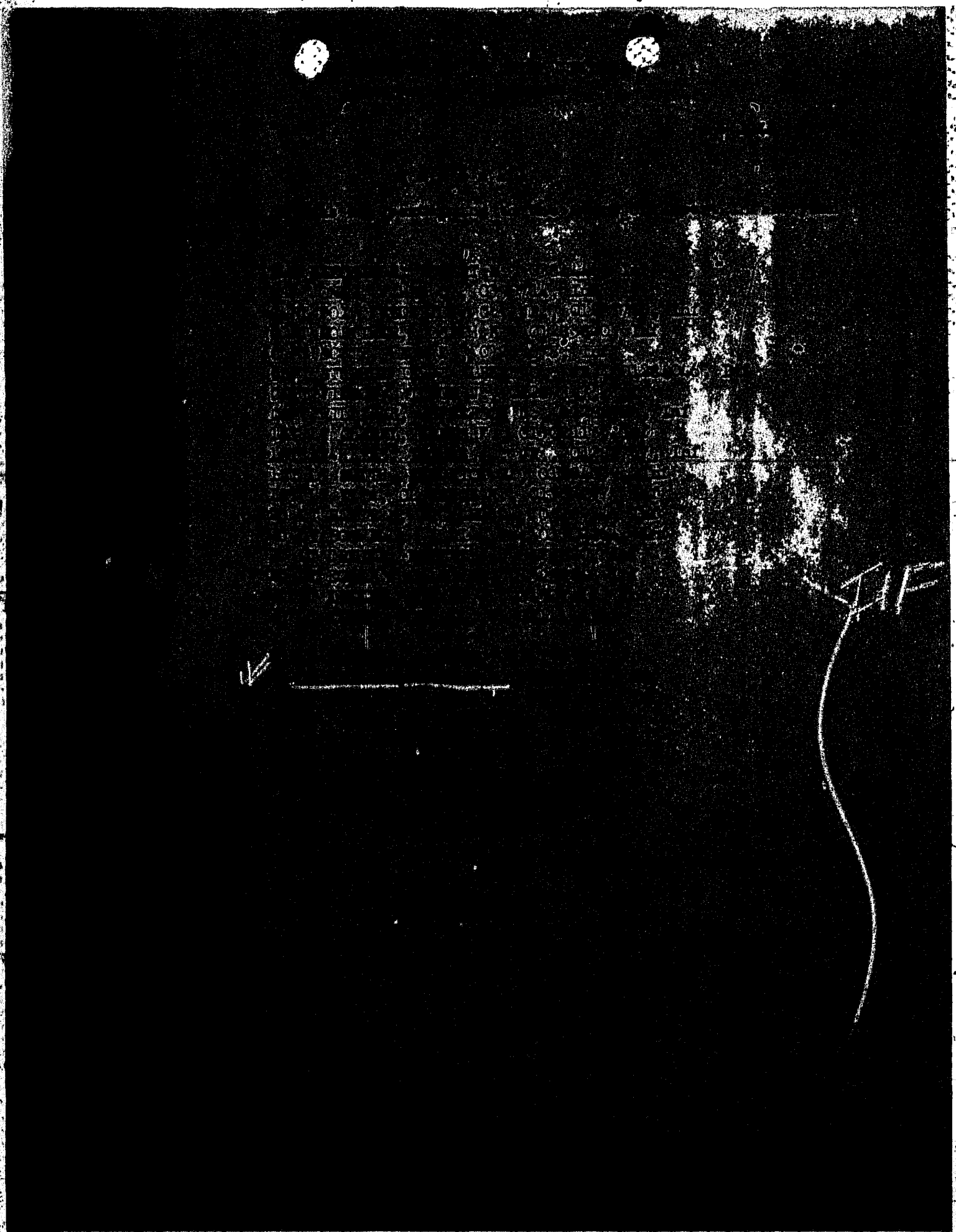

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SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Benjamin J. Wood (Army serial No. 36245208), Headquarters Battery, 317th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Technician Wood volunteered to accompany a small patrol to destroy an enemy 77-mm. gun which had been shelling the bivouac area of an infantry battalion. Working his way forward for about one hundred and fifty yards in the face of enemy small-arms fire and under friendly protective machine gun fire, Technician Wood covered other members of the patrol while they placed and fired satchel charges, destroying the enemy gun. This gallant action was instrumental in saving the lives of many troops in the area.

Private First Class Oliver L. Wimberly (Army serial No. 14119983), Company L, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944. Private Wimberly and another man, occupying an isolated position on the flank of a platoon area, were attacked by an undetermined number of the enemy. Although his companion was wounded by enemy fire, Private Wimberly remained in his position and delivered such effective rifle and grenade fire that the enemy attack was repulsed. The tenacity and aggressiveness of Private Wimberly prevented an enemy breakthrough in the platoon area.

Staff Sergeant Glen R. Jones (Army serial No. 39178701), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Sergeant Jones volunteered to accompany a small patrol to destroy an enemy 77-mm gun which had been shelling his battalion's bivouac area. Working his way forward for about one hundred and fifty yards in the face of the enemy small-arms fire and under friendly protective machine gun fire, Sergeant Jones placed and fired satchel charges, destroying the enemy gun. This gallant act was instrumental in saving the lives of many of his comrades.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, Paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

FIRST LIEUTENANT RUSSELL M. DENNIS, 01175683, 316th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. In order to accomplish an assigned mission of registering an artillery battalion, LIEUTENANT DENNIS and two enlisted men moved forward of the infantry lines just prior to darkness, and he and one of the men mounted the turret of a tank. From that position the registration of the battalion was completed after dark. During this entire time the party was in the area, it was exposed to enemy small-arms fire. The courageous actions of LIEUTENANT DENNIS materially assisted in the early delivery of supporting artillery fires.

Staff Sergeant Harold E. Peifley (Army serial No. 33021527), Company D, 88th Chemical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. An enemy patrol succeeded in working its way to a position overlooking the area occupied by the platoon to which Sergeant Peifley was assigned, and opened fire with a knee mortar and automatic weapons causing casualties. Sergeant Peifley seized an automatic rifle and with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced to a position from which he delivered such effective fire that the enemy mortar crew was forced to abandon its weapon. The initiative and the decisive actions of Sergeant Peifley prevented further casualties from enemy mortar fire.

Technician Fourth Grade Alex Bickoff (Army serial No. 36349477), Battery A, 316th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. In order to accomplish an assigned mission of registering an artillery battalion, Technician Bickoff and two others moved forward of the infantry lines just prior to darkness, and he and an officer mounted the turret of a tank. From that position the registration of the battalion was completed after dark. During this entire time the party was in the area, it was exposed to enemy small-arms fire. The courageous actions of Technician Bickoff materially assisted the early delivery of supporting artillery fires.

Private Dewey L. Myers (Army serial No. 35717134), Antitank Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17-25 November 1944. During this period, Private Myers and seven others comprising the crew of a flamethrower mounted on an amphibian tractor circulated in two valleys formed by cave-pocked ridges in which the enemy was strongly entrenched. Although continuously exposed to enemy fire, from which the vehicle offered no protection, the crew fired the flamethrower with devastating effect into numerous caves and other enemy positions. The courageous actions of Private Myers were a contributing factor toward breaking down the enemy's will to resist in his final stronghold on the island.

Private Lemuel B. Bond (Army serial No. 34882211), Company D, 88th Chemical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. An enemy patrol succeeded in working its way to a position overlooking the area occupied by the platoon to which Private Bond was assigned, and opened fire with a knee mortar and automatic weapons causing casualties. Private Bond, as ammunition carrier for two noncommissioned officers armed with automatic rifles, with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced to a position from which effective fire was placed on the enemy. The prompt and decisive actions of Private Bond assisted in dispersing the enemy patrol and prevented further casualties from enemy mortar fire.

Private First Class Joseph P. Chisholm, Jr. (Army serial No. 12134091), Antitank Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17-25 November 1944. During this period, Private Chisholm and seven others comprising the crew of a flamethrower mounted on an amphibian tractor circulated in two valleys formed by cave-pocked ridges in which the enemy was strongly entrenched. Although continuously exposed to enemy fire, from which the vehicle offered no protection, the crew fired the flamethrower with devastating effect into numerous caves and other enemy positions. The courageous actions of Private Chisholm were a contributing factor toward breaking down the enemy's will to resist in his final stronghold on the island.

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
Section II - Award of the Soldier's Medal
Section III - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Samuel S. Blair (Army serial No. 37536085), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 October 1944. When an enemy grenade landed near a group of five soldiers, Private Blair, realizing the danger to the five men and disregarding his own safety, dashed forward, seized the grenade and threw it away from the group. As he threw it, the grenade exploded and a fragment mortally wounded him, but the five men were uninjured. Private Blair's quick thinking and exceptional courage without doubt saved his comrades from death or injury.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class John A. Lawrence (Army serial No. 36504173), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Private Lawrence, having located an enemy 77-mm gun which had been shelling his battalion's bivouac area, brought machine gun fire to bear on the area which forced the crew to seek shelter temporarily. Volunteering with three others to destroy the gun he worked his way forward for about one hundred and fifty yards in the face of enemy small-arms fire and under friendly protective machine gun fire, and assisted in placing and firing satchel charges which destroyed the enemy gun. This gallant act was instrumental in saving the lives of many of his comrades.

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 (Bulletin No. 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

FIRST LIEUTENANT OTTO A. BRUNS, 01013528, 726th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, United States Army. For heroism displayed off Angaur Island, Palau Group, 8 October 1944. A large wave swamped the amphibian truck occupied by LIEUTENANT BRUNS and several enlisted men, forcing the group to abandon the vehicle. Observing that one man could not swim and had already sunk beneath the surface of the water twice, LIEUTENANT BRUNS grasped the then unconscious soldier and towed him to safety through two hundred yards of heavy surf. The heroism of LIEUTENANT BRUNS whereby he risked his own life to save another reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

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SECTION III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant William C. Redcliff (Army serial No. 7006544), Antitank Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17-25 November 1944. During this period, Sergeant Redcliff and seven others comprising the crew of a flamethrower mounted on an amphibian tractor circulated in two valleys formed by cave-pocked ridges in which the enemy was strongly entrenched. Although continuously exposed to enemy fire, from which the vehicle offered no protection, the crew fired the flamethrower with devastating effect into numerous caves and other enemy positions. The courageous actions of Sergeant Redcliff were a contributing factor toward breaking down the enemy's will to resist in his final stronghold on the island.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph L. Waligorski (Army serial No. 36442627), Battery A, 316th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. In order to accomplish an assigned mission of registering an artillery battalion, Technician Waligorski and two others moved forward of the infantry lines just prior to darkness. When the others mounted the turret of a tank in order to obtain observation, Technician Waligorski established his radio set nearby and provided communication to the battalion fire direction center until registration of the battalion was completed. During this entire time the party was in the area, it was exposed to enemy small arms fire. The courageous actions of Technician Waligorski materially assisted in the early delivery of supporting artillery fires.

Private First Class J. D. Sims (Army serial No. 38177969), Antitank Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17-25 November 1944. During this period, Private Sims and seven others comprising the crew of a flamethrower mounted on an amphibian tractor circulated in two valleys formed by cave-pocked ridges in which the enemy was strongly entrenched. Although continuously exposed to enemy fire, from which the vehicle offered no protection, the crew fired the flamethrower with devastating effect into numerous caves and other enemy positions. The courageous actions of Private Sims were a contributing factor toward breaking down the enemy's will to resist in his final stronghold on the island.

Private First Class James E. Cashman (Army serial No. 37281464), Company E, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. The combat patrol of which Private Cashman was a member, was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. Private Cashman in the face of this fire, made his way to a point from which he could indicate the target and direct the fire of a nearby rocket-launcher team. By reason of the initiative and courageous actions of Private Cashman the rocket launcher team was enabled to silence the machine gun.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Edwin Spitzer (Army serial No. 39177046), Company D, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 October 1944. When an enemy mortar shell fell in the midst of a machine gun section of which he was a member, killing one man and wounding six others, Private Spitzer, despite severe wounds from which he later died, assisted a company aid man in administering to the wounded. He refused medical attention until all of the wounded had been attended, and only after other casualties had been evacuated did he consent to his own evacuation. His utter disregard of personal welfare was an inspiration to all members of his unit.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant Lee R. Sparks (Army serial No. 6938537), Company D, 88th Chemical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. An enemy patrol succeeded in working its way to a position overlooking the area occupied by the platoon to which Sergeant Sparks was assigned and opened fire with a knee mortar and automatic weapons causing casualties. Sergeant Sparks obtained an automatic rifle and with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced until he located a position from which he could effectively fire on the enemy. The initiative and the decisive actions of Sergeant Sparks prevented further casualties from enemy mortar fire.

Sergeant Harry Bloom (Army serial No. 32010884), Company A, 726th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17-25 November 1944. During this period, Sergeant Bloom and seven others comprising the crew of a flamethrower mounted on an amphibian tractor circulated in two valleys formed by cave-pocked ridges in which the enemy was strongly entrenched. Although continuously exposed to enemy fire, from which the vehicle offered no protection, the crew fired the flamethrower with devastating effect into numerous caves and other enemy positions. The courageous actions of Sergeant Bloom were a contributing factor toward breaking down the enemy's will to resist in his final stronghold on the island.

Sergeant Wells R. Patterson (Army serial No. 36505041), Company E, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 October 1944. Two enemy night attacks caused numerous casualties, forced the withdrawal of the outpost, and exposed the left flank of the company to which Sergeant Patterson was assigned. Sergeant Patterson voluntarily joined a patrol which by counterattack recovered the high ground initially seized by the enemy. The heroic action of Sergeant Patterson contributed materially to the tactical security of his company's position.

Technician Fourth Grade Edmund J. Donohoe (Army serial No. 39178360), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24-25 October 1944. Responding to a call for aid men, Technician Donohoe, in the face of enemy fire, climbed a steep cliff and rendered first aid and assisted in the evacuation of a severely wounded man. On the following morning, during an enemy counterattack which caused thirteen casualties, Technician Donohoe moved about under heavy enemy rifle, grenade and mortar fire, administering first aid to all wounded. His courage and faithful attention to duty under trying conditions won for him the admiration and esteem of all who knew of his commendable deeds.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) Marvin E. Gordon (Army serial No. 39914218), Antitank Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17-25 November 1944. During this period, Sergeant Gordon and seven others comprising the crew of a flamethrower mounted on an amphibian tractor circulated in two valleys formed by cave-pocked ridges in which the enemy was strongly entrenched. Although continuously exposed to enemy fire, from which the vehicle offered no protection, the crew fired the flamethrower with devastating effect into numerous caves and other enemy positions. The courageous actions of Sergeant Gordon were a contributing factor toward breaking down the enemy's will to resist in his final stronghold on the island.

Technician Third Grade Arthur E. Jones (Army serial No. 34005698), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 October 1944. Technician Jones, without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, responded to a summons during the hours of darkness for medical aid at a newly-won position which was under counterattack by the enemy. He proceeded to the position which was still under fire to administer to severely wounded men after which he organized and directed the litter squads. He remained in the forward position until eleven wounded in the immediate area had been treated and evacuated. Technician Jones courageous action won for him the esteem of all witnesses.

Sergeant Stanley T. McKee (Army serial No. 39390051), Company C, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. The advance of an infantry company to which Sergeant McKee was attached as a member of a demolition team, was checked by several strong enemy positions in caves in the surrounding coral pinnacles. Voluntarily Sergeant McKee scaled a cliff in an area exposed to enemy fire and proceeded to neutralize by fire of his weapon several caves known to be occupied by enemy troops. His fearless actions materially aided the progress of the Infantry through the area.

Private Allen W. Totherow (Army serial No. 34825608), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group 17 November 1944. Private Totherow was accompanying a demolition squad when the squad leader and two other men were pinned down by enemy fire emanating from a cave. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Totherow advanced with a flamethrower and directed fire into the enemy cave. By his courageous actions the entrapped men were enabled to maneuver to a more tenable position and subsequently to complete their mission.

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
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Section III - Rescission of Award of the Purple Heart

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Robert J. Crochet (Army serial No. 38174601), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. Just prior to dawn the position occupied by Private Crochet and two others was subjected to a heavy enemy grenade attack which rendered their machine gun inoperative. Although wounded by grenade fragments, Private Crochet and his companions continued their action against the enemy using secondary weapons until the attack was repulsed. By reason of the fortitude and tenacity of Private Crochet and his companions an enemy breakthrough in the area of his position was prevented.

Staff Sergeant William G. Tomka (Army serial No. 37126793), Company F, 322d Infantry United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. As the platoon in which Sergeant Tomka was a squad leader, attacked a strongly fortified enemy position, heavy mortar and machine gun fire was received which caused several casualties including the platoon leader, thereby temporarily stopping the advance. Sergeant Tomka, together with three companions, crossed the open, rough terrain in the face of this fire to destroy the enemy machine gun. Disregarding wounds received while on the way, Sergeant Tomka continued with the patrol and in the fire fight which ensued, the patrol succeeded in its mission by killing the enemy gun crew. The heroic and determined action by Sergeant Tomka was an important contributing factor in the continuance of the successful advance of the platoon.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ESKIL M. J. ALENIUS, 0174009, Commanding Officer, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAROLD TABER, 0446240, 52d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17-23 September 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALAN E. GEE, 0223?9, 154th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17-20 September 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES R. DAMAN, 0292501, Commanding Officer, 1138th Engineer Combat Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN P. McWHORTER, 0311660, 155th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ulithi Atoll, 23 September - 27 October 1944.

CAPTAIN JAMES L. HALL, JR., 01104808, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 - 27 November 1944.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOEL L. KERNS, 01302141, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 - 24 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Daniel W. Smith (Army serial No. 38174483), Company A, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 October 1944. While accomplishing an assigned mission of destroying enemy positions with explosives, Sergeant Smith displayed outstanding courage and leadership. Despite difficult terrain and sporadic enemy rifle fire he continued until his mission was successfully accomplished. While directing the withdrawal of the demolition team from its hazardous location, Sergeant Smith was severely wounded by enemy rifle fire. His leadership, courage, and disregard for his personal safety contributed materially to the accomplishments of his group.

Corporal James L. Warden (Army serial No. 37340394), Company A, 726th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 - 25 November 1944. During this period, Corporal Warden and seven others comprising the crew of a flamethrower mounted on an amphibian tractor circulated in two valleys formed by cave-pocked ridges in which the enemy was strongly entrenched. Although continuously exposed to enemy fire, from which the vehicle offered no protection, the crew fired the flamethrower with devastating effect into numerous caves and other enemy positions. The courageous actions of Corporal Warden were a contributing factor toward breaking down the enemy's will to resist in his final stronghold on the island.

SECOND LIEUTENANT STANLEY T. WEISS, 01302242, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 November 1944. In order to more effectively direct the actions of his platoon which was leading a battalion attack, LIEUTENANT WEISS accompanied his reconnaissance elements. Under his skillful leadership and despite enemy rifle and grenade fire the platoon advanced, destroying six enemy positions with explosives and flushing from their hideouts many enemy troops who were destroyed by units following his platoon. The courageous actions of LIEUTENANT WEISS contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the battalion's mission.

SECTION III - RESCISSION OF AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

So much of paragraph 10, Section I, General Orders No. 46, this headquarters, 15 October 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Tec 4 Virgil A. Crow, 38153426, 321st Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

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CITATIONS TO ACCOMPANY SECTION II, GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4, HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ESKIL M. J. AIENIUS, 0174009, Commanding Officer, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. In the preparation phase for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island, LIEUTENANT COLONEL AIENIUS was largely responsible for determination of types, quantities, and priorities for engineer equipment and supplies to be carried by the units of the Division. In submitting recommendations for the network of roads and the plans for other engineering projects, he showed keen foresight into the tactical and technical aspects of the problems involved. The soundness of his judgement in these matters was demonstrated during the conduct of the operations. During the operations phase on Angaur and Peleliu Islands he managed most efficiently the office of Division Engineer and commanded in a superior manner the Division Engineer Battalion. He directed the work of his units whether in the rear area or in a combat zone under hostile fire, calmly but with vigor, and encouraged them to greater efforts. By reason of his thorough concept of the employment of engineers on tactical missions and construction jobs, and his capability of coordinating the work of engineer units throughout the area, LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALENIUS was able to contribute materially to the success of the Division operations in the Palau Islands.

2. LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAROLD TABER, 0446240, 52d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17-23 September 1944. During the amphibious landing of the Division, LIEUTENANT COLONEL TABER was charged with the responsibility of unloading assault shipping for the combat team to which his battalion was attached and with developing and operating a landing beach. This mission he accomplished in a most efficient and expeditious manner. In a period of five days, ammunition and other supplies were unloaded and properly segregated in assigned dumps in an area that had been dense jungle and a mass of wreckage and debris on the date of the assault landing. LIEUTENANT COLONEL TABER personally supervised the work on the beach with utter disregard of the hazards of rifle and machine gun fire. On 18 September after an ammunition dump exploded on the beach, he brought the dangerous fire under control by vigorous personal action in the face of grave dangers. By reason of his excellent management, his technical skill, his dynamic personality, inexhaustible energy, and outstanding leadership, LIEUTENANT COLONEL TABER contributed materially to the success of the operation and the development of Angaur Island as a base.

3. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALAN E. GEE, 022889, 154th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17-20 September 1944. In the amphibious landing of the Division, LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEE was in charge of unloading assault shipping for the combat team to which his battalion was attached. In order to accomplish his mission, it was necessary to clear an area adjacent to the beach for supply dumps in dense jungle cluttered with debris caused by naval gunfire and aerial bombardment. By the exercise of outstanding initiative, technical skill, and leadership LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEE soon created a well-organized beach area. He supervised the processing of supplies from the landing craft under numerous difficulties including small-arms and mortar fire. By reason of LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEE's careful planning, close coordination, personal supervision, and skill as an engineer, the assault shipping for the combat team was unloaded and properly segregated during the first five days of the operation. He contributed in no small measure to the successful conduct of the operations in the area of the beach under his control.

(Citations to Accompany GO No. 4, Hq 81st Inf Div, 4 Jan 45, contd).

4. LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES R. DAMAN, 0292501, Commanding Officer, 1138th Engineer Combat Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the period of preparation for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island, LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAMAN demonstrated outstanding organizing ability in the preparation of units and their equipment for loading aboard assault shipping. By his close personal supervision over the training of his battalions in shore party work, particularly during rehearsals, he was able to take prompt and effective corrective action. As a result of the training of his battalions exceptionally good results were obtained in the landing on the Angaur beaches. Here, all assault shipping was unloaded, roads constructed, and supplies segregated in properly prepared dumps with speed and efficiency that elicited most favorable comments from competent and experienced observers. In the development of beaches, roads, and harbors, and in the accomplishment of combat missions, on Angaur and Peleliu Islands and at Ulithi Atoll, the Engineer Group contributed materially to the rapid development of the island bases and to the general success of the operations. A large share of the credit for these successes is due to the responsible Commanding Officer, LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAMAN.

5. LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN P. McWHORTER, 0311660, 155th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ulithi Atoll, 23 September - 27 October 1944. Assigned the task of initiating the construction of an air strip, COLONEL McWHORTER demonstrated outstanding initiative and leadership in the successful accomplishment of his mission. Under his energetic direction and despite obstacles of jungle growth and swamp, limited equipment and other concurrent tasks, the preliminary surveys were made and, although hampered by tropical storms construction proceeded ahead of schedule. The tireless efforts and devotion to duty of COLONEL McWHORTER contributed materially to the early development of Ulithi Atoll as an air base.

6. CAPTAIN JAMES L. HALL, JR., 01104808, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24-27 November 1944. In the final phase of the operations on this island the enemy held a number of strong positions on the top of a cliff. No approach was possible to these positions from any direction except with great difficulty on foot. CAPTAIN HALL visualized building an earth ramp by which a vehicular flamethrower and tanks could move and operate against the enemy. His idea being approved, he supervised the construction of this ramp which was accomplished with skill and speed. The enemy's positions in the area were successfully neutralized by weapons fired from the top of the ramp.

7. SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN L. KERNS, 01302141, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22-24 November 1944. When the need became apparent for gun positions on a high ridge LIEUTENANT KERNS was assigned this mission. By untiring efforts and outstanding organizing ability LIEUTENANT KERNS selected the men to accomplish the mission, made reconnaissance and selected the positions and under sporadic enemy rifle fire supervised the construction. The rapidity of LIEUTENANT KERNS' solutions of all difficulties encountered were to a great degree responsible for the early destruction of the last pockets of enemy resistance on the island.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star
Section III - Award of the Purple Heart
Section IV - Award of the Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas W. Denman (Army serial No. 39390041), Company C, (306th Engineer Combat Battalion,) United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 30 October 1944. Because of impassable terrain, tanks were unable on this date to participate in attacks against the enemy strongly entrenched in caves in cliffs. To make possible the employment of tanks, two bulldozers, one driven by Technician Denman, moved under enemy fire to cut a road through the rough coral formation. Technician Denman was in advance with his machine and was subjected to the greater part of the sniper fire encountered. Although he was slightly wounded he continued to operate his bulldozer until the road was completed. By reason of his courageous action and will to accomplish his mission under difficulties on this and prior occasions of a similar nature, Technician Denman contributed substantially to the success of the operation.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY C. SWITZER, 0109587, Commanding Officer, (726th) Amphibian Tractor Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR W. VAN HUSEN, 0393252, Commanding Officer, (481st) Amphibian Truck Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 - 30 September 1944.

CAPTAIN BOOTH THOMAS, 0403459, Commanding Officer, Company D, (776th) Amphibian Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Western Carolines, 17 September - 27 November 1944.

Private First Class Marion H. Almond (Army serial No. 38518997), Company C, (306th Engineer Combat Battalion) United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 30 October 1944. When the advance of our troops was impeded by a section of rough terrain consisting of crevices in the coral formation, it was decided to construct a road to permit the advance, particularly of tanks. Private Almond, operating one of two bulldozers, drove his machine into the area while under enemy fire and began work on the road. He was slightly wounded by an enemy sniper's bullet but after receiving first aid he returned with his machine to assist in completing the task. His courage in the face of enemy fire and his perseverance aided materially in the completion of a difficult task.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Charles B. Perkins, 6663144, (323d Infantry,) for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 October 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Irvin H. Berkowitz, 36295544, (323d Infantry) for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944.

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to S Sgt (then Tec 5) William S. Coe, 34285456, (323d Infantry,) for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944.

4 Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to 1ST LT HERBERT C. ROSS, 01317196, (323d Infantry,) for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944.

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to S Sgt Guy E. Owens, 6662297, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 20 November 1944.

6. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 December 1944:

S Sgt Alton R. Horton, 38133527, 323d Inf
S Sgt Floyd A. Freeman, 38133100, 323d Inf
Pfc Johny W. Lindsey, 34285458, 323d Inf
Pfc William L. Cox, 37368018, 323d Inf
Pfc James R. Merritt, 34474425, 323d Inf

SECTION IV - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Charles B. Perkins, 6663144, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to S Sgt Dan D. Carey, 39311065, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 14 November 1944.

By command of Major General MUELLER:

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8 January 1945

CITATIONS TO ACCOMPANY SECTION II, GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5, HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY C. SWITZER, 0109587, Commanding Officer, 726th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. LIEUTENANT COLONEL SWITZER's battalion furnished amphibian tractors for a Division assault on a hostile shore at Angaur Island. In planning for this operation, he displayed outstanding initiative, exceptional technical skill, and sound judgment. During the conduct of the landing operation LIEUTENANT COLONEL SWITZER exercised close supervision over the various elements of his command, often being present with forward units and frequently being exposed to hostile fire. By his tireless efforts and superior executive ability he maintained a high incidence of serviceability of all of his vehicles under very difficult conditions of maintenance. LIEUTENANT COLONEL SWITZER contributed materially to the success of the operation of the Division in the Southern Palaus.

2. CAPTAIN ARTHUR T. VAN HUSEN, 0393252, Commanding Officer, 481st Amphibian Truck Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 - 30 September 1944. CAPTAIN VAN HUSEN's company furnished amphibian trucks for the landing of the light battalions of the 81st Infantry Division Artillery and for the unloading of assault and garrison shipping in the Angaur Island operation. During the landing phase CAPTAIN VAN HUSEN exercised close personal supervision over the various elements of his command. By his tireless efforts and aggressive coordination of maintenance and operation of his vehicles, he maintained a high incidence of serviceability under very difficult conditions. He demonstrated outstanding initiative, excellent control, and technical skill. The successful, continuous operation of the vehicles of CAPTAIN VAN HUSEN's command, without appreciable loss, under adverse weather and beach conditions, contributed materially to the success of the landing on a hostile shore by the Division.

3. CAPTAIN BOOTH THOMAS, 0403459, Commanding Officer, Company D, 776th Amphibian Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Western Carolines, 17 September - 27 November 1944. CAPTAIN THOMAS' company was attached to the 81st Infantry Division for amphibious support in landings in the Western Carolines. At the initial landing on one beach CAPTAIN THOMAS personally commanded the action of elements of his company which destroyed several enemy defense installations in proximity to the landing beach. When two tanks failed to negotiate obstacles which threatened to obstruct the landing of the following assault waves, he took charge personally and soon cleared the beach. By his determined action, skill and courage, he rendered valuable assistance to the assault infantry. Later in the landing operations at Ulithi Atoll and on islands north of Peleliu, his employment of tanks was highly successful. By his enthusiastic performance of duty, good judgment, and outstanding leadership, CAPTAIN THOMAS made a substantial contribution to the success of the Division in the amphibious phases of its operations.

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10 January 1945

GENERAL ORDERS) ORIGINAL ORDER - MISC.
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

SECOND LIEUTENANT MAURICE F. LITTIE, 0527832, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. LIEUTENANT LITTIE's platoon, while maneuvering in difficult terrain covered with jungle growth, suffered a number of casualties from enemy machine gun and rifle fire. When his platoon had reached a relatively safe position LIEUTENANT LITTIE returned to the area under enemy fire in order to assist the wounded. While engaged in this heroic mission he was struck by an enemy bullet and killed. LIEUTENANT LITTIE's courage and spirit of self-sacrifice was an inspiration to his platoon.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RUSSELL E. DRINNAN, 01301119, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. After other means had failed to dislodge the enemy from a series of strongly fortified caves and pillboxes located in high limestone cliffs, medium tanks were ordered forward to fire directly at the positions. LIEUTENANT DRINNAN, with full knowledge of the dangers involved, voluntarily advanced on foot ahead of the tanks and directed the fire of their weapons into the hostile positions. While thus engaged he was fatally wounded. The courage and spirit of self-sacrifice of LIEUTENANT DRINNAN in this action earned for him the admiration of the members of his battalion.

Technician Fourth Grade Melvin C. Johnson (Army serial No. 36505453), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 29 September 1944. While the company to which he was attached as aid man was pausing under heavy enemy rifle fire during an attack, Technician Johnson noticed a wounded man lying in an exposed position somewhat ahead of the company. Disregarding the dangers of going forward alone over the open ground and becoming a conspicuous target for the enemy riflemen, Technician Johnson went ahead unhesitatingly. Just as he reached the wounded man and was about to administer first aid Technician Johnson was instantly killed. His courageous action and devotion to duty won the highest admiration of his comrades.

Staff Sergeant David J. Ferguson (Army serial No. 18133882), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. Sergeant Ferguson, platoon sergeant, took the lead of his platoon as it advanced on a mission to establish contact between two adjacent companies. The terrain to be traversed was exceedingly rough coral formation and had been the scene of bitter fighting for several days. It was strongly held by the enemy and was dominated by his small-arms fire which checked the advance of the platoon shortly after its departure. Sergeant Ferguson knowing the extreme hazards proceeded to reconnoiter to locate the enemy's positions and to determine a route for advance of his platoon. While so engaged he was mortally wounded. By his heroic actions and his fearless leadership Sergeant Ferguson inspired his platoon to accomplish its mission and in so doing contributed materially toward the defeat of the enemy.

Staff Sergeant William E. Sherry (Army serial No. 36183474), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group 1 October 1944. During the night an enemy-thrown grenade landed in the position occupied by Sergeant Sherry and two other men. Realizing that it was too late to throw the grenade out of the position, Sergeant Sherry, with complete disregard for his personal safety, threw himself over the grenade and smothered the explosion. Sergeant Sherry was mortally wounded by grenade fragments, but his determined self-sacrifice to save others will always remain an inspiration to his company.

SECOND LIEUTENANT BOB GREEN, 01309718, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 October 1944. During a battalion attack against a series of rough coral hills, the leading platoon under command of LIEUTENANT GREEN encountered accurate enemy rifle fire from concealed positions which caused several casualties and checked further progress. Realizing that the source of the enemy fire would have to be located, LIEUTENANT GREEN ordered his platoon to take cover and moved forward alone on reconnaissance. While engaged on this mission which was known to be extremely hazardous, he was fatally wounded. An assault annihilated the occupants of the enemy positions disclosed by LIEUTENANT GREEN's gallant actions.

FIRST LIEUTENANT KENDRICK E. SMITH, 01284039, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 - 26 October 1944. LIEUTENANT SMITH, a battalion intelligence officer, selected a position on a promontory forward of the front lines and supervised the construction of a battalion observation post while under small-arms fire. He remained in this position for extended periods at great personal risk to observe and to direct supporting fires. On three successive nights his post was attacked by hostile patrols with grenades which he successfully repulsed. Subsequently while on this hazardous mission he was mortally wounded. LIEUTENANT SMITH's courage in the face of grave dangers and his outstanding leadership were an inspiration to those in the combat who observed him and he contributed materially to the successful action of his battalion against the enemy.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Mansford E. Parker (Army serial No. 38520165), Company F, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group 26 September 1944. When the platoon in which Private Parker was a rifleman, attacked a cave suspected of harboring enemy troops, heavy machine gun fire was received. Without hesitation Private Parker and a companion rushed toward the cave firing as they ran and although twice struck by enemy fire, Private Parker continued his advance. Upon reaching the cave he continued, by fire, to cover the advance of other members of his platoon who destroyed the enemy occupying the cave. By his courageous and heroic action Private Parker contributed materially to the success of the combat and demonstrated the finest attributes of the undaunted American Infantryman.

Private James B. Price (Army serial No. 13076419), Company F, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 5 October 1944. As Private Price, a radio operator, advanced with his company commander during an attack on enemy positions, he was struck by a rifle bullet. Despite the pain of his wound aggravated by the intense tropical heat, Private Price continued the necessary operation of his radio. By reason of his outstanding devotion to duty despite the handicap of his wound and his courage in the face of hostile fire, Private Price maintained vital communications and aided materially in the success of the company's attack.

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
Section II - Award of the Silver Star (Oak-Leaf Cluster)
Section III - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Admiral D. Hargis (Army serial No. 34286166), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 - 28 September 1944. When a bombing and strafing attack struck the rifle company to which Technician Hargis was attached as an aid man, a number of the company were incapacitated by wounds and shock. Technician Hargis, although he had received a head wound in the initial strike, disregarded his own wounds, and under the continuing fire, administered first aid to his fallen companions. On 28 September, Technician Hargis was with the company in an attack on a strongly fortified enemy position when it came under a concentrated barrage of enemy mortar fire, causing several casualties. Technician Hargis again disregarding his own safety went from one wounded man to another rendering first aid. While engaged in this heroic mission, Technician Hargis was mortally wounded. Technician Hargis' courage and unselfish devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who observed his actions.

CAPTAIN GERARD P. MARNELL, 01283806, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 - 19 September 1944. During the hours of darkness the enemy continually harassed the forward elements of CAPTAIN MARNELL's company by attempted infiltration through the outpost line. In order to ascertain the situation and to encourage his troops, CAPTAIN MARNELL moved along the front despite the danger from the enemy and from being mistaken by his own men as a foe. While doing so he was in constant jeopardy from the mortar and grenade fire that was placed in his lines by the enemy. During his inspection he came upon a seriously wounded squad leader, whom he assisted in removing to a sheltered place and in applying first aid, under dangerous circumstances. By his exemplary leadership and personal courage, on this occasion and throughout the action until he was mortally wounded, CAPTAIN MARNELL inspired all the men of his company and set an example of the highest soldierly virtue. He contributed materially to the success of the operations of his regiment.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER D. CLAINOS, 019269, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 21 October 1944. From his forward observation post COLONEL CLAINOS noticed that a combat patrol in two attempts had failed to reach the crest of a tactically important pinnacle from which a small enemy group by effective fire was impeding the advance of his battalion. Realizing the urgent importance of seizing the pinnacle, COLONEL CLAINOS organized a combat patrol and personally led it in the assault of the objective. Under his calm, skillful, and determined leadership which inspired each man with the will to succeed, the patrol completed its mission by annihilation of the enemy occupying the crest. COLONEL CLAINOS' undaunted courage and decisive actions won the unqualified confidence of every member of his battalion.

Private First Class Michael J. Lizzio (Army serial No. 32520330), Company F, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 4 November 1944. The platoon of which Private Lizzio was a member became engaged in a fire fight with the enemy while covering the withdrawal of a patrol of an adjacent company. By exercise of determined leadership Private Lizzio was able to direct the fire of his squad in such a manner that the patrol reached its new position with a minimum of casualties. Private Lizzio and another man, despite the enemy fire directed at them, then went to the aid of a wounded man whom they succeeded in evacuating to a position of safety. He returned to the area occupied by his squad and assisted in covering the withdrawal of the remainder of his platoon. Private Lizzio's total disregard for his personal safety and his exemplary soldierly actions were an inspiration to his platoon.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 2d Ind, Hq USAFFOA, APO 958, 5 Aug 44, "Delegation of Authority to Award Decorations", in addition to the Silver Star awarded by the War Department, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

COLONEL ROBERT F. DARK, 05786, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17-20 September 1944. During this period when his regiment was experiencing its first combat, COLONEL DARK repeatedly moved from his command post to the forward elements, occasionally through areas not cleared of the enemy, and was often subjected to hostile fire. Despite the hazards of difficult terrain and enemy action, COLONEL DARK visited his troops at times when his presence would be most beneficial. His personal courage and calmness under enemy fire, and his reassurance and guidance of individuals of his regiment were major factors in maintaining the high combat efficiency of his command.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFFOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

MAJOR HARRY A. EDWARDS, 0265277, CAC, 483d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Island of Fais, Carolines Group, 24 December 1944 - 4 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant Stephen Klemko (Army serial No. 6853322), Company D, 776th Amphibian Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. Upon the initial landing on a hostile shore the amphibian tanks of the platoon to which Sergeant Klemko was assigned could not proceed beyond the beach because of anti-tank obstacles. Without hesitation and while subjected to sporadic enemy small-arms fire, Sergeant Klemko dismounted from his vehicle and reconnoitered on foot for and located a route inland. On foot he guided two amphibian tanks to a suitable defensive position inland, then returned to the beach and guided three more vehicles to the same locality and completed the establishment of his defensive position. The courageous actions of Sergeant Klemko aided materially in preventing congestion on the landing beach.

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MAJOR HARRY A. EDWARDS, 0265277, CAC, 483d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Island of Fais, Carolines Group, 24 December 1944 - 4 January 1945. MAJOR EDWARDS, as a member of the staff for the operation, obtained much valuable intelligence of the enemy and the terrain by personally conducted reconnaissances by air and ship, as well as by contact with important native officials. During the landing and in the search for and destruction of the enemy on the island MAJOR EDWARDS contributed materially to the success of the operation by conducting ground patrols and by the tactful handling of the native population whereby he succeeded in obtaining their full cooperation.

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
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Section III - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in 4th Ind, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 28 Dec 44, AG 200.6, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

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Staff Sergeant Clarence W. Morgan (Army serial No. 19096251), Company C, 382d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, ~~15~~ October 1944. Sergeant Morgan was directing the action of his squad in a platoon attack when heavy enemy fire and difficult terrain halted further progress. Volunteering to lead a patrol to locate a route of advance Sergeant Morgan moved forward with two other men and enroute killed an enemy sniper. Successfully completing his mission he placed his companions as a covering force, returned to his original position, reported the information he had obtained, and led the remainder of his squad forward. While directing the action of his squad from its new position Sergeant Morgan was fatally wounded by an enemy rifleman. The courage and leadership of Sergeant Morgan contributed materially to the subsequent destruction of an enemy position by his company and will always remain an inspiration to his comrades.

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 (Bulletin No. 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class John E. Jennings (Army serial No. 37515337), Service Company, 710th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 December 1944. While Private Jennings and his companions were unloading a truck in an ammunition dump a fire broke out followed by explosions of ammunition about twenty feet from the truck. Although the fire was spreading rapidly and shell fragments were hitting the truck, still partially loaded with ammunition, Private Jennings mounted the driver's compartment of the truck and drove out of danger. He then sprayed with a fire extinguisher the smoking shell fragments lodged between the rounds of ammunition in the truck. This truck was the only vehicle in the area at the time that was not destroyed by the terrific explosions and fire. By reason of Private Jennings' devotion to his duty and his fearless disregard of the danger from the already exploding ammunition and of the possibility that the ammunition on the truck might explode at any moment, much valuable government property was saved.

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SECTION III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class Bernard Todecoz (Army serial No. 38004010), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. During an enemy counterattack a grenade was thrown into the position occupied by Private Todecoz and a companion, the explosion of which demolished Private Todecoz's rifle and seriously wounded his companion. Although suffering from slight shock, Private Todecoz seized the rifle of his companion and courageously defended his position until his wounded companion could be evacuated. Private Todecoz was later the same day killed in action against the enemy, but his exceptional courage will always remain an inspiration to his comrades.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

CAPTAIN SIDNEY M. COHEN, 01690383, Medical Corps, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 September to 20 November 1944.

CAPTAIN (then FIRST LIEUTENANT) PAUL GOLEJ, 01015348, 710th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 6 October - 27 November 1944.

CAPTAIN CLOYD C. SH[illegible], 01284035, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 21 - 24 November 1944.

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CITATIONS TO ACCOMPANY SECTION III, GENERAL ORDERS NO. 15, HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION

1. CAPTAIN SIDNEY M. COHEN, 01690383, Medical Corps, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 September to 20 November 1944. In his capacity as principal surgeon of his unit CAPTAIN COHEN not only fulfilled the standards of his medical profession but went far beyond in his efforts to save the seriously wounded. In one instance he worked continuously for a twenty-four hour period, and during that time performed twenty-three operations. Throughout the combat CAPTAIN COHEN inspired a high state of morale in all personnel of the unit. His zeal, skill, and sympathetic handling of the wounded contributed greatly toward their subsequent physical rehabilitation. His outstanding service reflected great credit on himself and his unit and was in keeping with the finest traditions of the Medical service of the Army.

2. CAPTAIN (then FIRST LIEUTENANT) PAUL GOLEJ, 01015348, 710th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 6 October - 27 November 1944. CAPTAIN GOLEJ, by his outstanding leadership and complete disregard for his personal safety, made possible the recovery and repair of eighteen tanks disabled by enemy mines. CAPTAIN GOLEJ personally led maintenance personnel to the disabled vehicles and towed them from the battlefield when possible. On one occasion, CAPTAIN GOLEJ repaired a tank under sniper fire and on another occasion, he supervised repair of a tank in enemy territory, after dark, utilizing part of the maintenance personnel as security while working with others. Without the fortitude and devotion to duty demonstrated by CAPTAIN GOLEJ many of the tanks recovered would undoubtedly have been lost.

3. CAPTAIN CLOYD C. SHULTZ, 01284035, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 21 - 24 November 1944. As commander of a heavy weapons company, CAPTAIN SHULTZ, by reason of his outstanding initiative was assigned the mission of seizing a key terrain feature on a high coral ridge overlooking the enemy's defensive area. Under his leadership his troops accomplished the difficult ascent up the precipitious side of the cliff and secured favorable positions for observation and gun positions. By reason of his sound tactical judgment in this action, his perseverance and leadership, CAPTAIN SHULTZ contributed materially to the final mopping up of the enemy forces on Peleliu Island.

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Section I - Award of the Bronze Star
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SECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 3 a (4), Circular No. 32, Hq USAFPOA, APO 958, 17 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

CAPTAIN RICHARD D. McCONCHIE, 0471308, Medical Corps, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. CAPTAIN McCONCHIE had his medical aid station in close support to the forward positions of the battalion. Frequently during the day heavy small-arms fire forced personnel of the station to seek the safety of foxholes. CAPTAIN McCONCHIE placed his duty to the wounded above his personal security and he remained at his important task in the face of grave dangers. By his courageous actions he contributed to the welfare, recovery, and morale of numerous wounded men.

Private First Class Carl W. Hooper (Army serial No. 34644025), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944. As the platoon to which Private Hooper was attached as an aid man moved up to attack enemy positions, the leading scout fell wounded. Several members of the platoon attempted to move to his aid but were stopped by enemy fire. Without regard for his personal safety, Private Hooper rose to his feet and ran to the side of the wounded man. Although his efforts were in vain, the wounded man having died before he could be aided, the courage and determination displayed by Private Hooper won the admiration and esteem of all who witnessed the incident.

Private Buster Taylor (Army serial No. 39390009), Medical Detachment 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. Private Taylor, company aid man, volunteered his services to aid wounded infantrymen in the front lines. He carried out the tasks under enemy machine gun and rifle fire and was repeatedly singled out and fired at by an enemy sniper. Although a bullet pierced his canteen on one occasion, he continued at his work and completed the treatment of the wounded man and assisted him to safety. Private Taylor's fearlessness, devotion to duty, and willingness to risk his life to save the lives of others served as an inspiration to all who witnessed his brave acts.

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Sergeant Edward J. Sepich (Army serial No. 39310242), Headquarters Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 29 October 1944. While on a reconnaissance mission in enemy territory, Sergeant Sepich reached an observation point on a ridge from which he observed a sniper throwing grenades at a patrol in the valley below. After killing the sniper Sergeant Sepich further assisted the patrol by pointing out with tracer bullets a cave where he had observed hostile movement. By thus drawing attention to the enemy's location, he initiated action by the patrol which enabled it to continue on its mission without loss. By his alertness, good judgment, courage, and decisive action Sergeant Sepich undoubtedly prevented the patrol from suffering numerous casualties.

CAPTAIN NICHOLAS M. KATONA, 0468675, Medical Corps, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. CAPTAIN KATONA had his medical aid station in close support to the forward positions of the battalion. Frequently during the day heavy small-arms fire forced personnel of the station to seek the safety of foxholes. CAPTAIN KATONA placed his duty to the wounded above his personal security and he remained at his important task in the face of grave dangers. By his courageous actions he contributed to the welfare, recovery, and morale of numerous wounded men.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to Pfc Lino R. Fortunati, 32950847, 322d Infantry for wounds received in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division to 1ST LT DONALD E. CLAYTON, 01300935, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division for wounds received in action against the enemy on Fais Island, Caroline Group, 3 January 1945.

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
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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 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class Luciano Lozito (Army serial No. 32621575), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. When leading elements of the company were pinned down by machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox Private Lozito, a flamethrower operator, volunteered to go forward to clear the way. After working through barbed wire defenses, Private Lozito reached the blockhouse and discovered that he could not fire into it from the ground. He then moved to a flank, succeeded in climbing to the roof of the blockhouse and from that position emptied his flamethrower down through the opening onto the enemy. He then threw hand grenades into the pillbox. Private Lozito's gallant actions destroyed the enemy position and its defenders, and thereby hastened the attack inland from the beach.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL (then MAJOR) THOMAS K. McCLANE, 0328189, 316th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944 - 7 October 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL CRAIG, 0343825, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group from 17 September to 27 November 1944.

Sergeant Arvid F. Dorothy (Army serial No. 37418136), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR W. HUTCHISON, 0336385, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October - 27 November 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK J. JANOWICZ, 01302135, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 September - 19 October 1944.

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MAJOR BART W. LaHATTE, 0365417, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 - 27 November 1944.

Corporal Donald J. Merchant (Army serial No. 39310532), Company B, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944 to 22 October 1944.

Private Joseph A. Krueger (Army serial No. 35559445), Company C, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944. When three men on patrol in enemy territory were seriously wounded, Private Krueger and three other litter bearers traversed approximately two hundred yards of extremely difficult and hazardous terrain to evacuate their comrades. Fifty yards of this route were exposed to enemy fire and it was necessary to effect the rescue under covering fire of friendly troops. Three sorties were made into this area, requiring three hours of continuous evacuation and treatment under frequent heavy concentrations of enemy fire. Private Krueger displayed great physical stamina and courage, and his heroic actions reflect credit on his organization.

Private First Class Edmond A. Murphy, Jr. (Army serial No. 36621818), Company B, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. While the company of which Private Murphy was a rifleman, was moving under enemy fire to another position a member of the company was seriously wounded, and had to be left behind temporarily. Later Private Murphy and two others returned to the exposed area, improvised a litter, and brought the wounded man to safety. By his courageous action Private Murphy contributed materially to the saving of the life of a comrade.

Private William W. Adams (Army serial No. 39607126), Company B, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. Private Adams, with four other litter bearers, volunteered to enter an open area under heavy enemy machine gun fire to evacuate a wounded comrade. Three of the litter bearers were wounded and Private Adams assisted in their evacuation and treatment. Private Adams, with complete disregard for his own safety, assisted in the evacuation of numerous other casualties over rugged terrain that was subjected to hostile fire. Private Adams displayed physical stamina and great courage, and his heroic actions reflect credit on his organization.

First Sergeant George E. Hermel (Army serial No. 6858076), Company B, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. While the company of which Sergeant Hermel was first sergeant, was moving under enemy fire to another position a member of the company was seriously wounded and had to be left behind temporarily. Later Sergeant Hermel and two others returned to the exposed area, improvised a litter, and brought the wounded man to safety. By his courageous action Sergeant Hermel contributed materially to the saving of the life of a comrade.

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CITATIONS TO ACCOMPANY SECTION II, GENERAL ORDERS NO. 19, HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL (then MAJOR) THOMAS K. McCLANE, 0328189, 318th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944 - 7 October 1944. COLONEL McCLANE landed his field artillery battalion of 155mm howitzers on Angaur Island on 18 September and thereafter throughout that combat displayed exceptional initiative and energy in emplacing, supplying and fighting his battalion from different positions, widely separated to obtain the most effective fire against the cavernous enemy positions, employing on two days direct laying of several howitzers at ranges under 800 yards. His constant supervision, his anticipation of the changes in the situation, his decisions and his tactical application of sound artillery principles were of the highest order. The work of his battalion evidenced his fine leadership in combat and in prior preparation therefor.

2. LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL CRAIG, 0343825, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group from 17 September to 27 November 1944. As Executive Officer 321st Infantry COLONEL CRAIG displayed exceptional administrative and executive ability, unswerving devotion to duty and excellent judgment. His tactful coordination of the many difficult problems involving the 321st Infantry and its attached, supporting and cooperating units contributed much to the success of the regiment in its operations.

3. Sergeant Arvid F. Dorothy (Army serial No. 37418136), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. Continuation of the advance by the infantry and supporting weapons in the rugged enemy-held terrain in the northwest part of the island required construction of a road for supply and evacuation. Sergeant Dorothy and a companion made a successful reconnaissance for a route, frequently operating ahead of the infantry unit assigned as their security. Although the area had not previously been entered by our troops, Sergeant Dorothy and his companion were able to locate a route which permitted successful completion of the urgently needed road.

4. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR W. HUTCHISON, 0336385, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October - 27 November 1944. COLONEL HUTCHISON, as battalion commander, was untiring in his efforts to gain personal knowledge of the terrain and the disposition of his own and the enemy troops in order that the attacks by his command might be prosecuted vigorously and with combat efficiency. He visited forward positions daily, and on numerous occasions personally directed operations from an advanced observation post. COLONEL HUTCHISON'S courage, initiative, and aggressiveness contributed materially to the success of the operation.

(Citations to Accompany Sec II, GO No. 19, Hq 81st Inf Div, 18 Feb 45, contd).

5. FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK J. JANOWICZ, 01302135, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 September - 19 October 1944. Throughout the joint Army-Marine phase of the operations, LIEUTENANT JANOWICZ'S performance of duty as liaison officer between his regiment and Marine division headquarters was outstanding. His duties many times necessitated that he enter and pass through areas covered by harassing enemy rifle, machine gun and mortar fire. By reason of his ready grasp of the military situation and the tactful manner in which he carried on his mission, he contributed materially to the successful operation of the regiment during the period.

6. MAJOR BART W. LaHATTE, 0365417, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 - 27 November 1944. When MAJOR LaHATTE assumed command of his battalion it was shaken in spirit because the officer who had commanded it for two years in training was killed in the action. MAJOR LaHATTE stimulated the battalion to renewed enthusiasm by his energy and initiative. The outstanding leadership and courage shown by MAJOR LaHATTE was largely responsible for the success of the battalion in completing its assigned battle missions.

7. Corporal Donald J. Merchant (Army serial No. 39310532), Company B, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944 to 22 October 1944. As litter squad leader, Corporal Merchant carried out his duties in a most exemplary manner during the battle of Angaur and was always the first to volunteer for any difficult or hazardous duty involving removal of casualties from the front lines. He at all times displayed a complete disregard for his own personal safety in attempting to help those wounded. On 18 September he evacuated numerous casualties exposed to enemy mortar fire forward of the battalion aid station. On one occasion he volunteered to evacuate a casualty directly exposed to sniper fire, during which time a fellow litter bearer was killed and Corporal Merchant narrowly escaped being hit, but nevertheless he went forward to the casualty. Corporal Merchant, through his bravery and devotion to duty in the face of extreme danger acted as an inspiration to his squad and other Medical Department men observing his actions.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN E. BARLOW, 020224, 81st Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944 - 19 September 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL (then MAJOR) WILSON M. RILEY, 0246769, 317th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944 - 7 October 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARL DARNELL, JR, 019213, 81st Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944 - 25 September 1944.

MAJOR NATHAN P. THOMPSON, 0350077, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September to 2 November 1944.

MAJOR (then CAPTAIN) LAUREN L. SHAW, JR., 01283594, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, from 17 September to 2 November 1944.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) ANTHONY J. O'DRISCOLL, 0443950, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September to 6 October 1944.

Private James R. Chandler (Army serial No. 38511263), Company C, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944. When three men on patrol in enemy territory were seriously wounded, Private Chandler and three other litter bearers traversed approximately two hundred yards of extremely difficult and hazardous terrain to evacuate their comrades. Fifty yards of this route were exposed to enemy fire and it was necessary to effect the rescue under covering fire of friendly troops. Three sorties were made into this area, requiring three hours of continuous evacuation and treatment under frequent heavy concentrations of enemy fire. Private Chandler displayed great physical stamina and courage and his heroic actions reflect credit on his organization.

First Sergeant Robert W. Wahlberg (Army serial No. 37020409), Company B, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 15 October 1944. Sergeant Wahlberg and two others volunteered to evacuate a wounded man from his position on a rocky ridge exposed to enemy rifle and grenade fire. Crawling over precipitous and jagged coral formations which afforded little or no cover, he reached the wounded man, administered first aid, and assisted in his evacuation. The heroic action of Sergeant Wahlberg was an inspiration to all observers and was instrumental in saving the life of a wounded comrade.

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Technician Fourth Grade Robert J. Zagnoli (Army serial No. 37419105), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 - 18 October 1944. While performing his duties as medical technician in a battalion aid station, Technician Zagnoli volunteered to go forward as a company aid man, and several times dangerously exposed himself to enemy action. He was present when his battalion commander was mortally wounded by enemy fire and rushed forward to his commander's assistance. On the following day Technician Zagnoli moved under enemy fire to the position of a seriously wounded man and applied first aid with unusual skill. By reason of Technician Zagnoli's technical ability, his energy and courage, many wounded were given superior first aid treatment in the front lines with unusual promptness.

CAPTAIN CHARLES L. TYLER, JR., 01283697, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October - 27 November 1944. As regimental intelligence officer, CAPTAIN TYLER frequently went into forward positions seeking information of the enemy, and on several occasions advanced to the attack with leading riflemen. At times he defied the dangers of close range small-arms and grenade fire when he entered enemy-held caves in attempts to secure prisoners. By reason of CAPTAIN TYLER's courageous and unceasing efforts, he was able to furnish timely combat intelligence of great value to the regimental commander thereby contributing materially to the success of the operation.

Private First Class Donald R. Toland (Army serial No. 36503750), Company B, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 15 October 1944. Private Toland and two others volunteered to evacuate a wounded man from his position on a rocky ridge exposed to enemy rifle and grenade fire. Crawling over precipitous and jagged coral formations which afforded little or no cover, he reached the wounded man, administered first aid, and assisted in his evacuation. The heroic action of Private Toland was an inspiration to all observers and was instrumental in saving the life of a wounded comrade.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. SMISEK, 01302217, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 7 October 1944. As LIEUTENANT SMISEK was leading his platoon in an advance to take possession of dominating cliffs, he discovered that one of his men who had reached the peak had become a casualty. Without regard for the danger to which he would be exposed in going to the wounded man's position, LIEUTENANT SMISEK climbed quickly to the man's side, dragged him to a less exposed place, and rendered first aid. He then organized a line of men who passed the casualty down the cliff. LIEUTENANT SMISEK's prompt and fearless action contributed to the saving of the life of a member of his command and stimulated the already high morale of his platoon.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN E. BARLOW, 020224, 81st Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944 - 19 September 1944. COLONEL BARLOW, then commanding officer of the 906th Field Artillery Battalion, on 17 September, when enemy action caused a modification of the artillery plan, was ordered to place his battalion of 105mm howitzers in direct support of an infantry regiment normally supported by another battalion. Despite this change, which necessitated an earlier landing than originally contemplated, COLONEL BARLOW was able to land his battalion under enemy fire, establish liaison with the infanty, and begin support fires within two hours after the landing was ordered. On 19 September, he reembarked his battalion for another operation in an expeditious manner despite crowded beach conditions. The prompt and efficient response of COLONEL BARLOW's unit to his order is testimony to his foresight during the training and planning periods prior to the operation. His coolness and judgment were in the best traditions of the service.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL (then MAJOR) WILSON M. RILEY, 0246769, 317th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944 - 7 October 1944. COLONEL RILEY, as commanding officer of a field artillery battalion of 105mm howitzers, by his skillful employment of observers and liaison officers when the rough terrain encountered made observation difficult, overcame this obstacle to a marked degree, thereby contributing materially to the delivery of successful artillery support. During this period his battalion fired over 15,000 rounds of ammunition in direct support of its combat team infantry. Throughout the entire operation COLONEL RILEY's tactical handling of his command, and his judgment in overcoming the problems of combat were in the best tradition of the service.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARL DARNELL, JR., 019213, 81st Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September 1944 - 25 September 1944. COLONEL DARNELL, then commanding officer of the 316th Field Artillery Battalion, landed his battalion of 105mm howitzers just before dark on 17 September, close behind the advance infantry in difficult and unfavorable positions. He displayed exceptional initiative and leadership in emplacing his weapons and personnel for the purpose of furnishing prompt and continuous support to his successful infantry. Upon reembarkation of this infantry regiment for another operation, COLONEL DARNELL, by timely displacement, rendered equally effective support to another regiment. The work of his battalion evidenced inspiring leadership and meritorious achievement not only in combat but also in the many months of preparation prior thereto.

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MAJOR NATHAN P. THOMPSON, 0350077, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September to 2 November 1944. As regimental supply officer, MAJOR THOMPSON was outstanding in his planning and supervision of the many problems of supply prior to and during the beachhead assault. His excellent foresight and his continuous personal inspections of forward combat areas frequently under enemy fire, resulted in efficient and satisfactory flow of supplies to the assault troops and were a substantial contributing factor in the enemy's defeat.

MAJOR (then CAPTAIN) LAUREN L. SHAW, JR., 01283594, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, from 17 September to 2 November 1944. MAJOR SHAW, Regimental Intelligence Officer, displayed untiring efforts in obtaining and evaluating enemy information. His thorough knowledge of the composition and disposition of the enemy were of inestimable value in the planning of operations. His zeal frequently carried him through enemy rifle and mortar fire to visit the forwardmost elements in order to obtain the latest developments. MAJOR SHAW's untiring efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the remainder of the staff.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) ANTHONY J. O'DRISCOLL, 0443950, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September to 6 October 1944. During this period CHAPLAIN O'DRISCOLL made frequent visits to the assault units of his regiment. His exceptional devotion to duty, wise counsel, comfort to the wounded and disregard of his personal safety contributed materially to the high morale and combat efficiency of his battalion.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technical Sergeant Tom W. Bouldin (Army serial No. 6219239), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 September 1944. Observing that enemy sniper fire was harassing the company, Sergeant Bouldin voluntarily organized and directed the actions of a patrol in an endeavor to locate and eliminate this resistance. Sergeant Bouldin led his patrol across an open area without mishap and was able to direct fire on a position occupied by one of the snipers, killing him. During this action Sergeant Bouldin was himself fatally wounded but his organization and leadership together with his courage and ability were important factors and enabled the patrol to continue and complete its mission.

CAPTAIN DON W. BAKER, JR., 0401784, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. While the company which CAPTAIN BAKER commanded was moving under enemy fire to another position a member of the company was seriously wounded and had to be left behind temporarily. Later CAPTAIN BAKER and two enlisted men returned to the exposed area, improvised a litter, and brought the wounded man to safety. By his courageous action CAPTAIN BAKER contributed materially to the saving of the life of one of his men. CAPTAIN BAKER was subsequently killed in action.

Sergeant Andrew J. Lamping (Army serial No. 37186736), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

MAJOR (then CAPTAIN) HENRY R. NOBLES, 01283658, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October - 27 November 1944.

MAJOR VICTOR F. NETTLES, 0342749, 317th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, during the period 17 September - 2 October 1944.

MAJOR ROBERT G. BRUGH, JR., 025009, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, during the period from 17 September to 2 November 1944.

Master Sergeant Clinton W. Bradford (Army serial No. 38177958), Service Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September 1944 to 2 November 1944.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN J. BOCHEK, 0130100[illegible], 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October - 27 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Raymond F. Teel (Army serial No. 39177460), Company A, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. Sergeant Teel as leader of a litter section, was searching an area for casualties in a draw between our own and the enemy's forces and while so doing located a critically wounded officer to whom he rendered first aid. He carried out this mission despite exposure to enemy fire from a pillbox. He then withdrew and returned with two litter bearers, whom he directed and assisted in effecting the evacuation. On this date and on the two following days he was frequently at the front line in the performance of his assigned tasks often while exposed to enemy observation and fire. Sergeant Teel's self-sacrifice and courage were an inspiration to all who observed his outstanding conduct.

Private Harvey D. Ruse (Army serial No. 35578627), Company C, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944. When three men on patrol in enemy territory were seriously wounded, Private Ruse and three other litter bearers traversed approximately two hundred yards of extremely difficult and hazardous terrain to evacuate their comrades. Fifty yards of this route were exposed to enemy fire and it was necessary to effect the rescue under covering fire of friendly troops. Three sorties were made into this area, requiring three hours of continuous evacuation and treatment under frequent heavy concentrations of enemy fire. Private Ruse displayed great physical stamina and courage, and his heroic actions reflect credit on his organization.

Staff Sergeant Carl A. Sjoblom (Army serial No. 31182177), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. Sergeant Sjoblom as squad leader in a platoon supported by tanks, was ordered to attack a section of a village defended by numerous pillboxes. Sergeant Sjoblom volunteered to lead the tanks. Although exposed to enemy observation and small-arms fire he went ahead without hesitation and successfully performed his mission. His brave leadership contributed materially to the platoon's success in destroying all enemy installations in its sector.

3. So much of Section IV, General Orders No. 34, this headquarters, 1944, as reads "Technician Fifth Grade Geogre Christian, 37187100, 316th Field Artillery Battalion" is amended to read "Corporal George E. Christian, 3718710[illegible], 316th Field Artillery Battalion".

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Sergeant Andrew J. Lamping (Army serial No. 37186736), Company B, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. Continuation of the advance by the infantry and supporting weapons in the rugged enemy-held terrain in the northwest part of the island required construction of a road for supply and evacuation. Sergeant Lamping and a companion made a successful reconnaissance for a route, frequently operating ahead of the infantry unit assigned as their security. Although the area had not previously been entered by our troops, Sergeant Lamping and his companion were able to locate a route which permitted successful completion of the urgently needed road.

MAJOR (then CAPTAIN) HENRY R. NOBLES, 01283658, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October - 27 November 1944. As regimental operations officer MAJOR NOBLES went daily on reconnaissance of the forward areas of each battalion to check on the terrain and the positions held by our own troops. He made numerous flights at low altitude over enemy-held territory in observation planes. By his close application to his tasks and the efficient conduct of his operations section, he contributed materially to the success of the operations of his regiment.

MAJOR VICTOR F. NETTLES, 0342749, 317th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, during the period 17 September - 2 October 1944. Landing early in the assault on Angaur Island, MAJOR NETTLES, as senior officer for the reconnaissance party for his battalion, while under sporadic rifle fire from enemy snipers, reconnoitered positions for firing batteries and other installations, thereby enabling the batteries to emplace promptly. The technical skill displayed by MAJOR NETTLES over a period of many days in his solution of the artillery problems confronting the front-line troops were major factors in the delivery of effective artillery fire in the support of the infantry.

MAJOR ROBERT G. BRUGH, JR., 025009, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, during the period from 17 September to 2 November 1944. During this period MAJOR BRUGH's performance of duties as regimental operations officer was outstanding and of inestimable assistance in the successful operation against the enemy. His unremitting efforts to gain information of the situation frequently carried him to the forward areas, both by day and by night although routes traversed were covered by harassing enemy rifle and mortar fire. The high degree of skill and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by MAJOR BRUGH contributed materially to the combat efficiency of the regiment.

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Master Sergeant Clinton W. Bradford (Army serial No. 38177958), Service Company, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September 1944 to 2 November 1944. As Regimental Operations Sergeant, during the operations on both Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Sergeant Bradford's performance of duty was outstanding and his assistance in the formulating and maintenance of accurate situation and operation maps, aided materially in maintaining close coordination of all elements of the regimental combat team. He contributed very materially to the efficiency of the Regimental Operations Section during the Palau campaign.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN J. BOCHEK, 01301094, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October - 27 November 1944. When his company commander was killed in action on 27 October, LIEUTENANT BOCHEK, was assigned to fill that position. During the days which followed he continuously kept in personal contact with his men in the front lines, guiding and encouraging them. His keen judgment and leadership were at once reflected in the successes of the company and did much to overcome the reaction the men had suffered by the loss of their former leader.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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Section I - Award of the Bronze Star
Section II - Award of the Purple Heart (Correction in General Orders)
Section III - Rescission of Award of the Purple Heart

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Corporal (then Technician Fifth Grade) John M. Quirrin (Army serial No. 39858779), Company A, 154th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. While voluntarily accompanying a small reconnaissance party, Corporal Quirrin and another enlisted man discovered an occupied enemy pillbox which they attacked until depletion of their supply of hand grenades forced them to withdraw. After securing a resupply of grenades, Corporal Quirrin, now alone because of the serious wounds suffered by his companion, again attacked the position and silenced the enemy. Corporal Quirrin's initiative, perseverance and courage greatly facilitated the advance.

Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) Palmer E. Melby (Army serial No. 37279816), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. While performing his duties as company aid man Technician Melby went forward to administer aid to a number of men wounded by a concentration of mortar and machine gun fire. While tending to their wounds Technician Melby was himself wounded. Unwilling to stop his work, Technician Melby would not allow himself to be treated until all of the other casualties had been taken care of. His unselfish devotion to duty and fearlessness secured prompt medical attention for his comrades and probably saved the lives of several of them.

Sergeant Roland J. Berdan (Army serial No. 37127189), Cannon Company, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September 1944. The company in which Sergeant Berdan was a section chief was supporting a rifle company in a drive through a dangerous defile. After he had voluntarily led on foot and placed one of the self-propelled cannon, he discovered that the leading cannon was almost out of ammunition. In spite of the enemy fire and the hazards of land mines, one of which exploded near him, he unhesitatingly made several trips for ammunition in order to keep the weapon in action at this critical time. His courage and initiative contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the attack.

Technician Fourth Grade George S. Damon (Army serial No. 39026355), Company B, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 15 October 1944. Technician Damon and two others volunteered to evacuate a wounded man from his position on a rocky ridge exposed to enemy rifle and grenade fire. Crawling over precipitous and jagged coral formations which afforded little or no cover, he reached the wounded man, administered first aid, and assisted in his evacuation. The heroic action of Technician Damon was an inspiration to all observers and was instrumental in saving the life of a wounded comrade.

(Sec I, GO No. 23, Hq 81st Inf Div, 21 Feb 45 contd)

Private First Class Robert P. Downer (Army serial No. 33676240), Company C, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944. When three men on patrol in enemy territory were seriously wounded, Private Downer and three other litter bearers traversed approximately two hundred yards of extremely difficult and hazardous terrain to evacuate their comrades. Fifty yards of this route were exposed to enemy fire and it was necessary to effect the rescue under covering fire of friendly troops. Three sorties were made into this area, requiring three hours of continuous evacuation and treatment under frequent heavy concentrations of enemy fire. Private Downer displayed great physical stamina and courage, and his heroic actions reflect credit on his organization.

Private Elton E. Cox (Army serial No. 37204499), Company B, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group on 23 September 1944. Private Cox, with four other litter bearers, volunteered to enter an open area swept by heavy enemy machine gun fire to evacuate a wounded comrade. Three of the litter bearers, including Private Cox, were wounded while administering first aid and Private Cox crawled to safety to await evacuation. During the preceding days of action on Angaur he had assisted in the evacuation of numerous casualties in areas under hostile fire. Private Cox displayed physical stamina and great courage, and his heroic actions reflect credit on his organization.

Private Jessie B. Chance (Army serial No. 34474693), Company B, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. The litter team of which Private Chance was a member volunteered to go to the front lines to evacuate a wounded man exposed to enemy machine gun fire. In the attempt to evacuate the wounded man two of the squad of litter bearers were shot. Private Chance helped one man to safety, then returned and helped evacuate the other member of the team, who was mortally wounded. Private Chance showed complete disregard for his own safety in order to render aid to the wounded. His bravery under fire and his courage were sources of inspiration to all observers and reflects credit upon the Medical Department.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (Correction in General Orders)

So much of paragraph 6, General Orders, No. 35, this headquarters, 1944, as pertains to Tec 5 Palmer E. Melby, 37279816, 322d Infantry, as reads "27 September 1944" is amended to read "26 September 1944".

SECTION III - RESCISSION OF AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. So much of paragraph 2, General Orders No. 53, this headquarters, 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Sgt Joseph A. Gallant, 11097690, 321st Infantry, (duplicate award) is hereby rescinded.

2. So much of paragraph 4, General Orders No. 56, this headquarters, 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Sgt James W. Lowery, 38177086, 321st Infantry, (duplicate award) is hereby rescinded.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 25)

ORIGINAL ORDER - MISC.
Section I - Award of the Silver Star
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT G. HOLSINGER, 01323929, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. LIEUTENANT HOLSINGER discovered during an attack that the enemy had so skillfully placed two machine guns in the formidable terrain that attack on either gun was all but impossible because of the fire of the other. Placing the principal firepower of his platoon as advantageously as he could to support an assault, he personally led a squad on one of the guns until he was mortally wounded. By reason of LIEUTENANT HOLSINGER'S courageous action, the enemy gun position was wiped out and the way opened for a successful advance on the enemy strongpoint. The heroism of this intrepid soldier inspired his platoon to greater efforts in the accomplishment of its mission.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Earl Pysher (Army serial No. 32574939), Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 October 1944. Private Pysher, a member of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, was attached for demolition work to a rifle company which was engaged in destroying an enemy force in a strongly fortified position. Voluntarily moving forward of the assault elements Private Pysher engaged the enemy, single-handed, in a grenade battle. When his supply became exhausted, he returned, under enemy grenade fire, for more ammunition which he took back to his prior position and used to such good effect in another single-handed attack that he drove the enemy into the open where they were promptly killed by other troops. By his courageous action Private Pysher contributed materially to the seizure and annihilation of the last remaining Japanese stronghold in the highly organized and desperately defended positions on Angaur Island.

First Sergeant Allan Morrison (Army serial No. [illegible]-520970), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. As the company in which Sergeant Morrison, was first sergeant, was advancing in column through a defile thick with jungle growth and large broken coral rock masses, the enemy's fire split the forward from the rear elements. With complete disregard for his own safety he voluntarily went back through the heavy enemy fire and brought up the rear portion of the company. Sergeant Morrison was subsequently wounded but he refused evacuation until he was ordered to the rear by the company commander. First Sergeant Morrison's remarkable activity at the age of 53 years, his demonstrated leadership, resourcefulness and courage, and his continuous presence in the front lines encouraging his men forward, won him the complete admiration of all officers and men in his company and contributed substantially to the success of the battalion in its combat missions.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

CAPTAIN JAMES S. McKEEVER, 0353431, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. CAPTAIN McKEEVER commanded an infantry company which had for ten days been continuously attacking successive enemy positions in the northwest sector of the island. On the morning of the eleventh day, at the rim of the enemy final defensive position in the exceptionally difficult, abrupt mountainous coral rock mass, his unit was ordered to continue its attack. CAPTAIN McKEEVER went forward to reconnoiter and after returning to his company and issuing an order for the attack, he led the company throughout the attack in the face of mortar and small-arms fire. The attack was successful due to CAPTAIN McKEEVER'S fine plan, his coolness under fire, and the driving force and leadership that inspired his command.

Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Albert Havera (Army serial No. 36059633), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. The platoon in which Sergeant Havera was an automatic rifleman was on a reconnaissance mission, seeking a route into a valley through jungle-covered crevices. Suddenly entrapped in one of these crevices by enemy fire from several sides, the platoon found it necessary to move to a more advantageous position. Without hesitation Sergeant Havera climbed to an exposed position from which he fired so effectively that the enemy ceased firing and took cover. Sergeant Havera's courageous action made possible the accomplishment of the mission of the platoon.

Private Ernest C. Boren (Army serial No. 39407886), Medical Detachment, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 October 1944. A combat patrol of the company of which Private Boren was an aid man, was ambushed and suffered many casualties. Without hesitation and without regard for his own personal safety, he advanced to administer first aid under covering fire of elements of the company and in the face of enemy fire. The soldierly virtues shown by Private Boren were an inspiration to those who witnessed his act of self-sacrifice and bravery.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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ORIGINAL ORDER - MISC.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

SECOND LIEUTENANT IRVIN H. ISOM, 01324170, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. While leading his platoon in an attack on a strongly fortified position, LIEUTENANT ISOM together with others of the platoon were wounded by the intense and accurate fire by the enemy. LIEUTENANT ISOM despite his grievous wound continued the direction of his platoon. When the situation permitted the evacuation of casualties, LIEUTENANT ISOM remained at his post until all other wounded had been taken care of and only then did he permit medical treatment for himself. LIEUTENANT ISOM'S unselfish devotion to his duty and his outstanding leadership won the deepest admiration and respect of all the members of his platoon.

MAJOR (then CAPTAIN) WILLIAM R. HILLENBRAND, 01283773, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 22 October 1944.

MAJOR BRUCE D. CLOANINGER, 0292571, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 22 October 1944.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) EDWIN W. LEVERENZ, 0434206, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 22 October 1944.

MAJOR FRANK A. HILL, 0449571, Medical Corps, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 22 October 1944.

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MAJOR (then CAPTAIN) WILLIAM R. HILLENBRAND, 01283773, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 22 October 1944. As regimental operations and training officer, MAJOR HILLENBRAND was charged with details of operational planning for the amphibious landing of his unit on Angaur Island. By reason of his close cooperation with other staff agencies and the efficiency with which he conducted his office, he inspired excellent teamwork within the regimental staff. His sound judgement, his unusual foresight, and his thorough grasp of essential detail were manifested throughout the combat. MAJOR HILLENBRAND'S outstanding performance of duty in a key staff position contributed greatly to the regiment's success in a dificult combat operation.

MAJOR BRUCE D. CLOANINGER, 0292571, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 22 October 1944. As regimental supply officer, MAJOR CLOANINGER was outstanding in anticipating requirements of supply of the regiment and in the exercise of close personal supervision in the distribution. He surmounted the numerous obstacles of supply and evacuation under difficult combat conditions by his initiative, tireless energy, and practical procedures. MAJOR CLOANINGER'S staff work was so effective that the regimental commander was required to give the supply aspects the minimum of his personal attention. By reason of his effective accomplishments, he contributed materially to the success of the regiment in a difficult combat operation.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) EDWIN W. LEVERENZ, 0434206, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 22 October 1944. CHAPLAIN LEVERENZ voluntarily spent most of the time during combat in battalion aid stations and other forward installations in constant effort to maintain the spirit of the sick, the wounded and the fatigued. He radiated confidence and cheerfulness that inspired others to emulate him. CHAPLAIN LEVERENZ, by his example of fortitude calmness under fire, and devotion to duty, contributed greatly to the maintenance of high morale among the troops in the forward areas and thereby aided materially in the success of his unit in battle.

MAJOR FRANK A. HILL, 0449571, Medical Corps, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 22 October 1944. The complete readiness of the medical personnel and installations directed by MAJOR HILL, as regimental surgeon, demonstrated his keen awareness of the medical demands of the operation against the enemy on Angaur Island. His tireless efforts, his frequent presence in forward aid stations, and his technical skill, relieved much suffering and helped save many lives. MAJOR HILL'S leadership, integrity, and disregard for personal hardship and danger inspired his medical detachment to outstanding achievement in the face of the enemy.

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26 February 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 27)

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945; a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN A. REID, 01685158, Medical Corps, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944. While elements of his regiment were engaged in an attack against a strongly held enemy position, CAPTAIN REID moved an aid station close to the area of the combat. From this advanced point he was able to provide early care and treatment which probably saved the lives of many of the wounded. At frequent intervals CAPTAIN REID went forward of the aid station despite the hostile rifle and grenade fire and personally treated wounded and directed their evacuation. His courage, devotion to duty, and spirit of self-sacrifice inspired all who witnessed his exemplary service.

Private First Class Daniel Eiguren (Army serial No. 39311097), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944. Private Eiguren and two companions, with complete disregard for their own safety, volunteered to evacuate a casualty from an area known to be exposed to accurate rifle fire of the enemy. Employing smoke grenades in an attempt to screen their actions, the group started scaling the rocky side of a steep, high ridge. Before the mission could be accomplished Private Eiguren was wounded by enemy rifle fire. The courageous action of Private Eiguren in volunteering for this hazardous mission inspired all who witnessed it.

Private Edmund P. Baraso (Army serial No. 32637396), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 November 1944. From a vantage point, Private Baraso observed a man wounded by enemy machine gun fire, lying in an exposed position. Voluntarily, he moved down the face of a cliff and over an extremely dangerous route under enemy fire to the side of the wounded man. He administered first aid and sheltered the wounded man from the continuing enemy fire, until he could be safely evacuated. Private Baraso's courageous actions probably saved the life of his comrade.

Private First Class Goldman J. Barron (Army serial No. 37536552, Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Group, 22 November 1944. Private Barron and two companions, with complete disregard for their own safety, volunteered to evacuate a casualty from an area exposed to accurate rifle fire of the enemy. Employing smoke grenades in an attempt to screen their actions, the group started scaling the rocky side of a steep, high ridge. Before the original mission could be accomplished a member of the team was wounded, and Private Barron assisted in his evacuation under fire. He again volunteered to return on his original mission but permission was denied because of the great risk. The courageous actions of Private Barron inspired all who witnessed them.

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Private First Class David O. Beedle (Army serial No. 39208598), Company F, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 November 1944. As a member of a platoon engaged with the enemy Private Beedle saw his platoon leader wounded seriously in front of an enemy-held cave. Without regard for his own safety Private Beedle moved to the officer's aid while exposed to dangerous enemy fire. He remained in the exposed position until a litter team with a tank for its protection could be brought up. By his devotion to the safety of his leader and his courageous action in the face of grave danger, Private Beedle won the admiration and respect of all members of the platoon.

Private First Class Henry Rodriguez (Army serial No. 38217630), Company H, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 November 1944. Private Rodriguez and two companions, with complete disregard for their own safety, volunteered to evacuate a casualty from an area exposed to accurate rifle fire of the enemy. Employing smoke grenades in an attempt to screen their actions, the group started scaling the rocky side of a steep, high ridge. Before the original mission could be accomplished, a member of the team was wounded, and Private Rodriguez assisted in his evacuation under fire. He again volunteered to return on his original mission but permission was denied because of the great risk. The courageous actions of Private Rodriguez inspired all who witnessed them.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT E. QUACKENBUSH, 018590, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, from 20 October to 27 November 1944.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 29)

ORIGINAL ORDER

Section I - Award of the Bronze Star
Section II - Award of the Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster)
Section III - Award of the Soldier's Medal (Correction in General Orders)

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT H. HELL, 022474, 17th Field Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September - 27 October 1944.

MAJOR DAVID S. ASCHER, 0396930, 41st Portable Surgical Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September - 18 October 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL EUGENE F. MELAVILLE, 0300979, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 4 October - 27 November 1944.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Michael P. Cresson, 13090027, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 9 November 1944.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL (Correction in General Orders)

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 48, this headquarters, 1944, as pertains to Private First Class Carlton R. Sims, 306th Engineer Combat Battalion, as reads "33383344" is corrected to read "37620531".

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT H. BELL, 022847[illegible], 17th Field Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September - 27 October 1944. Closely following the initial assault on Angaur Island, the 17th Field Hospital under the command of COLONEL BELL was quickly established and by this early admittance of patients contributed greatly to the safety, comfort, and welfare of the wounded of our forces. The efficient early establishment of this installation plus the skill and sympathy with which patients were handled reflect the highest credit on the administrative ability of COLONEL BELL and the state of training he had achieved in his organization. The sound judgment, determined will, and unselfish devotion to duty exhibited by COLONEL BELL during this period was largely responsible for the efficient manner in which his command discharged its duties.

MAJOR DAVID S. ASCHER, 0396930, 41st Portable Surgical Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September - 18 October 1944. As Commanding Officer of the 41st Portable Surgical Hospital attached to the 81st Infantry Division in its amphibious landing operation on Angaur Island, MAJOR ASCHER contributed outstanding service. His installation was opened near the beach on the second day of the landing and during the period of the combat it was efficiently employed, frequently to maximum capacity, despite difficulties incident to the combat. In addition to the large number of patients of the Division requiring care, MAJOR ASCHER was able to provide hospitalization for a number of native civilians. The skilled surgical staff and the other members of his organization relieved much suffering and saved many lives. Their performance of duty reflects a high state of training, organization, and command supervision, attributable to their commander. By reason of MAJOR ASCHER's exceptional operational and technical [illegible] tireless energy, and commendable attention to duty, he made a splendid contribution to the efficient hospitalization furnished the Division in the Palau Islands.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL EUGENE F. MELAVILLE, 0300979, 306th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 4 October - 27 November 1944. As Commanding Officer of the 306th Medical Battalion, COLONEL MELAVILLE rendered outstanding service. In the absence of normal third echelon medical service, the facilities of the Division Clearing Company and a Portable Surgical Unit were combined to hospitalize wounded and sick of the Division and attached units. Under his supervision a capacity of 270 beds was provided under many difficulties. By his untiring effort and vigilant supervision, COLONEL MELAVILLE made a splendid contribution to the efficient hospitalization furnished the Division in the Palau Islands.

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6 March 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 31)

ORIGINAL ORDER

Section I - Award of the Silver Star
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star
Section III - Award of the Purple Heart

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Chester W. Shipley (Army serial No. 37187528), Company K, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. During the progress of an attack, Sergeant Shipley, an acting squad leader, volunteered to join his company commander and one other man on an extremely dangerous reconnaissance mission which had as its purpose the establishment of contact with an adjacent company. It was necessary for the patrol to move over terrain known to be under enemy observation in order to accomplish its objective. Despite all precautions to proceed without being detected, the patrol was observed by the enemy and two of its members were killed. Sergeant Shipley returned to the company with the valuable information the patrol had obtained. Sergeant Shipley's courageous actions on this occasion exemplified to his company the highest standards of devotion to duty and inspired all to greater efforts.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

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CAPTAIN MAURICE W. LeCALVEZ, 01283628, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. When enemy mortar fire fell on the command post of the battalion of which CAPTAIN LeCALVEZ was adjutant, the medical section was rendered practically inoperative. CAPTAIN LeCALVEZ, with utter disregard for his personal safety, took charge of the treatment and evacuation of casualties. By reason of his calm and effective leadership and his courage under fire, he contributed greatly to the restoration of the operating efficiency of the command post.

Private First Class Joseph A. Notarianni (Army serial No. 33297534), Medical Detachment, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 September 1944. Private Notarianni, a company aid man, was accompanying a platoon in the attack when the enemy reacted with heavy machine gun and rifle fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, this intrepid soldier exposed himself to the hostile fire in order to care for the wounded and dying. His fearlessness and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all his comrades. He rendered exemplary service in this difficult situation until he himself was struck and wounded by a shell fragment.

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Technical Sergeant Lloyd Hagnas (Army serial No. 6565767), Company C, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. After receiving orders to take charge of a reinforced squad to make a flank attack on the enemy in position on high ground, Sergeant Hagnas led his men in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. By his exercise of superior leadership and his personal example of fearlessness, the squad reached its objective over extremely rough terrain, and in so doing killed 21 of the enemy including the officer in charge of the defending force. The courage, resourcefulness, and determination shown by Sergeant Hagnas was an inspiration to his squad which contributed substantially to the success of the battalion's combat mission.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN J. LaPPAGE, 017564 (Cavalry), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL D. GODDARD, 0286342 (Infantry), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM R. WOODWARD, 018582 (Infantry), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LAFAYETTE B. WILBY, 019748 (Corps of Engineers), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN G. THOMAS, 01288470, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Fais Island, Caroline Group from 1 January to 4 January 1945.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 January 1945:

Tec 4 Joseph Caiharr, 37190582, 316th FA Bn
Pfc Charles V. Nolen, 33257799, 316th FA Bn

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN J. LaPPAGE, 017564 (Cavalry), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the planning phase for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island, COLONEL LaPPAGE, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, conceived and supervised all arrangements by Division Headquarters pertaining to personnel. In addition to his other duties he acted in the capacity of Deputy Chief of Staff and aided materially in the solution of complex problems relating to the embarkation of the Division for the operation. During the landing of the Division on Angaur Island, he operated the part of the Division command post afloat until the completion of the amphibious phase. His efficient procedure for prompt award of decorations, reports of casualties, and establishment of cemeteries was noteworthy. By reason of his breadth of vision, tireless energy, and his clear understanding of his functions, he contributed materially to the success of the Division in its operations in the Palau Islands.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL D. GODDARD, 0286341 (Infantry), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the planning phase for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island, COLONEL GODDARD, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, supervised the collection and evaluation of intelligence information for the operation. By reason of his close coordination with naval sources of information, and by logical deductions and clear presentations of the intelligence material gained, his services were of great value in the preparation of plans by the Division. Throughout the combat he maintained a steady flow of well digested combat intelligence. Because of his conscientious application to duty, his courageous inspections of the forward areas, his clear-cut comprehension of his functions, his efficient management of the intelligence section, and generally outstanding services, COLONEL GODDARD contributed materially to the success of the Division's operations in the Palau Islands.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM R. WOODWARD, 018582 (Infantry), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the planning phase for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island, COLONEL WOODWARD, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, successfully supervised the publication of orders and other documents for the operation and assisted substantially in the conduct of rehearsals and command post exercises. By zealous collaboration with the navy staff concerned and because of his clear-cut comprehension of his functions, he was able to contribute materially to the coordination of the joint operation. During combat on Angaur and Peleliu Islands he applied himself vigorously and fearlessly to his manifold tasks, frequently conducting reconnaissance of the forward battle areas in order to keep abreast of the tactical situation. By reason of

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his outstanding initiative, attention to duty, and high professional attainments, COLONEL WOODWARD rendered outstanding service to the Division in the operations in the Palau Islands.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LANGFITT B. WILBY, 019748 (Corps of Engineers), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the planning phase for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island, COLONEL WILBY, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, had general supervision over the acquisition of equipment and supplies for the operation and managed the complex problems of ships loading. During the combat phase he exercised control over the unloading of assault shipping, placing of supplies on the beaches, and establishment of a supply system ashore. To the outstanding success of the supply and evacuation in the operations of the Division in the Palau Islands COLONEL WILBY, by reason of his tireless application to duty and comprehension of the functions of his office, made a noteworthy contribution.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN C. THOMAS, 01288470, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Fais Island, Caroline Group from 1 January to 4 January 1945. As Detachment Commander of the Army assault element operating with an amphibious task force, LIEUTENANT THOMAS displayed superior qualities of leadership. Through his careful and efficient planning and preparation, the assault moved ashore with precision and dispatch. During the first two days ashore, he very capably supervised and coordinated the search for the enemy and when the well concealed and desperate enemy forces were encountered, LIEUTENANT THOMAS formulated and personally led the attack which brought about speedy annihilation of the enemy with a minimum of casualties among our troops. His personal courage, excellent judgment and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the entire task force.

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GENERAL ORDERS) ORIGINAL ORDER

NUMBER 33) Section I - Award of the Bronze Star
Section II - Award of the Purple Heart (Correction in General Orders)

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Chester C. Blake (Army serial No. 38067618), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 - 18 September 1944. Private Blake, an automatic rifleman, was covering the advance of a demolition squad which was destroying enemy caves and pillboxes. With complete disregard for his own safety he repeatedly placed himself in an exposed position in order to deliver the most effective fire. In his final action during the first night of the operation he exchanged fire with the enemy not more than twenty yards away, until he was mortally wounded. Private Blake's heroic actions enabled the demolition squad to complete their missions.

Technical Sergeant Jimmie J. Catrett (Army serial No. 34331502), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944. When the platoon which he was leading against a strong enemy position was stopped by intense rifle and machine gun fire, Sergeant Catrett, with complete disregard for his own safety, remained in the exposed area until he could direct effectively the movement of his command to a more favorable position. The movement having been accomplished, he was mortally wounded while rejoining his platoon. Sergeant Catrett's fearless leadership in the face of great danger and his concern over the safety of his men to the extent of sacrificing himself, won the admiration of his command and contributed greatly to the completion of the mission of the platoon.

Private First Class Norman W. Arrant (Army serial No. 6253454), Company A, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 21 October 1944. Private Arrant volunteered to accompany a group in reconnoitering an area from which heavy enemy fire was being delivered. Upon reaching an adjacent ridge without drawing enemy fire, Private Arrant, with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced alone some seventy-five yards in further reconnaissance. After rejoining the group, he located some of the enemy and engaged them in exchange of fire, during which he was mortally wounded. By his heroic action Private Arrant contributed materially to the success of his unit in the combat.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARL LONGLEY, JR., 019112, Ordnance Department, 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM D. SMITH, JR., 0329927, Quartermaster Corps, 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NEWELL E. WATTS, 016657, Infantry, 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL F. STANLEY EWING, 0309383, Medical Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

CHAPLAIN (LIEUTENANT COLONEL) PERCY M. HICKCOX, 0256872, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WILLIAM F. COULTAS, 131749, USNR, D-V(S). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, from 17 September to 4 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant Raymond J. Weyek (Army serial No. 36245318), Company K, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. When a mortar barrage fell on the company in which Sergeant Weyek was a squad leader, Sergeant Weyek noticed one of his men lying wounded about 30 yards from him. Disregarding the enemy fire, he left his position, crawled over the jagged coral rock, and rendered first aid until he was himself hit by a shell fragment. Before being evacuated Sergeant Weyek made certain that the man whom he had treated was also evacuated. Sergeant Weyek's spirit of self-sacrifice inspired to greater efforts all who observed his courageous action during a critical phase of the battle.

Technical Sergeant Fred E. Bebout (Army serial No. 6824335), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 21 October 1944. Observing two enemy soldiers crawling through underbrush towards a large tree near the perimeter defense line of the company in which he was a platoon sergeant, Sergeant Bebout proceeded to organize a six-man patrol in order to capture them and secure information. Sergeant Bebout's patrol upon surrounding the enemy discovered that there were nine men instead of the two originally seen. Three of the enemy, when called upon to surrender, committed suicide but the remainder, in response to a few words in their language spoken by Sergeant Bebout, dropped their weapons, disrobed to show that they were not carrying concealed weapons, and surrendered. Sergeant Bebout's quick action, initiative and leadership prevented the enemy from gaining a point of vantage, and secured prisoners valuable for the information they were able to disclose.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (Correction in General Orders)

So much of paragraph 5, General Orders No. 35, this headquarters, 1944, as pertains to S Sgt Raymond J. Weyek, 36245318, 322d Infantry, as reads "26 September 1944" is amended to read "27 September 1944".

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL CAM LONGLEY, JR., 019112, Ordnance Department, 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the preparatory phase for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island, COLONEL LONGLEY, as Division Ordnance Officer, conducted the manifold affairs of his office with a keen understanding of ordnance equipment and supply requirements of the Division. By careful planning and tireless supervision he arranged that adequate and appropriate ordnance materials were embarked. During the combat phase he established an efficient system of supply points and provided the required flow of supplies. He was constantly alert to the needs for maintenance of vehicles and armament, and the conservation of materiel in general, and carried out effective procedure to accomplish the desired results. COLONEL LONGLEY contributed substantially to the success of the operations of the Division in the Palau Islands.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM D. SMITH, JR., 0329927, Quartermaster Corps, 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the preparatory phase for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island, COLONEL SMITH, as Division Quartermaster, managed in a superior manner the procurement and allocation of Quartermaster supplies for the embarkation of the Division. A clear-cut concept of the functions of his office, coupled with his keen understanding of supply procedure, enabled COLONEL SMITH to meet satisfactorily many difficult problems relating to his service that arose both prior to and during combat. He gave constant attention to meeting the requirements of the troops and solved quickly and satisfactorily all emergency supply situations. COLONEL SMITH'S outstanding service in the Palau operation was most commendable and praiseworthy.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NEWELL E. WATTS, 016657, Infantry, 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. As Commanding Officer Special Troops, COLONEL WATTS conducted the administration and training of his units with outstanding efficiency in the preparation for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island. In the combat phase in his capacity as Headquarters Commandant, he established the Division Headquarters ashore on Angaur Island and conducted its echelonment forward. In both areas the enemy was still active during the preliminary reconnaissance by COLONEL S and he commanded the troops in the local combat that successfully r the areas of hostile snipers, during which he personally accounted for at lea one of the enemy. By reason of his zealous and fearless attention to duty, the exercise of excellent judgment, and his courageous actions under difficult situations, COLONEL WATTS contributed outstanding service to the Division in the operations in the Palau Islands.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL F. STANLEY EWING, 0309383, Medical Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the planning phase for the amphibious landing on Angaur Island, COLONEL EWING, as Division Surgeon, managed the procurement and allocation of medical equipment and supplies for the operation with significant success. During the combat phase he supervised medical units of the Division, particularly procedure of evacuation and the installation and operation of hospital facilities. By reason of his foresight, his clearcut comprehension of his duties, and his tireless application to his tasks, COLONEL EWING contributed materially to the outstanding results attained by the medical services in the care of the wounded and insuring the health of the troops during the Division's operations in the Palau Islands.

CHAPLAIN (LIEUTENANT COLONEL) PERCY M. HICKCOX, 0256872, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the combat CHAPLAIN HICKCOX, as Division Chaplain, supervised ministrations to the wounded in aid stations and hospitals. He insured appropriate religious services at the graves of the deceased. He contributed materially to the development and dedication of the Division cemeteries. By reason of his clear understanding of the mental and moral reaction of troops prior to and during combat, CHAPLAIN HICKCOX was able to provide most beneficial spiritual guidance, thereby contributing to the combat efficiency, mental stability, and morale of the Division in periods of great mental tension of strenuous battle.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WILLIAM F. COULTAS, 131749, USNR, D-V(S). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, from 17 September to 4 December 1944. During this period, COMMANDER COULTAS as Officer-in-charge, JICPOA Intelligence Team No. 1, worked in close harmony with the Intelligence Officer of the Infantry Division engaged in the assault. His intimate knowledge of the geographic conditions in the islands and his unusual ability to deal with the local native population greatly expedited the gathering of intelligence information concerning the disposition of enemy forces. COMMANDER COULTAS habitually displayed excellent judgment and knowledge of the military situation and largely through his zeal the Intelligence team under his direction collected much valuable material for intelligence purposes. His contribution to the success of our forces in these operations is highly regarded by all Army personnel with whom he came in contact.

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Section I - Award of the Silver Star
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM F. MURPHY, 01283666, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 - 28 September 1944. During the progress of an attack, CAPTAIN MURPHY voluntarily led two men of his company on an extremely dangerous and highly important reconnaissance mission which had as its purpose the establishment of contact with an adjacent company. It was necessary for the patrol to move over terrain known to be under enemy observation in order to accomplish its objective. Despite all precautions to proceed without being detected, the patrol was observed by the enemy and CAPTAIN MURPHY and another of its members fatally wounded. CAPTAIN MURPHY's courageous actions on this occasion exemplified to his company the highest standards of devotion to duty and inspired all to greater efforts.

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Private First Class Glenn R. Reynolds (Army serial No. 38176930), Company K, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 - 28 September 1944. During the progress of an attack, Private Reynolds, a rifleman, volunteered to join his company commander and one other man on an extremely dangerous and highly important reconnaissance mission which had as its purpose the establishment of contact with an adjacent company. It was necessary for the patrol to move over terrain known to be under enemy observation in order to accomplish its objective. Despite all precautions to proceed without being detected, the patrol was observed by the enemy and Private Reynolds and another of its members were fatally wounded. Private Reynold's courageous actions on this occasion exemplified to his company the highest standards of devotion to duty and inspired all to greater efforts.

Private Charles D. Logston (Army serial No. 37536537), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September 1944. During a determined enemy counterattack, the platoon in which Private Logston was an automatic rifleman was forced to move to a new position. Voluntarily remaining in a position which bore the brunt of the enemy fire, Private Logston, even after he was wounded, laid down an effective covering fire thus enabling the platoon to complete its movement. Having accomplished his mission, Private Logston was mortally wounded as he was rejoining the platoon. His heroic action and devotion to duty won the admiration of all his comrades and assisted the platoon in the accomplishment of the mission.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 9, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945; a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE W. GIBSON, 0264321, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY T. GALT, 0222353, Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEO V. MERLE, JR., 0397051, Signal Corps, 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

MAJOR JOSEPH SCHULTZ, 0281828 (Infantry), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

CAPTAIN WALTER L. WOODFILL, 0293076, Infantry, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 27 November 1944.

CAPTAIN THEODORE M. HOLZ, JR., 0455777, Quartermaster Corps, 2216th POA Transport Quartermaster Team, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944.

MAJOR CLARENCE H. HEINEN, 0342123, 316th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 January 1945.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK B. LITTLE, 01179936, 316th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 January 1945.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technicial Sergeant Joseph C. Szwed (Army serial No. 16065791), Company B, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 - 18 September 1944. During an attack against strong enemy positions Sergeant Szwed, a platoon sergeant, with complete disregard for his own safety, repeatedly led assault squads in their hazardous task of destroying enemy pillboxes. When the platoon was subjected to a determined enemy counterattack on the night of 17 - 18 September, he displayed exceptional leadership and courage in holding his position against the enemy until he was critically wounded. Sergeant Szwed's outstanding gallantry remains an inspiration to those who witnessed his intrepid actions.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE W. GIBSON, 0264324, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the preparatory phase for the amphibious operation of the Division, COLONEL GIBSON, as Inspector General, rendered valuable assistance in planning and adjusting administrative and supply matters. During the combat phase he performed important duties as liaison officer with higher headquarters and on special missions for the Division Commander. By reason of his tireless application to his duties, his clear-cut comprehension of the functions of his office, and his sympathetic understanding of problems of subordinate units, COLONEL GIBSON made a splendid contribution to the tactical operation and to the general welfare of the Division in the Palau Islands.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY T. GALT, 0222353, Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the embarkation phase of the amphibious operation of the Division, COLONEL GALT, as Regulating Officer, rendered outstanding service in managing and controlling movements of personnel, equipment and supplies. Concurrently, as Division Chemical Officer, he supervised all preparations incident to the allocation and use of chemical equipment and materials. In combat his tireless efforts to conserve equipment of his service were highly successful. By reason of his conscientious and efficient performance of duty, COLONEL GALT's services as a staff officer in various important capacities during the combat were of inestimable value to the Division.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEO V. MERLE, JR., 0397051, Signal Corps, 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. Prior to embarkation COLONEL MERLE, as Division Signal Officer, planned the communications system for the Division and also controlled the procurement and allocation of Signal supplies. The notable success of the Army communications during the amphibious landing on Angaur Island was due in a large measure to his understanding of the problem and the exercise of close supervision by him. By reason of COLONEL MERLE's outstanding technical ability, his constant readiness to meet emergency situations, and his close supervision of communication agencies, the signal service functioned with outstanding efficiency during the Division's operations in the Palau Group.

MAJOR JOSEPH SCHULTZ, 0281828, (Infantry), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the planning phase for the operation MAJOR SCHULTZ, as Assistant to the Division Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, rendered valuable assistance in the conduct of the final training and the rehearsals of the Division. Throughout the period of the combat on Angaur and Peleliu Islands his staff work was outstanding, and his attention to duty, initiative and efficiency contributed materially to the success of the Division's operations in the Palau Islands.

CAPTAIN WALTER E. WOODFILL, 0293076, Infantry, Headquarters 81st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 17 September - 27 November 1944. As Assistant to the Division Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, CAPTAIN WOODFILL displayed outstanding initiative and zeal in establishing ashore and directing the operation of his section. His solutions of the many problems of an administrative nature arising as a result of the first engagement with the enemy were accomplished with alacrity and distinction. CAPTAIN WOODFILL's untiring efforts, the ease and rapidity with which he altered prearranged plans to meet unexpected developments, and his assistance to commanders and staffs of all echelons throughout the operation contributed substantially to the success of the operations of the Division in the Palau Islands.

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CAPTAIN THEODORE M. HOLZ, JR., 0455777, Quartermaster Corps, 2216th POA Transport Quartermaster Team, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, 6 July - 27 November 1944. During the preparatory phase for the amphibious operation of the 81st Infantry Division, CAPTAIN HOLZ, as Transport Quartermaster, planned and supervised the loading of the ships carrying the Division. By reason of his clear understanding of the problems of his office and his constant application to his tasks, he overcame the numerous difficulties that arose and was able to meet all schedules. In the combat phase CAPTAIN HOLZ made a fine contribution to the very successful unloading of assault shipping. During the entire period of operation in the Palau Group CAPTAIN HOLZ handled the variety of shipping problems confronting the Division, energetically, capably, and with noteworthy success.

MAJOR CLARENCE H. HEINEN, 0342123, 316th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 January 1945. MAJOR HEINEN, battalion executive, was placed in command of a force of artillerymen dispatched on a mission of destroying a group of 35 of the enemy which had landed during the hours of darkness on a suicide mission of destruction. He quickly organized his force and directed its operations most effectively over the rough, jungle-covered terrain in which the enemy had sought concealment. By reason of his superior and intrepid leadership and effective control, MAJOR HEINEN completed his mission of annihilation of the enemy force in its entirety with only four slightly wounded among the members of his command, and thereby quickly eliminated the enemy threat of damage to our own installations.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK B. LITTLE, 01179936, 316th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 January 1945. LIEUTENANT LITTLE was in command of the leading patrol which was part of a detachment which was formed to locate and destroy the enemy which had landed under the cover of darkness. This patrol operated over rugged, bolder strewn terrain which afforded the enemy excellent concealment. LIEUTENANT LITTLE led his patrol forward under small-arms fire and bursting grenades and quickly located and eliminated the pockets of resistance. Under the able leadership of LIEUTENANT LITTLE the patrol killed ten of the enemy without sustaining a single injury. LIEUTENANT LITTLE's courageous actions were an inspiration to the men of his command and contributed greatly to the patrol's rapid and efficient completion of its mission which removed the threat of destruction to our own installations.

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HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION
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20 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 38)

ORIGINAL ORDER

Section I - Award of the Purple Heart
Section II - Award of the Purple Heart (Oak-Leaf Cluster)
Section III - Rescission of Award of the Purple Heart

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to 1ST LT HERSCHEL E. TOWNS, 01284055, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, (Palau Group,) 1 October 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to S Sgt Herbert M. Salger, 36059574, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 October 1944.

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Sam R. Liberman, 36183400, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944.

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to S Sgt George H. Goodew, 37196976, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 20 October 1944.

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 22 October 1944:

Tec 5 Norman R. Fairley, 34279252, 323d Inf
S Sgt Cecil Brown, 34125293, 323d Inf

6. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc (then Pvt) Gerald E. Sommer, 36444388, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944.

7. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 28 October 1944:

Pfc Paul Eisenhauer, 33244777, 323d Inf
Pfc Henry F. Beale, 32522059, 323d Inf

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8. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Ernest D. Oppegard, 39828497, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 November 1944.

9. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944:

Pfc Clarence Mattox, 34520005, 323d Inf
1ST LT HOWARD HALL, 01104810, 306th Engr Combat Bn

10. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc James M. Zimmer, Jr., 16143364, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 5 November 1944.

11. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Reynold J. Pitre, 38174501, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 November 1944.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (Oak-Leaf Cluster)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, in addition to the Purple Heart awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Cpl Gerald J. Shepard, 6580162, 323d Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 11 November 1944.

SECTION III - RESCISSION OF AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

OK So much of paragraph 2, General Orders No. 30, this headquarters, 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Pvt (then Sgt) Albert J. Leisen, 37279419, 321st Infantry, (administrative error) is hereby rescinded.

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HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION
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23 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 40)

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ABRAHAM ABRAHAM, 01306218, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 November 1945. Acting as assistant supply officer of his battalion, LIEUTENANT ABRAHAM volunteered to accompany a patrol in order to locate a new supply route which would be needed upon completion of an attack then being planned. While advancing with the patrol under enemy fire he killed one of the enemy with his rifle, successfully completed his own route reconnaissance, and assisted in the evacuation of wounded men from the area. By his courageous disregard for the enemy, LIEUTENANT ABRAHAM not only accomplished his own mission, but assisted a patrol in its action against the enemy, and contributed to the saving of several lives.

Technician Fifth Grade James J. Fitzsimmons (Army serial No. 32990243), Cannon Company, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September 1944. The cannon company in which Technician Fitzsimmons was a driver was supporting a rifle company in an advance through a defile. After the leading self-propelled cannon had come under enemy antitank fire, his vehicle was ordered forward. When his vehicle was disabled by explosion of a land mine, Technician Fitzsimmons, in spite of the enemy fire, together with two other members of the crew carried ammunition to the weapon then in action. When the leading cannon was hit by enemy artillery wounding its entire crew, Technician Fitzsimmons assisted in evacuating the casualties. Technician Fitzsimmons contributed materially to the success of the attack by reason of his outstanding courage and initiative.

Sergeant Paul R. Turner (Army serial No. 37198492), Company F, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Sergeant Turner, while engaged in delivering ammunition to the forward positions of the company, volunteered to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he and a companion repeatedly advanced under enemy machine gun and rifle fire to exposed positions on a ridge to evacuate casualties. His voluntary assumption of a hazardous mission won the esteem of all witnesses.

Private Daniel Kolak (Army serial No. 39843344), Company K, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944. During the hours of darkness, Private Kolak with nine companions occupied a position which was repeatedly attacked by infiltrating enemy patrols. A member of an enemy patrol succeeded in tossing into the position a grenade, killing three men and wounding Private Kolak and three others. Immediately following the explosion an enemy soldier climbed into the position and was engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle and killed by Private Kolak. The fearless action and indomitable spirit of Private Kolak, despite serious wounds, prevented further casualties among his wounded and dazed companions.

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Sergeant Alfred T. Kotcher (Army serial No. 36506368), Cannon Company, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September 1944. The cannon company in which Sergeant Kotcher was a section chief was supporting a rifle company in a drive through a defile. After the leading self-propelled cannon had come under enemy antitank fire, his vehicle was ordered forward. When his vehicle was disabled by explosion of a land mine, Sergeant Kotcher, in spite of the enemy fire, together with two other members of the crew carried ammunition to the weapon then in action. When the leading cannon was hit by enemy artillery wounding its entire crew, Sergeant Kotcher assisted in evacuating the casualties. Sergeant Kotcher contributed materially to the success of the attack by reason of his outstanding courage and initiative.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward P. Jacob (Army serial No. 32636971), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October - 18 November 1944. During this period Technician Jacob by unstinted effort and personal courage advanced to the aid of the wounded regardless of terrain difficulties and enemy fire. On 23 October he administered first aid and evacuated a wounded man under enemy fire. Later in the same day under similar conditions, he assisted in the evacuation of another soldier. On 27 October, in the face of enemy fire so intense that it was necessary to screen his movements with smoke, he rescued a third casualty. Throughout this period Technician Jacob's exemplary technical skill, devotion to duty, and spirit of self-sacrifice contributed to the recovery of many wounded soldiers and assisted in the maintenance of the high morale of the companies he served.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) George O. Imfeld, (Army serial No. 20601597), Company F, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944. Sergeant Imfeld, while engaged in delivering ammunition to the forward positions of the company, volunteered to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he and a companion repeatedly advanced under enemy machine gun and rifle fire to exposed positions on a ridge to evacuate casualties. His voluntary assumption of a hazardous mission won the esteem of all witnesses.

Sergeant (then Corporal) Roscoe L. Embrey (Army serial No. 35687004), Cannon Company, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September 1944. The cannon company in which Sergeant Embrey was a gunner was supporting a rifle company in a drive through a defile. After the leading self-propelled cannon had come under enemy antitank fire, his vehicle was ordered forward. When his vehicle was disabled by explosion of a land mine, Sergeant Embrey, in spite of the enemy fire, together with two other members of the crew carried ammunition to the weapon then in action. When the leading cannon was hit by enemy artillery wounding its entire crew, Sergeant Embrey assisted in evacuating the casualties. Sergeant Embrey contributed materially to the success of the attack by reason of his outstanding courage and initiative.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CARL A. ARONSON, 01547522, Medical Administrative Corps, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October - 27 November 1944.

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~~Technician Fifth Grade Elmer D. Tomberlin (Army serial No. 34457318), Headquarters Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944.~~

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FIRST LIEUTENANT CARL A. ARONSON, 01547522, Medical Administrative Corps, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October - 27 November 1944. As medical administrative officer attached to an infantry battalion, LIEUTENANT ARONSON displayed throughout the operations on Peleliu outstanding devotion to duty. He participated in many evacuation missions, frequently under enemy fire. His work was particular noteworthy on 26 October when he took complete charge of the handling of the numerous casualties suffered as a consequence of the explosion of a large booby trap. LIEUTENANT ARONSON'S disregard for his own comfort and safety, his initiative and leadership, contributed substantially to the success of the medical support received by the battalion.

Technician Fifth Grade Elmer D. Tomberlin (Army serial No. 34457318), Headquarters Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. While at work on a pole repairing a telephone line in a forward position Technician Tomberlin was wounded by enemy mortar fire. Realizing that delay might have serious consequences, he stayed on the pole under fire and completed his task before going for first aid. Technician Tomberlin's devotion to duty contributed substantially to maintenance of communications in the forward area of the attack.

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3 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 43)

ORIGINAL ORDER

Section I - Award of the Purple Heart
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star (Correction in General Orders).

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Charles W. Krieger, 32923030, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 October 1944.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc John Forcia, 36183420, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 20 October 1944.

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Ted Pawlowski, 36351380, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 October 1944.

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 26 October 1944:

T Sgt James W. Richardson, 39390067, 323d Inf
Pfc Kenneth J. Loucks, 36182977, 323d Inf
Sgt Mansfield Fisher, 38173257, 323d Inf

5. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Tec 4 (then Cpl) Stanley Augustine, 39243894, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 30 October 1944.

6. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 1 November 1944:

Pfc James D. Hildreth, 34306339, 323d Inf
Pfc Nicholas Waclawski, 33729174, 323d Inf
Pfc Chavies Partin, 34476691, 323d Inf

7. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Richard G. Parker, 36729509, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 2 November 1944.

8. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Kenneth C. Laukkonen, 37573719, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 9 November 1944.

9. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 10 November 1944:

Tec 5 Ray Shcaf, 37188232, 323d Inf
Tec 4 Warren L. Du Bois, 38174465, 323d Inf

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10. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 11 November 1944:

Pfc Chesley A. Wells, 32637083, 323d Inf
1ST LT WOODROW A. SCHMITZ, 01318247, 323d Inf

11. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13 November 1944:

Pfc James E. Blake, 34457695, 323d Inf
Pfc George W. Pharis, 34351573, 323d Inf

12. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Hal E. Stewart, 34329315, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 17 November 1944.

13. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Tec 5 Albert C. Mason, 35031367, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944.

14. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 19 November 1944:

S Sgt Ralph E. Hayes, 20944555, 323d Inf
Pfc John H. Hayden, 13075587, 323d Inf

15. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Mack M. Calhoun, 33254674, 323d Inf, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 November 1944.

16. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 25 November 1944:

Pfc James R. Hunter, 42009985, 323d Inf
Pfc Lorenzo P. Porras, 39243596, 323d Inf

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR (Correction in General Orders)

OK So much of paragraph 1, Section I, General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, 1944, as pertains to FIRST LIEUTENANT LEONARD B. RICH, 01785474, Medical Corps, 322d Infantry, as reads "Medical Administrative Corps" is amended to read "Medical Corps".

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GENERAL ORDERS)

6 April 1945

NUMBER 45)

Section I - Award of the Bronze Star
Section II - Award of the Purple Heart
Section III - Recission of Award of the Bronze Star

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Harry D. Courtemanche (Army serial No. 17080223), Company G, 321st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 16 October 1944. During a combat situation in which the reconnaissance patrol of which Sergeant Courtemanche was a member was caught in the field of fire of an enemy machine gun, several members of the patrol including the lieutenant commanding it, were wounded. Sergeant Courtemanche observed that the officer was seriously wounded and was in great pain and in need of immediate medical attention. As soon as the tactical situation permitted he voluntarily returned through the line of the enemy fire to obtain aid. While returning with medical assistance he was mortally wounded. Sergeant Courtemanche's disregard for his own safety and his spirit of self-sacrifice was an inspiration to all who observed his brave actions and won for him an enduring place in the memory of his comrades.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Changes No. 3, 25 April 1944, and authority delegated in Section II, paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 6, Hq Tenth Army, APO 357, 17 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Elmer D. Tomberlin (Army serial No. 34457318), Headquarters Company, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 27 October 1944. While at work on a pole repairing a telephone line in a forward position Technician Tomberlin was wounded by enemy mortar fire. Realizing that delay might have serious consequences, he stayed on the pole under fire and completed his task before going for first aid. Technician Tomberlin's devotion to duty contributed substantially to maintenance of communications in the forward area of the attack.

Technician Fourth Grade Earl L. Deuschle (Army serial No. 37[illegible]412), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. Technician Deuschle volunteered with several others to act as litter bearers to rescue a casualty who was in a precarious position on a ledge of a coral cliff under enemy observation and fire. The wounded man was reached after great difficulty and first aid was administered. While returning toward a position of safety, a transfer of litter bearers was in progress when three more men were wounded by enemy fire. Despite the hazards Technician Deuschle and his companions took adequate care of all the wounded and eventually completed their evacuation. By his fearless actions and spirit of self-sacrifice Technician Deuschle aided in saving the lives of his comrades.

Technical Sergeant Henry K. Sharp (Army serial No. 34207755), Company M, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 25 - 27 September 1944. Sergeant Sharp, a mortar platoon sergeant, led twenty-five men of his platoon over difficult terrain exposed to enemy fire to relieve a machine gun platoon in close contact with the enemy. He engaged the enemy for three days, remaining in command until his platoon was relieved despite a wound received in the action. Sergeant Sharp's outstanding courage and leadership contributed materially to the success of the combat of his command during the period.

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Staff Sergeant Stanley L. Armstrong (Army serial No. 39177124), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. Sergeant Armstrong volunteered with several others to act as litter bearers to rescue a casualty who was in a precarious position on a ledge of a coral cliff under enemy observation and fire. The wounded man was reached after great difficulty and first aid was administered. While returning toward a position of safety, a transfer of litter bearers was in progress when three more men were wounded by enemy fire. Despite the hazards Sergeant Armstrong and his companions took adequate care of all the wounded and eventually completed their evacuation. By his fearless actions and spirit of self-sacrifice Sergeant Armstrong aided in saving the lives of his comrades.

Staff Sergeant Floyd T. Clark (Army serial No. 34379721), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 322d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. Sergeant Clark volunteered with several others to act as litter bearers to rescue a casualty who was in a precarious position on a ledge of a coral cliff under enemy observation and fire. The wounded man was reached after great difficulty and first aid was administered. While returning toward a position of safety, a transfer of litter bearers was in progress when three more men were wounded by enemy fire. Despite the hazards Sergeant Clark and his companions took adequate care of all the wounded and eventually completed their evacuation. By his fearless actions and spirit of self-sacrifice Sergeant Clark aided in saving the lives of his comrades.

Technician Third Grade George H. Boyd (Army serial No. 34207182), Medical Detachment, 323d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 18 November 1944. When three men on patrol in enemy territory were seriously wounded, Technician Boyd and four other litter bearers traversed a long expanse of extremely difficult and hazardous terrain, exposed to enemy fire, to evacuate the casualties. Technician Boyd displayed great physical stamina and courage as well as expert knowledge of first aid in rendering services that resulted in the saving of lives of the wounded.

MAJOR WILLIAM S. HOUSTON, 0346406, 592d Joint Assault Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 17 September - 27 October 1944.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to Pfc Stephen H. Thomas, 38177683, 321st Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 24 September 1944.

SECTION III - RESCISSION OF AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

So much of General Orders No. 40, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Elmer D. Tomberlin (Army serial No. 34457318) Headquarters Company, 323d Infantry, is hereby rescinded (see paragraph 2, Section I, above).

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