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JOSEPH M PEREZ 32188920, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, [illegible] Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December [illegible] France. Throughout a prolonged enemy counterattack, during wh[illegible] was subjected to intense fire from enemy machine gunners and snip[illegible] Perez remained at his forward observation post, adjusting accurate [illegible] trations on the enemy forces. His effective direction of fire [illegible] in the successful defense of the sector. Entered the military servi[illegible] York, New York.

MARVIN S PRESTWOOD JR 0540201, Corps of Engineers, First Lieute[illegible] C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on [illegible] ber 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany. Lieutenant Prestwood was ordered to offe[illegible] demolition of two pillboxes in the Siegfried Line. As his patrol approache[illegible] fortifications, the enemy laid down an artillery and mortar barrage and fo[illegible] the concentrations with a strong attack. Despite the intense small arms and mor[illegible] tar fire falling in the area, Lieutenant Prestwood led his men forward, placed the charges and destroyed the pillboxes. Entered the military service from Po[illegible] land, Oregon.

DANIEL M RAULSTON JR 34923240, Medical Department, Private, Medical De[illegible] ment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 Novemb[illegible] 1944 near Engwiller, France. As the company Private Raulston served as aid m[illegible] moved across an open field, it received heavy enemy machine gun fire and suffer[illegible] ed a number of casualties. In the face of intense fire, Private Raulston immedi-ately moved into the area to provide prompt medical attention for the wounded men. Although Private Raulston was suffering from an injury which later hospitalized him, he continued to work his way through the company, administering aid expertly and calmly even when tank and mortar fire began to fall in the sector. Private Raulston's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

HERBERT G SCHNERING 0129948l, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 October 1944 near Bruyeres, France. The company to which Lieutenant Schnering's machine gun platoon was attached received a heavy attack by enemy infantry which succeeded in infiltrating on the flanks and threatened the company's position. Lieutenant Schnering, in spite of the intense fire falling in the area, directed the redeployment of his machine guns to cover the flank. He then placed riflemen on high ground overlooking the endangered area. Throughout the ensuing action he moved constantly from position to position, braving enemy mortar and small arms fire to check first the riflemen and then the machine gunners, encouraging them and directing their fire. Largely as a result of Lieutenant Schnering's courageous and aggressive leadership, the enemy forces were halted and driven from the sector. Entered the military service from Newark, New Jersey.

JAMES O SMITH 0397928, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Headquarters Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 October 1944 near Mortagne, France. Colonel Smith's battalion was moving forward in the attack when it encountered a heavy volume of small arms, mortar and artillery fire. A supporting tank destroyer was knocked out of action and the leading company forced to halt. Quickly formulating a plan to meet the situation, Colonel Smith moved through the enemy fire to the head of his leading company and led it, with tank support, in a well-executed flanking movement. The manouver caught the enemy off balance and succeeded in capturing the objective, together with twenty-three prisoners and a large amount of enemy equipment. Colonel Smith's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Okemah, Oklahoma.

RUDOLPH J WORTMANN 37263382, Armored, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 191st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 12 December 1944 near Langensoultzbach, France. As Technician Wortmann's tank entered a town, it was hit by enemy bazooka fire. The tank commander was seriously wounded, the gun and turret disabled and the radio and interphone system destroyed. With the vehicle so vulnerable to enemy attack, the gunner and loader jumped out of the tank, but Technician Wortmann and the assistant driver remained with the wounded soldier. Despite the danger of additional rocket fire, Technician Wortmann backed the tank up, turned it around and, with his comrade aiding, the wounded tank commander to safety. Entered the military service from Hunting-

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ORIGINAL ORDER

Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JAMES T MC EACHERN 31356706, Infantry, Private, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 October 1944, and Germany, 20 December 1944. Home address: Winthrop, Massachusetts.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

RICHARD L LANTHEAUME 42050307, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JOHN E BROWN 38018218, Field Artillery, Private, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Yale, Oklahoma.

FRANK B ELLIS 34795167, Infantry, Private, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 August 1944. Home address: Saint Petersburg, Florida.

RICHARD E HART 42106904, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Jersey City, New Jersey.

SID HILL 38449975, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 March 1945. Home address: Texarkana, Arkansas.

ROBERT J KOPPEN 37596290, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Mankato, Minne

CHESTER A PULASKI 35112129, Field Artillery, Private First Cla aissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 28 M Home address: Akron, Ohio.

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MARTIN W REILLY 12057874, Infantry, Private, Company H, [illegible] Regiment, Italy, 22 September 1943. Home address: Bronx, New [illegible]

RAYMOND H ROBINSON 34591181, Infantry, Private, Company F, 157th [illegible] Regiment, Italy, 31 May 1944. Home address: Landis, North Carolina.

CRANSTON R ROGERS 34788216, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 157t[illegible] Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Orlando, Florida.

DANIEL V VAUGHAN 01823241, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Salt Lake City, Utah.

So much of General Orders Number 95, Section II, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to RICHARD L LANTHEAUME 42050307, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

DAVID K BREEDING 0358862, Field Artillery, Captain, Headquarters 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 July 1943 to 9 January 1944 in Sicily and Italy. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

WALLACE E BROWNING JR 31446201, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 1 January 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hope Valley, Rhode Island.

WARREN C BURK 38018151, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 May 1944 to February 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

CLYDE E GORDON 36118046, Field Artillery, Corporal, Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM C GRAMMER 18169493, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 1 January 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Batesville, Arkansas.

HARLEY D HEWITT 38005948, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Paoroni, Colorado.

ROBERT F HIGGINS 11063266, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 1 January 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

DONOVAN C JURGENS 20838697, Infantry, First Sergeant, Cannon Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

CURTIS D MASH W2108275, Army of the United States, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

CHARLES C PLEVIER 0360084, Quartermaster Corps, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 45th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 to 13 July 1943 near Scoglitti, Sicily. Entered the military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

JAMES H ROSS 31041[illegible], Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of operations from 9 September 1943 to 4 February 1945 in Italy and [illegible] the military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

HOWARD L SWINDAHL 0199136, Infantry, Major, Headquarters 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from March 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Entered the military service from Hollister, Oklahoma.

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EDRACE L STURTS 37665565, Infantry, Private First Class, [illegible] Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious servic[illegible] 15 August 1944 to 1 January 1945 in France and Germany. Entered [illegible] vice from Boone, Iowa.

FREDERICK E [illegible]TKINS 38017911, Field Artillery, Technical Sergeant, Ho[illegible] ters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 January 1943 to 3 February 1945 in the United States, Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ROBERT F WATSON 34170714, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 16 August 1944 to 31 January 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Sanford, North Carolina.

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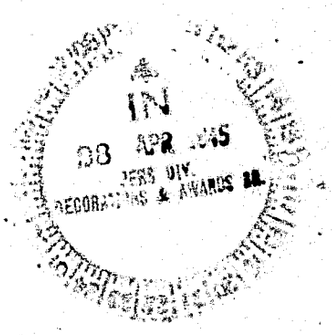

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4 April 1945

Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

GEORGE COURLAS 32937617, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: Johnson City, New Jersey.

JOSEPH F DRISCOLL 01306939, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, Sicily, 1 August 1943. Home address: Boston, Massachusetts.

MICHAEL KACARAB JR 35841164, Infantry, Private, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Alliance, Ohio.

MANUEL G RAMIREZ 39106088, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: San Francisco, California.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

WILLIE C BEASLEY 38631651, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Omaha, Texas.

RAYMOND BELOT 33850947, Infantry, Private, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: Glassmere, Pennsylvania.

HERBERT BLEVINS 33531624, Infantry, Private, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 September 1944.

MELVIN F BUSCH 35539733, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 4 December 1943. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.

WILLIS L CAMP 38425778, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Dallas, Texas.

ALBERT L D'ELIA 42106852, Infantry, Private, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 1 April 1945. Home address: Jersey City, New Jersey.

PETER J DE MARZO 42175967, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Corona, Long Island, New York.

SEVERINO A FERRERO 42073552, Infantry, Private First Class, Co[illegible] Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: New York[illegible]

FRANCIS W FOLEY 31056521, Infantry, Private First Class, C[illegible] Infantry Regiment, France, 9 September 1944. Home address: Nort[illegible] Rhode Island.

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ELMER L GRAVES JR 11063163, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Comp... Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 May 1944. Home address: Warwick, RI...

WILLIAM G HARDIN 34714105, Infantry, Private First Class, Compa... Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Pinson, Tenn...

ARNOLD D HECHTMAN 01284702, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 25 September 1943. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

EDDIE R HENDRICKSON 39147881, Infantry, Private, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 December 1944. Home address: Stockton, California.

JAMES R HOLZMILLER 36843509, Infantry, Private, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

JOHN R KAY 37737241, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 2 April 1945. Home address: Newton, Kansas.

GEORGE M LARSEN 42074723, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

STEVE LAKO JR 33424893, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 2 June 1944. Home address: McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH H LESLIE 20110992, Infantry, Private, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Worcester, Massachusetts.

JAMES C MANGRUM 34950138, Infantry, Private, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Home address: Shawmut, Alabama.

AUGUST OLENIK 33801940, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ALOYSIUS A RICHARD 01300083, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Home address: Saint Louis, Missouri.

PEDRO SANCHEZ 39594176, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

LEO SCHAFFER 32318854, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: Monticello, New York.

MAJOR G SIMONTON 6395921, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Home address: Columbus, Georgia.

HOWARD H WILLIAMS 37599822, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

So much of General Orders Number 17, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, 17 January 1944, as reads "DALCO ZICLER 34071660, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C", is amended to read "DALCO L ZEIGLER 34071660, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C."

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart..... I
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Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

MICHAEL COMIS 42051577, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Astoria, Long Island, New York.

PAUL W MASON 20833782, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 5 April 1945. Home address: Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ALPHONSO M BARKOWSKI 31016382, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Boston, Massachusetts.

FRED O BARTON 38015838, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: Cowota, Oklahoma.

EUGENE M FILIKOVICH 33670056, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Braddock, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH P HAEFNER 36933608, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

REED W HARTFORD 33604712, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Wheelerville, Pennsylvania.

CYRIL F HEIM 20535448, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN R JACKSON 37510265, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Neosho, Missouri.

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FRANK E LEGGERO 36309441, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM B LEONARD 31330376, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: New Haven, Connecticut.

ALEX G MC EACHERN 31062830, Field Artillery, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 4 April 1945. Home address: Yonkers, New York.

JOSEPH M PEARL 01182220, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery B, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 1 April 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

CARL A PHILLIPS 37666175, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Earlville, Iowa.

WARREN D REED 33939947, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Donaldson, Pennsylvania.

RUDOLPH J RUDINSKY 32197120, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

ROY M SAPIENZA 32898746, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 24 September 1944. Home address: Bronx, New York.

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Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

EDWARD ACKERSHOEK 32464999, Armored, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 191st Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 March 1945 at Schippach, Germany. While supporting the attack of the First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, the tank in which Technician Ackershoek was driver was hit by enemy tank fire, rendering it useless for further combat. Realizing the necessity of saving the tank and its crew, Technician Ackershoek, though painfully wounded, began to back the tank toward a defiladed position six hundred yards to the rear. Tank fire followed him and Technician Ackershoek, weakened by his injuries, had to be held up at the controls by the assistant driver, but he successfully completed the trip and brought the tank and his crew to safety. His courageous performance saved the lives of the other four men of the crew and prevented the total destruction of the tank. Entered the military service from Paterson, New Jersey.

GLENN F JOSSERAND 37086168, Corps of Engineers, Private, Company B, 36th Engineer Combat Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 January 1945 near Obermuhlthal, France. As Private Josserand's patrol crossed a clearing enemy machine guns opened fire, forcing the patrol to withdraw. One man, seriously wounded, was unable to move and lay exposed to the enemy fire. Without hesitation, Private Josserand started back to render aid. Just as he neared the wounded man, Private Josserand was hit by enemy small arms fire, but he called to his comrades to continue their withdrawal to safety while they had the chance. When another friendly group added its firepower, however, Private Josserand, despite his serious wound, was able to crawl through the heavy enemy fire to his own patrol and from there was carried to friendly lines. His courage and devotion to his fellow soldier reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Washakie County, Wyoming.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JOSEPH A JACKSON 33686060, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 1 January 1944, and Italy, 1 February 1944. Home address: McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

OTIS J WILLARD 34897094, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 October 1944, and France, 29 November 1944. Home address: Mount Airy, North Carolina.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

FRANK RYDER 31062661, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 16 February 1944. Home address: New Bedford, Massachusetts.

OK So much of General Orders Number 241, Section I, Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, this headquarters, dated 20 October 1944, as pertains to VERNIE COLLINS 38019061 INF Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

FRANK BRANDEFINE 32173804, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Concord, New York.

WARREN O CARROLL 34083584, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery B, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 29 January 1944. Home address: Bremen, Georgia.

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JUAN CHAVEZ 20641892, Corps of Engineers, Private, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Las Vegas, New Mexico.

JOHN E DAVIDSON 02006187, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 1 April 1945. Home address: Medford, Oregon.

DOWNING W DRUMMOND 33211990, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Stephens City, Virginia.

JAMES D FOX 34805411, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 25 May 1944. Home address: Gadsden, Alabama.

ROBERT E GREEN 33802399, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 October 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RAY M HATT 33162100, Corps of Engineers, Corporal, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Reading, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT E KUNST 39162909, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

FRANCIS T LAHEY 19090840, Medical Department, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Riverside, California.

ERNESTO D MANZANARES 38010343, Corps of Engineers, Sergeant, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Mora, New Mexico.

ALBERT A PUTONEN 11039374, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Newport, New Hampshire.

JOHN SABOL 33603516, Corps of Engineers, Private, Company A, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Italy, 3 June 1944. Home address: Pringle, Pennsylvania.

SIDNEY L SIMMONS 01112974, Corps of Engineers, First Lieutenant, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Columbus, Georgia.

CARL B STUART 34162621, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Troy, Alabama.

JOHN M SULLIVAN 16147585, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES E TOLLEY 35066033, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 September 1944. Home address: Lorain, Ohio.

So much of General Orders Number 254, Section II, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, dated 2 November 1944, as pertains to VERNIE COLLINS 38019061, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

9 April 1945

NUMBER 109

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

GEORGE W NICOL 33057151, Signal Corps, Technician Fifth Grade, 45th Signal Company, for heroic achievement in action from 1 to 4 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. In the face of enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, Technician Nicol and other members of his crew maintained continuous radio communication between the battalion command post with which they were working and their division headquarters. When an enemy patrol entered the command post, Technician Nicol was captured with an M-209 converter in his possession. He succeeded in concealing the converter, however, and later made his escape with the valuable equipment. Entered the military service from Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT Y PIKE 6295970, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 36th Engineer Combat Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945 near Oberrohrthal, France. During an attack by the platoon Private Pike was serving as aid man, enemy machine gun fire wounded three men. After he had attended two of the wounded soldiers, Private Pike began a search for the third. Although the area was under heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire, Private Pike, on his own initiative, worked his way over the crest of a hill in full view of the enemy, found the wounded man, administered aid and helped him to safety. Entered the military service from Tyler, Texas.

ATHEL L CORNFORTH 39679454, Signal Corps, Technician Fourth Grade,
45th Signal Company.
Entered the military service from Aberdeen, Iowa.

JOE L MOORE 34438675, Signal Corps, Technician Fifth Grade,
45th Signal Company.
Entered the military service from Stony Point, North Carolina.

ELMER SCHAFER 35162709, Signal Corps, Private,
45th Signal Company.
Entered the military service from New Haven, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action from 1 to 4 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. In the face of enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, the above crew maintained continuous radio communication between the battalion command post with which they were working and their division headquarters. When an enemy patrol entered the command post, Technician Cornforth, Technician Moore and Private Schafer destroyed their signal equipment before seeking safety.

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10 April 1945

NUMBER 110

ORIGINAL ORDER

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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following officer and enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

LAWRENCE R CADY 01031542, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 September 1944, and France, 14 September 1944. Home address: Boston, Massachusetts.

WEBSTER H TODD 33556691, Infantry, Private, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 October 1944, and France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Secretary, Maryland.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

GLENN D FESTER 36774840, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Batchtown, Illinois.

ABEL E FUNK 37599438, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Fulda, Minnesota.

WILLIAM J ROBERTSON 02055137, Infantry, Captain, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 October 1944. Home address: Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

LEON SMITH 38017809, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 15 March 1945. Home address: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

RUSSELL F BERTSCHINGER 36859203, Infantry, Private, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 September 1944. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

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WALTER J MEILEN 01309676, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 October 1944. Home address: Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CHARLES J FALERIS 36110299, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 1 April 1945. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM B KORTE 12128300, Cavalry, Technician Fifth Grade, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Germany, 6 April 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

FRANCIS C SATCHELL 33898870, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Easton, Maryland.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JOHN DZUROWCIN 33692106, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: Parnassus, Pennsylvania.

JAMES T HANLIN 35367773, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Elwood, Indiana.

CLYDE N RICHARD 35125803, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 2 April 1945. Home address: Bradford, Ohio.

LLOYD M WILLIG 37675866, Infantry, Private, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 February 1944. Home address: Eldora, Iowa.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man:

EDMUND B SULLIVAN 32551033, Corps of Engineers, Private, Company I, 36th Engineer Combat Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 January 1945 near Baerenthal, France. As the scout for Private Sullivan's squad was moving across open terrain, he was hit by fire from enemy automatic weapons. Although enemy fire was covering the area, Private Sullivan without hesitation ran to the side of his wounded comrade, lifted the man to his shoulders and started back to friendly lines. After moving about twenty yards, Private Sullivan was severely wounded in the leg and knocked to the ground by the impact of the bullet. Despite his wound and the continuing enemy fire, he again attempted to carry his comrade. His own wound was too much, however, and he began to drag the other man towards cover when he was relieved by medical personnel. Private Sullivan's courage and fortitude reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Buffalo, New York.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart..... I
Award of the Purple Heart..... II

Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

LAWRENCE J OTTERSON 37093500, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 12 April 1945. Home address: Moorhead, Minnesota.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

BERNARD E AUNCHMAN 31115136, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Home address: Benson, Vermont.

ALPHONSE J CARLINO 32771117, Infantry, Private, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 1 June 1944. Home address: Paterson, New Jersey.

EDWARD T KOSTEK 31098643, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 12 April 1945. Home address: Hatfield, Massachusetts.

RAYMOND D RICHARDSON 36482115, Infantry, Private, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 February 1944. Home address: Havana, Illinois.

WOODROW W WOODS 33888898, Infantry, Corporal, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Goose Rock, Kentucky.

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Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CLIFFORD L GOODING 38017828, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: Eucha, Oklahoma.

JAMES W YANCEY 14119699, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: Canton, Georgia.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

PAUL J BENSON 42024935, Cavalry, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Germany, 6 April 1945. Home address: Randolph, New York.

MARION C BROADWAY 33751183, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: Takoma Park, Maryland.

DALLAS O JERCE 39332948, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 January 1945. Home address: Grants Pass, Oregon.

WILLIAM C PAUL JR 39007342, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Montrose, Colorado.

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15 April 1945

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NUMBER 115

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following officer:

RAYMOND F HUFFT 0345018, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 April 1945 near Bamberg, Germany. Moving forward with a reconnaissance party to find a site for crossing the Pegnitz River, Colonel Hufft encountered a heavy volume of enemy small arms and machine pistol fire. The patrol was forced to seek cover, but Colonel Hufft moved through the area in spite of the enemy fire, exposing himself to see that all of his men reached safety. Discovering that one of his officers lay wounded in the middle of the street, Colonel Hufft unhesitatingly braved the intense fire to move to the officer's side. He administered aid and then, although bullets were striking the pavement all around him, succeeded in carrying the wounded man to shelter. Colonel Hufft's courage and devotion to his men reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ROLAND A LAVOIE 11039196, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 19 November 1943, and Italy, 1 December 1943. Home address: Epping, New Hampshire.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ALDO C BIASIOLI 31287516, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Home address: Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

ROSS W DUNSHIE 32833193, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 September 1944. Home address: Olean, New York.

HAROLD C HANSON 37566876, Infantry, Corporal, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 5 April 1945. Home address: Cheen, Minnesota.

Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JAMES E BROLD 34845754, Infantry, Private First Class, Service Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 15 April 1945. Home address: Navy Yard, South Carolina.

ARTHUR CASTILLO 38010293, Infantry, Corporal, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, Sicily, 21 July 1943. Home address: Belen, New Mexico.

JOHN M DE LONG 34731456, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: Memphis, Tennessee.

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WALTER JINKENS 38006476, Infantry, Corporal, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 31 October 1944. Home address: Holyoke, Colorado.

CHARLES F KEENAN 13077400, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 14 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MURRAY MONDSCHEIN 32174417, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

WALTER OTTOWSKI 32219161, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, Sicily, 14 July 1943. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

MARK W PAULSON 36226984, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Schofield, Wisconsin.

VERNON H SCHNITZMEYER 36678126, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Sterling, Illinois.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and to the following enlisted men:

ALOYSIUS S CARNEY 0479540, Army of the United States, Chaplain (Captain), Headquarters Special Troops, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 15 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Harrison, New Jersey.

HERBERT H HOOVER 37015084, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 9 November 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Topeka, Kansas.

MARIUS VIDAL 3962, Artillery, Lieutenant, Mission Militaire Francaise de Liaison Administrative, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August to 1 November 1944 in France. Entered the military service from Nice, France.

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19 April 1945

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart..... I
Award of the Purple Heart..... II

Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

LESLIE A BROWN 31063008, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Lowell, Massachusetts.

KENNETH W CARR JR 39122243, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: San Francisco, California.

DAVID D CORNWELL 33543078, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Riverton, Virginia.

ARTHUR C DRUMMOND 33246111, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

HARRY H FIELDS 01107411, Corps of Engineers, First Lieutenant, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: York, Pennsylvania.

WALTER E HARTGE 36623068, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Oakglen, Illinois.

MARVIN C LEAUBER 12050968, Infantry, Corporal, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Easton, Pennsylvania.

IRVING SAIDEL 32787027, Infantry, Corporal, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CLARENCE M ALMAND 38278677, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Dallas, Texas.

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WILLIAM A BARLOW 011655813, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 11 December 1944. Home address: Sea Cliff, Long Island, New York.

HOWARD R BARTOO 20841977, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Anthony, New Mexico.

PAUL H BEERMAN 35543549, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Fort Wayne, Indiana.

GUY G CAROLLO 39035243, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Oakland, California.

GEORGE A FERGUSON W2118645, Army of the United States, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Las Cruces, New Mexico.

ROBERT H FURNBACH 36934992, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Prairie View, Illinois.

ALBERT J GARDNER JR 13076393, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 13 March 1945. Home address: Middletown, Connecticut.

ROBERT C LEAK 38194205, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Terre Haute, Indiana.

JOHN W LE BEAU 12206181, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Rochester, New York.

WILLIAM W MARLAR 38018135, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

WALTER M MC DONALD 20638398, Corps of Engineers, Private, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Dearborn, Michigan.

WILLIAM H MULHOLLEN 35111124, Cavalry, Sergeant, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, France, 8 September 1944. Home address: Oxford, Indiana.

JOSEPH P SACHEN 17127029, Infantry, Corporal, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Kansas City, Kansas.

ROY C SMITH 01100342, Corps of Engineers, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: San Antonio, Texas.

AUBREY E STOVERS 0375220, Medical Department, Captain, Medical Detachment, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Sentinel, Oklahoma.

CHARLES E TROUT 36687356, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Forest Park, Illinois.

ARTHUR P VANBEBBER 38016858, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Ardmore, Oklahoma.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

CHARLES L KILGORE 01290082, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. Lieutenant Kilgore's company was established in defensive positions holding high ground near Wildenguth. In the mist and darkness just before dawn the enemy infiltrated in superior numbers and launched an attack which succeeded in splitting the company and threatened the command post. In spite of the heavy fire from enemy automatic weapons and the confusion created by the similarity in the winter uniforms, Lieutenant Kilgore was able to rally his men, reorganize them and throw the enemy back. Moving through the area in the face of the enemy fire, he calmly encouraged his men, directed their fire and then led the company in a fight to new positions from which the unit was able to repel the enemy attack. Lieutenant Kilgore's courageous and determined leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

EDMOND J ROUSSEAU 31264604, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 October 1944 near Brouvelieures, France. Sergeant Rousseau was in command of the leading platoon in an attack on strongly defended enemy positions, his platoon leader having been wounded in a previous action. The enemy, established in well-camouflaged emplacements and supported by six machine guns, met the assault with intense fire, but Sergeant Rousseau, moving through the area continually to encourage and direct his men, led the platoon in a successful attack on the enemy positions. In spite of the heavy enemy fire and the hilly, wooded terrain he maintained such excellent coordination and control that the enemy emplacements were quickly overrun, four machine guns were captured, nineteen enemy taken prisoner and fifteen more killed. Sergeant Rousseau's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

ARMAND BARRIGA 31358568, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near Wingen, France. Sergeant Barriga's company, its ranks already severely depleted by casualties suffered in a heavy enemy artillery barrage, received a strong enemy attack. Employing many automatic weapons and bazookas and using the darkness to good advantage, the enemy succeeded in knocking out a supporting tank and closed in, threatening to annihilate the company. At this point Sergeant Barriga left his foxhole to man a 60mm mortar which was standing on an open slope about three hundred yards from the enemy. In spite of his exposed position and the close range, Sergeant Barriga continued to direct effective mortar fire at the attacking force, decreasing the range to one hundred and twenty-five yards as the enemy approached. When he changed his position, two men were killed by sniper fire a few feet from his mortar, but Sergeant Barriga remained at his post, inflicting substantial losses on the enemy with accurate and continuous fire. Sergeant Barriga's courage and fortitude contributed greatly to the successful defense of the company's sector and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

WILLARD M GABRIEL 39565943, Infantry, First Sergeant (then Corporal), Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. The enemy, launching a heavy attack in battalion strength, succeeded in penetrating our lines in the sector held by Sergeant Gabriel's company and surrounded the house being used as the company command post. When the enemy force, employing a large number of automatic weapons, approached to within close range, Sergeant Gabriel placed himself in an exposed position to gain the best possible field of fire, supported a light machine gun on his shoulder, and assisted another soldier in firing the weapon through the window of the building, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy and aiding materially in repelling the enemy attack. Sergeant Gabriel's quick thinking and courage reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

VERNON B WHITEHEAD 01284256, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. Shortly after beginning an attack on high ground held by the enemy, Lieutenant Whitehead's company encountered intense machine gun fire, and the platoon on the left, which bore the brunt of the enemy fire, was forced to halt. Working his way through the enemy fire to the forward elements of the hard-pressed unit, Lieutenant Whitehead made a quick analysis of the situation, then returned to lead the right platoon in an aggressive assault which neutralized the enemy positions and enabled the company to advance. Throughout the action Lieutenant Whitehead, the only officer present, maintained effective control over his men and constantly moved through the area to encourage them and direct their fire. He guided a tank into position so that it could silence an enemy machine gun, braved the intense fire to coordinate the movements of his men with those of the tank, and aided materially in the repelling of a strong counterattack in which forty-three enemy were killed and thirteen taken prisoner. Lieutenant Whitehead's courageous and skillful leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Richland, Texas.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart..... I
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Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy actions:

CHARLES R HAMMOND 42021513, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Kenmore, New York.

JOHN K MC CAREY 12057519, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES J MULDROW 0437951, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Milledgeville, Georgia.

KARL W ZIMMERMANN 32829426, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Home address: Ridgewood, New York.

So much of General Orders Number 116, Section II, Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, this headquarters, as, as pertains to ALDO C BLASIOLI 31287516, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

WALTER A BANCROFT 37698363, Infantry, Private, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Jefferson, Iowa.

ALDO C BLASIOLI 31287516, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Home address: Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM H BURDETTE 34833648, Infantry, Private, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Atlanta, Georgia.

ALTON W COOPER 34546543, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 October 1944. Home address: Tampa, Florida.

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S/Sgt GOTTFRIED [illegible]5639, Infantry, Private, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PAUL K [illegible], Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Home address: Greencastle, Indiana.

ELMER H STEPHENS 35[illegible]197, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945, Home address: New Albany, Indiana.

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Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

GALE L ARNOLD 35235665, Infantry, Sergeant, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Barberton, Ohio.

WILLIAM G HARRIS 39164750, Infantry, Private, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 December 1943. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

JOSEPH J KURUTZ 33292949, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM C PRANIS 35157974, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 21 December 1943. Home address: East Chicago, Indiana.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CHARLES W [illegible] 33948 [illegible]24, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Cranberry, Pennsylvania.

EUGENE J BRINKMAN 35548537, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Oxford, Ohio.

WILLIAM H BROWN 34355849, Infantry, Private, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Ashburn, Georgia.

CLARENCE A BUNECKEY 33710342, Infantry, Sergeant, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Braddock, Pennsylvania.

PATRICK F CAPONE 31306993, Infantry, Private, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: Watertown, Massachusetts.

MELFORD P CRAVEN 39913575, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Salt Lake City, Utah.

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L G FOSTER 38452961, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Tuckerman, Arkansas.

LEO A GRASSO 31062660, Infantry, Private, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 May 1944. Home address: Needham, Massachusetts.

LEO G JOHNSON 39913524, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 20 February 1944. Home address: Logan, Utah.

ROBERT L LEATHERS 16122897, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Cisne, Illinois.

DONALD J MC SHERRY 33887377, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Hagerstown, Maryland.

LEONARD MENDENHALL 36016118, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Antlers, Oklahoma.

ROBERT J MILMOE 32766301, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM E RADER 36663957, Infantry, Private, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 13 February 1944. Home address: East Bernstadt, Kentucky.

LEE F SAGER 36905464, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Beloit, Wisconsin.

ANTHONY E SAWICKI 36985511, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Jackson, Michigan.

VERNON J VANDEWATER 36983170, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Holland, Michigan.

So much of General Orders Number 23, Section II, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to GLENN E KOENIG 39195562, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JAMES R KNICKMAN 33131179, Infantry, Private, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, Sicily, 11 July 1943, and Italy, 22 September 1943. Home address: Baltimore, Maryland.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men, 180th Infantry Regiment, for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ELBERT L BIAS 01306694, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company K, Germany, 15 April 1945. Home address: Washington, D.C.

PAUL R FRANZ 01315294, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company E, Germany, 12 April 1945. Home address: Elizabeth, New Jersey.

WINFIELD S FRYE 37642712, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Muscatine, Iowa.

CHARLES E GOINS 35734928, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company A, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: Bluefield, West Virginia.

THOMAS M GRIFFIN 34845739, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: North Charleston, South Carolina.

DELMAS N LONG 35228173, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Quaker City, Ohio.

CHARLES M MASHBURN JR 0387695, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters, Germany, 25 April 1945. Home address: Atlanta, Georgia.

EDWARD W NOWAK 36896639, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, Germany, 5 April 1945. Home address: Alpena, Michigan.

DAVID W THOMAS 35913360, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Lorain, Ohio.

BENJAMIN J TOMASI 37362565, Infantry, Private, Company G, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Silverton, Colorado.

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Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men of the 180th Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

HARTLEY R ALLEY 31068397, Infantry, Corporal, Company A, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Lynn, Massachusetts.

JOHN D BAKER 34939867, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Winborn, Mississippi.

WALTER J BLANKENBURG 36921718, Infantry, Private, Company B, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Decatur, Illinois.

LAWRENCE R BREUNSBACH 37751201 Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Lincoln, Nebraska.

ANTHONY J BRUNO 33792776, Infantry, Private, Company L, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD BURRESS 34133015, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, Sicily, 10 July 1943. Home address: Corinth, Mississippi.

CARL E CAIN 18118289, Infantry, Private, Company D, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Village Mills, Texas.

DONALD C CARROLL 44030575, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, Germany, 14 April 1945. Home address: Chickasaw, Alabama.

GOLDEN L CLARK 39934476, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, Germany, 8 April 1945. Home address: Idaho Falls, Idaho.

WILLIAM E DIXON 33611565, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, Germany, 8 April 1945. Home address: Towanda, Pennsylvania.

EARL N DONOVAN 36741536, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Elburn, Illinois.

WILLIAM D FILLMAN 01998054, Medical Department, Second Lieutenant, Medical Detachment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Muskogee, Oklahoma.

HOWARD F FINN 32207226, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

NELSON E GUENTHER 37497791, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, Germany, 11 April 1945. Home address: El Dorado, Kansas.

CLOVIS J JOHANNESEN 32213229, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Port Washington, New York.

PAUL LOCKHART 33651376, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Maxie, Virginia.

MARTIN M LONG 34137409, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company A, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Meridian, Mississippi.

ANTHONY J MC KENZIE 33905569, Infantry, Private, Company L, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Frostburg, Maryland.

JOSEPH MIHALICH JR 33707946, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Home address: Mc Donald, Pennsylvania.

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ALBERT A BELLICCIOTTI 33783829, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Devon, Pennsylvania.

FRANK G PONTES 31137866, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Germany, 5 April 1945. Home address: Cambridge, Massachusetts.

DAVID B RUSSELL 32213911, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Moira, New York.

LAWRENCE C SIMPSON 01291714, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company, Germany, 9 April 1945. Home address: Eufaula, Oklahoma.

FRANK J TRIPONE 12110399, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Long Island, New York.

HARRY J TRIBLE 35901545, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: La Fayette, Indiana.

DAYTON J WOODS 35761017, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Germany, 15 April 1945. Home address: Gap Mills, West Virginia.

ROBERT A YORK 35802727, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: McKee, Kentucky.

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Section I

Award of Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

WILLIAM H MALLANDA 32777213, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 February 1944, and Italy, 31 May 1944. Home address: West Paterson, New Jersey.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

GILBERT W FINLAY 38005377, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 4 April 1945. Home address: Salida, Colorado.

OVAL L HICKS 34361622, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Home address: Parsons, Tennessee.

H B LAMB 34023585, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Home address: Blountstown, Florida.

ORBIE L MERRITT 34331510, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 1 April 1945. Home address: Mc Kenzie, Alabama.

ALBERT A RIGGIERI 31067825, Infantry, Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 September 1944. Home address: Worcester, Massachusetts.

JOHN WISTER 13053627, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LEONARD G ZANKEL 02011728, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

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ROBERT E BODEY 38006665, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 15 April 1945. Home address: Holly, Colorado.

EDWARD R BOETCHER 35298409, Infantry, Private, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Canton, Ohio.

NICHOLAS R CAPITANICH 39149569, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Watsonville, California.

SAM COCOPARD 31043218, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Essex, Connecticut.

AUBREY D COLLINS 19097221, Infantry, Private, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

JAMES DEVINE 11052936, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 14 November 1943. Home address: Fall River, Massachusetts.

HOWARD L DUNN 12174621, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 September 1944. Home address: Little Falls, New York.

WILLIAM R FARRISEY 31083180, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Lawrence, Massachusetts.

KENNETH E FRANKLIN 20514962, Infantry, Corporal, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Fostoria, Ohio.

PHILIP J GATTI 42114863, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Home address: Richmond Hill, New York.

HERBERT C GUYETTE 31200929, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Roslindale, Massachusetts.

EDWARD W LA PLANA 32676440, Infantry, Corporal, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Home address: Hornell, New York.

JAMES LARKIN JR 35121669, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Cincinnati, Ohio.

CLAUD M LEWIS JR 34129628, Infantry, Private, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 27 September 1943. Home address: Greenville, South Carolina.

CYRIL A MC MAHON 33616006, Infantry, Private, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Scranton, Pennsylvania.

ELMER E MERRILL 37013575, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 28 April 1945. Home address: Irving, Kansas.

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PHILLIP H NAUMBERG 0469932, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 25 April 1945. Home address: Croton on Hudson, New York.

CLYDE M OGLETREE 6268634, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Columbus, Georgia.

WILLIAM M PLANK 36058175, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 15 April 1945. Home address: La Harpe, Illinois.

EDMUND A POSKUS 37119342, Field Artillery, Private, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 15 April 1945. Home address: Omaha, Nebraska.

ROBERT S SCARR 33699061, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 6 March 1945. Home address: Forest Hills, Pennsylvania.

EARL T SHUFF 35019171, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 15 April 1945. Home address: Toledo, Ohio.

STEPHEN SZABO 32761152, Infantry, Private, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 3 November 1943. Home address: Alpha, New Jersey.

JESSIE J TIMS 38475196, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 November 1944. Home address: Augusta, Texas.

BRUCE A WILEY 35757237, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 October 1944. Home address: Tunnelton, West Virginia.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

FRANCIS J REICHMANN 0219282, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Section I

Award, Posthumous, of the Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

BREWSTER F ELLIS 01320896, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany. Lieutenant Ellis led his platoon in an attack on strongly fortified positions. Although his platoon had been cut off from the rest of the company and his men had gone for two days and nights without rations or bedrolls, Lieutenant Ellis, by a calm and courageous display of leadership, enabled the platoon to reduce an enemy pillbox, drive the defending force from its trenches, kill fifteen of the enemy and capture thirty-two others. When the unit on the right was pinned down by the intensity of the enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Lieutenant Ellis moved through the area to the flank of his platoon and ordered his men to build up a firing line which neutralized the enemy efforts. Working his way back to contact the squad on the opposite flank, Lieutenant Ellis braved heavy fire to direct their attack on the enemy strongpoint, exposing himself constantly to shout encouragement to his men and direct their fire. Lieutenant Ellis' gallant leadership was largely responsible for the success of the attack and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Williamston, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Clara V. Ellis (Wife), RR #2, Williamston, Michigan.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

JOSEPH A McMANNON 32217225, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 near Althorn, France. Attacking up a hill, Sergeant McMannon's leading squad encountered intense enemy small arms fire. Sergeant McMannon deployed the squad, but continued to lead them forward until a heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire directed at the area required the company to occupy more advantageous positions. In spite of the fire falling on the slope of the hill, Sergeant McMannon began to move from man to man in his squad, encouraging each to hold his ground in order to cover the company's withdrawal. By directing a large volume of rifle fire at the enemy emplacements, he was able to keep enemy small arms fire at a minimum until the company reached the new positions. Sergeant McMannon then remained behind in spite of the mortar fire still landing in the area until every man in his squad had safely rejoined the company. Sergeant McMannon's courageous and skillful leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Sunnyside, Long Island, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas McMannon (Brother), 3947 49th Street, Sunnyside, Long Island, New York.

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Section III

Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

RAYMOND F BODE 38015965, Infantry, Corporal, Service Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 near Goetzenbruck, France. The enemy launched a powerful attack at the positions occupied by Corporal Bode's battalion. Corporal Bode, then in charge of the two battalion ammunition trucks, found that his vehicles were parked more than two blocks away from the factory which was the focal point of the attack and to reach the threatened area it would be necessary to cross one hundred yards of road open to enemy observation and covered by a heavy volume of mortar and small arms fire. Despite these hazards, Corporal Bode drove one truck through the intense fire to the factory, then ran back across the same route to procure the other truck and bring it forward. Standing in an exposed position on one of the trucks, Corporal Bode issued the ammunition himself, freeing riflemen for more pressing needs and materially aiding in the successful defense of the sector. Corporal Bode's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Mulhall, Oklahoma.

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*WILLIAM GROGAN 32194149, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on ~~14 January 1945~~ 6 January 1945 near Fremifontaine, France. In the midst of an intense fire fight, five men in Technician Grogan's company were wounded by the almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire. Hearing their calls for help, Technician Grogan worked his way to the wounded men, administered aid and then removed each of them to a less exposed area. Finding that no assistance was available because of the intensity of the fight, Technician Grogan carried one wounded man across five hundred yards of terrain under enemy observation to a point from which he could be evacuated. He then made four more trips through the enemy mortar and artillery fire to assist the others to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

JACK P HEDGES 20835514, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 May 1944 near Anzio, Italy. One of the men in the platoon to which Technician Hedges was attached as aid man was wounded by an antipersonnel mine. Although the minefield was covered by enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, Technician Hedges unhesitatingly went to the side of the wounded man. When immediate evacuation proved impossible because of the intensity of the enemy fire, Technician Hedges administered aid and remained with the wounded man until the fire had abated and he could bring the man to an aid station. Later that day, Technician Hedges, on his own initiative, worked his way across open terrain in spite of a heavy artillery barrage to provide prompt medical attention for ten other soldiers who had been wounded in the sector of an adjacent platoon. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

DORSET HINTON 34925431, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 near Engwiller, France. As Private Hinton's platoon displaced across an open field during an attack, the enemy laid down a heavy concentration of mortar and machine gun fire on the area, severely wounding the gunner of one of the machine gun squads. Without hesitation Private Hinton ran across the field, picked up the machine gun and two boxes of ammunition and moved forward to place the gun in action. Despite the intensity of the enemy fire directed at the area, Private Hinton remained at his weapon. His accurate counterfire knocked out an enemy machine gun which had been holding up the attacking elements and enabled our troops to gain their objective. Private Hinton's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Richton, Mississippi.

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CHARLES E MOORE 35274234, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. As his company's advance was slowed by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Moore found that from his location he was unable to fire at the enemy positions. Removing his light machine gun from its tripod, Sergeant Moore threw the ammunition belt over his shoulder and moved forward, well in advance of the riflemen, firing rapidly at the enemy emplacements and forcing the defending force to take cover. The other members of the company, inspired by his daring, immediately joined in the assault. In the subsequent fight, Sergeant Moore's effective fire killed eight enemy soldiers, caused a number of others to withdraw and enabled his company to seize its objective. His courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Jackson, Ohio.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following officer:

GLENN E TERRY 01998069, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 18 to 23 December 1944 near Bundenthal, Germany. After an attack on a town in the Siegfried Line, superior numbers of enemy surrounded Lieutenant Terry's platoon and in the ensuing fire fight he was painfully wounded. Throughout the five days that followed, Lieutenant Terry, in spite of his wound, skillfully led his encircled men in beating off the enemy attacks. He went on patrols for food, established contact with another unit which was cut off in the same town, and braved heavy artillery and small arms fire to encourage his men and direct their fire. When the opportunity finally came to escape, Lieutenant Terry carefully explained the plan of withdrawal. Then, moving up and down the column in spite of the heavy fire falling in the area, returning the enemy fire and checking on each of his men, he led the weary soldiers through the enemy lines to safety. Lieutenant Terry's courage and fortitude reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cortez, Colorado.

Section II

Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

DOMINIC CIMO 02006050, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944 near Brouvelieures, France. When his assault squad was hit by enemy machine gun cross fire, Lieutenant Cimo, then a squad leader, went forward alone to reconnoiter. An enemy machine gun crew attempted to intercept him, but in doing so disclosed its position. Lieutenant Cimo worked his way to within close range of the emplacement and put the gun out of action with a well-aimed rifle grenade. Returning to his squad, Lieutenant Cimo led his men in an aggressive assault on the enemy's flank, directing his squad's rifle fire so effectively that the defenders were forced to withdraw, while the remainder of the platoon was able to capture the objective, taking nine prisoners and inflicting twenty-three known casualties on the enemy. Lieutenant Cimo's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Framingham, Massachusetts.

WILLARD E CODY 02011649, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then First Sergeant), Service Company (then Company I), 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. When Lieutenant Cody's company received a violent enemy assault all the officers and many of the enlisted men became casualties and the unit became disorganized. Immediately assuming command, Lieutenant Cody crawled four hundred yards through heavy enemy fire to reach the leading platoons. Working through the company area, Lieutenant Cody reorganized his men and moved them into well chosen defensive positions. The enemy launched repeated attacks at the weakened unit, but Lieutenant Cody, with only thirty-five men under his command, held the vital ground throughout the afternoon and night

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until the company was relieved the following morning. Lieutenant Cody's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Kanarado, Kansas.

LEWIS GUILYARD 33253879, Medical Department, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 November 1944 near Mulhausen, France. As a result of enemy artillery fire, three men in the company to which Private Guilyard was attached as an aid man were seriously wounded. To render immediate aid, Private Guilyard left his foxhole despite the heavy fire falling in the area and moved from soldier to soldier, skillfully treating each of them and reassuring them by his own calmness. When artillery shells began to land near one of the wounded men, Private Guilyard protected the soldier with his own body instead of seeking cover for himself. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cramer, Pennsylvania.

STEPHEN PELLES 33425510, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 near Neiderschlettenbach, Germany. As Sergeant Pelles' company moved forward in an attack, enemy in four well-concealed machine gun emplacements allowed the column to come within close range and then opened fire. At the same time mortar fire was directed at the road over which the company was advancing, and Sergeant Pelles' platoon was pinned down, unable to move from its exposed positions and subjected to an intense concentration of fire. Immediately, Sergeant Pelles crawled to the center of the platoon, shouted encouragement and instructions to his men and led them through the enemy fire to a defiladed position. He returned again in spite of the heavy fire falling in the area in order to bring the remainder of his men to cover. Reorganizing the platoon, Sergeant Pelles then reestablished contact with the company and the attack was resumed. Sergeant Pelles' courageous and resourceful leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NOBLE L RIGGS 0405807, Infantry, Major, Headquarters Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near Wingen, France. A strong enemy force launched a surprise attack and overran the southern and central parts of the town of Wingen, disorganizing the troops defending that sector. Major Riggs, learning of the attack, which now threatened the northern part of the town, organized the only men at his immediate disposal, about fifteen men from the Ammunition and Pioneer platoon, and placed two tanks in position at a strategic road junction. Then, mounting one of the tanks, he remained exposed, although harassed by intense small arms fire, and directed the fire of the tanks and infantrymen so effectively that more than forty enemy soldiers were killed and the enemy attack was stopped. Major Riggs' courageous and aggressive leadership was a major contribution to the successful defense of the sector and the subsequent recapture of the town. Entered the military service from Tempe, Arizona.

LEONARD SAYETTA 32316956, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 November 1944 near Dinsheim, France. Sergeant Sayetta led a three man patrol to reconnoiter routes of advance for a battalion attack. As the patrol moved down a road, enemy machine guns emplaced in a factory building opened fire. Ordering his men to cover, Sergeant Sayetta moved to within close range of the enemy position and from an exposed position fired a rifle grenade at the emplacement. He scored a direct hit. Crawling forward, Sergeant Sayetta found that two enemy had been killed, the machine gun destroyed and the remaining enemy soldiers had fled. Sergeant Sayetta's courageous and aggressive leadership contributed materially to the success of the battalion and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Beacon, New York.

WILLIAM H WHITE 02055285, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 near Engwiller, France. Having fought through a wooded area and reached open ground on the outskirts of the town, Lieutenant White's company encountered a numerically superior enemy force supported by armor and self-propelled guns. In the face of heavy mortar and tank fire, the company was forced to halt. The company commander was wounded and the situation became critical. Immediately assum-

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ing command, Lieutenant White reorganized the company and planned defense of the ground it occupied. He brought up tank support, and when the counterattack came his company was prepared to hold its ground. During the action that followed, Lieutenant White moved constantly through the enemy fire to encourage his men and direct their fire. As a result, the company smashed the enemy thrust and continued on the next day to capture the objective. Lieutenant White's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Section I

Award of Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

GEORGE S MAZIE JR 32180845, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 March 1945, and Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

WILLIAM M JAROSZ 31062620, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 November 1943, and Italy, 23 February 1944. Home address: Webster, Massachusetts.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted man, 157th Infantry Regiment, for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NICHOLAS DEGILIO 33462480, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Ransom, Pennsylvania.

JAMES C MANGRUM 34950138, Infantry, Private, Company D, Germany, 21 April 1945. Home address: Shawmut, Alabama.

THOMAS H MC KAY 35498849, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Vevay, Indiana.

JAMES J MULDROW 0437951, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, France, 12 January 1945. Home address: Milledgeville, Georgia.

WILLIAM C PULLUM 02055252, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company, France, 2 November 1944. Home address: Denver, Colorado.

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Section IV

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men, 157th Infantry Regiment, for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

RALPH C ARNOLD 31389542, Infantry, Private, Company L, Italy, 6 June 1944. Home address: Worcester, Massachusetts.

HAROLD BARNETT 32216765, Infantry, Sergeant, Cannon Company, Sicily, 28 July 1943. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT BOWLING JR 35113311, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Italy, 10 February 1944. Home address: Henderson, Kentucky.

HAROLD V DUNN 31408598, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, France, 28 October 1944. Home address: Bridgeport, Connecticut.

MATTHEW C FERDON 20223704, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, Germany, 21 March 1945. Home address: Jersey City, New Jersey.

CARL J GETZEL 32988234, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address, Bronx, New York.

ALFRED A HELLERUD 36990833, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: La Crosse, Wisconsin.

JOHN L LIPSMEYER 34884654, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: Little Rock, Arkansas.

CARL A MATTSON 33121588, Infantry, Private, Company E, France, 18 December 1944. Home address: Gobi, Virginia.

ALFRED A MOORE 34130766, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, Sicily, 28 July 1943. Home address: Springville, Mississippi.

JACK SCHNEIDER 32589664, Medical Department, Sergeant, Medical Detachment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Jersey City, New Jersey.

JESS A SHARPE 34146499, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company E, Germany, 21 March 1945. Home address: Hixson, Tennessee.

RICHARD J SIMONICK 42171072, Infantry, Private, Company E, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Buffalo, New York.

CHESTER W SMALL 11047156, Infantry, Sergeant, Company K, France, 15 January 1945. Home address: Medford, Massachusetts.

LOUIS TABLOFF 36715415, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

OWEN L WHEELER 36985985, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, Germany, 17 March 1945. Home address: Flint, Michigan.

RALPH N WHITEHEAD 38683[illegible], Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: Brownwood, Texas.

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JOHN ZELINSKAS 32197635, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, Italy, 6 October 1943. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

LEROY E HAMLIN 20836767, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 November 1944 near Ramberviller, France. A heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire landed in the area occupied by a battalion command post. Four men were seriously wounded by the first shells and were unable to reach cover. The enemy fire continued unabated, but Sergeant Hamlin, observing that the men needed assistance, left his covered position and began to pull the wounded soldiers into nearby dugouts where he administered aid. His prompt action saved the life of one man and prevented more serious injury to the others. Sergeant Hamlin's courage and devotion to his comrades reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

PAUL T WINTERS 20839356, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 May 1944 near Anzio, Italy. Working under direct enemy observation, Technician Winters installed and maintained a line running from the battalion command post to a forward company. The line was severed by enemy artillery fire, and just as Technician Winters set out to repair it, the enemy launched a strong counterattack, covering the area with an intense concentration of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Instead of seeking cover, Technician Winters continued to make repairs in the line. Through his courageous and determined efforts communications were restored and the rifle company was able to call for friendly artillery fire to break up the counterattack. On another occasion while Technician Winters was operating as a linoman, the driver of the vehicle was seriously wounded by enemy shell fire. In spite of the heavy fire falling in the area, Technician Winters administered aid to the wounded soldier and drove the vehicle to a covered position. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Greely, Colorado.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

DON G RIZZOLO 42007924, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 near Wimmenau, France. In an attempt to establish contact with a squad which had been cut off during an enemy counterattack, Private Rizzolo worked his way across hilly, snow-covered terrain and reached a draw which led to the squad's position. Although warned that the draw was covered by enemy machine gun fire, Private Rizzolo, determined to accomplish his mission, continued on despite the danger. As he neared

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his objective, enemy machine guns opened fire and fatally wounded him, but his courage and devotion to duty inspired his comrades to drive the enemy back and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mr. Donato R. Rissolo (Father), 456 Boardsley Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and the following enlisted men:

CHESTER G CRUIKSHANK 0330679, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. When one of the companies of his battalion was held up during an attack by heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire, Colonel Cruikshank immediately proceeded to the sector. Finding that the steep and wooded terrain had prevented a tank from reaching a position from which it could provide support, Colonel Cruikshank worked his way through the enemy fire to find a satisfactory route of approach for the vehicle. Returning to the tank, he guided it into position and directed its fire so effectively that he disorganized the enemy force and permitted the company to achieve its objective with a minimum of losses. Entered the military service from Delta, Colorado.

WILLIAM R FARMER 38005662, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 10 to 13 September 1944, near St. Bombis, France. With the regular driver absent, Sergeant Farmer, a company cook, volunteered to drive the company ammunition truck. The route chosen required Sergeant Farmer to cross eight hundred yards of open terrain, but on each of four successive days he made several trips through heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire to deliver the much-needed ammunition. On the return trips he stopped in exposed areas, frequently under fire, to place wounded men on his truck and evacuate them to the battalion aid station. Sergeant Farmer's courage and devotion to duty aided materially in the success of his company's attack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Yuma, Colorado.

FRANK S PETERS 0520218, Medical Corps, Captain, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944 near Gumbrechtshoffen, France. During an attack on high ground held by the enemy, Captain Peters' battalion suffered a number of casualties as the result of heavy mortar, small arms and automatic weapons fire. In order to be as close to the troops as possible, Captain Peters, the battalion surgeon, established an aid station near the front lines. While he was working on some difficult cases requiring complete concentration, an enemy tank began to shell the aid station. Several of the shells hit the building in which he was working, but Captain Peters continued at his job, skillfully and calmly treating the wounded and directing their evacuation. Captain Peters' prompt and thorough attention undoubtedly saved the lives of the seriously wounded soldiers. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

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Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

MELVIN H ALMIRE 20836781, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Denver, Colorado.

CHRISTOPHER B BLUM 42117016, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 February 1945. Home address: Keansburg, New Jersey.

WALTER R COLLINS 33735091, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Baltimore, Maryland.

J T DISHMAN 34735183, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Livingston, Tennessee.

BILLIE T HARDWICK 38016445, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Francis, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM K HORTON 39336322, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Portland, Oregon.

PHIL KADETZ 42041477, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Long Island, New York.

CHARLES F KAPPE 33140858, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 October 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LOUIS E NASIF 31061158, Infantry, Technicial Sergeant, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 23 May 1944. Home address: Central Falls, Rhode Island.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

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MANUEL H BELZER C1171897, Field Artillery, Second Lieutenant, Battery A, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: New Haven, Connecticut.

TRAVIS E BLAKE 33846519, Infantry, Sergeant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Hickory, Virginia.

JOSEPH CIRINO 33791323, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE W DAVIS 34980406, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Brooker, Florida.

ANTHONY DI EMIDIO 33286988, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania.

NAPOLEON DRIGO 20815050, Field Artillery, First Sergeant, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BRUNO FUNICELLA 31061042, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 September 1944. Home address: Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CLIFFORD R HADDOCK 34586682, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Florence, Alabama.

DONALD G HART 12098234, Medical Department, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Rochester, New York.

EDWARD HEINOWSKI 36815097, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

DAVID H HUBER 33497376, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD C LANDRETH 38590949, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Idabel, Oklahoma.

SAM MAKOWSKI 36694600, Infantry, Corporal, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 April 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN MASTAROVSKY 33673885, Infantry, Private, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 8 February 1944. Home address: Forrest Hills, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH H MC GARITY JR 34762225, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Clarkston, Georgia.

ROBERT J MILLER 20839134, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 9 June 1944. Home address: Fort Morgan, Colorado.

ROBERT H MORRIS 13106186, Field Artillery, Private, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Vienna, Virginia.

DEBRO L NEWMAN 34516376, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Sumter, South Carolina.

ARCHIE R SCHULTZ 20825749, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Beggs, Oklahoma.

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JOSEPH A TURISCO 31062758, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Mc / London, Connecticut.

DOMENIC VENEZIANO 31414542, Infantry, Private, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Waterbury, Connecticut.

CHARLES J VIGGIANO 13077398, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES E WATKINS 37398448, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Hannibal, Missouri.

WILLIAM WIDERMAN 31420480, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Roxbury, Massachusetts.

JOE L WILKINS 20635957, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Antlers, Oklahoma.

JEROME G ZUBIK 38677944, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Bryan, Texas.

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Award of the Silver Star, Missing in Action I
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Section I

Award of the Silver Star, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men, missing in action:

ROBERT J KAPLAN 35146114, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 near Igney, France. During a river crossing by his company, Sergeant Kaplan was in charge of the leading squad. Upon reaching the far river bank, the squad encountered heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Sergeant Kaplan quickly deployed his men and directed their fire so effectively that the enemy was forced to withdraw. Following up his advantage, Sergeant Kaplan moved his squad to high ground and organized a defensive position. When the enemy counterattacked a short time later, the squad was ready and despite the violence of the enemy assault, Sergeant Kaplan, by moving through the enemy fire to encourage his men and control their fire, enabled the squad to repulse the enemy assault. Sergeant Kaplan's courageous and resourceful leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Gary, Indiana. Next of kin: Mr. Ralph Kaplan (Father), 612 Cleveland Street, Gary, Indiana.

ROY MORRIS 18108876, Chemical Warfare Service, Sergeant, Company B, 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 near Riquewhir, France. An enemy force overran the outpost defenses of Sergeant Morris' chemical mortar company and threatened the command post of the regiment it was supporting. Sergeant Morris deployed his squad to meet the attack, placed himself at a window and began firing at the approaching enemy with his submachine gun. Observing that a group of enemy was attempting to cut his unit off from the rear, Sergeant Morris dashed across a road under intense enemy fire to procure a vehicle armed with a .50-caliber machine gun. When enemy fire immobilized the vehicle and the weapon would not function, Sergeant Morris picked up a light machine gun and directed its fire against the enemy. His rapid and accurate fire inflicted substantial losses on the attacking force until this machine gun also jammed. Sergeant Morris, still determined to fight off the enemy, fired his M-1 rifle single shot, using the rounds from the machine gun belt. Sergeant Morris' courage and determination aided materially in repelling the enemy attack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Henderson, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Susie Morris (Mother), Lanoville Route #2, Henderson, Texas.

Section II

Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

FRED A BARBER JR 32197568, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Benoit, France. When the two leading platoons in Sergeant Barber's company were pinned down by machine gun fire during an attack, Sergeant Barber's platoon was ordered to flank the enemy positions. Leading the point squad, Sergeant Barber found himself faced

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with a heavy volume of fire from enemy automatic weapons. He continued to move forward, however, and fired several rifle grenades into the enemy emplacements. The grenades silenced two of the enemy machine guns, enabled his platoon to reach its objective and relieved the pressure on the remainder of the company. Although Sergeant Barber was wounded during this action he refused to be evacuated until his squad reached the new position. His courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

JAMES A CREEDON 01292663, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Lieutenant Creedon's company, with a combat strength of only fifty-four men, was ordered to seize a strategic hill. The enemy position was defended by a force of approximately one hundred and twenty infantry employing numerous automatic weapons, and when the company advanced up the slope it encountered such a volume of fire that the attack was stopped. In spite of this intense fire, Lieutenant Creedon immediately began to work his way through the area. Moving from man to man, encouraging them, directing their fire, Lieutenant Creedon rallied his company and led it forward in an assault which drove the enemy from the hill. Seven enemy soldiers were killed, nine captured, more than twenty-five wounded and the enemy resistance in the area was broken. Lieutenant Creedon's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Mentor, Ohio.

WILLIAM A HESLOP 35034480, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 July 1943 near Castle Gerone, Sicily. Ordered to engage an enemy tank, Private Heslop's antitank gun squad moved into position only to receive a concentration of automatic weapons fire which wounded the platoon leader and three members of the squad. Despite the intense enemy fire, Private Heslop mounted the prime mover and opened fire with the .50-caliber machine gun. The enemy tank began to shell his position, and the first round tore through the front of the prime mover and knocked Private Heslop to the ground. He climbed up again and resumed his fire. Concussion from shells knocked him to the ground twice more but each time he returned to deliver rapid and accurate fire which destroyed an enemy machine gun nest, killed eighteen enemy soldiers and wounded a number of others. As a result, our troops were able to advance, destroy the enemy tank and continue their attack. Private Heslop's courage, tenacity and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Martins Ferry, Ohio.

HAROLD JEROWSKI 31305804, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. When his company's attack was halted by heavy fire from two well-emplaced enemy machine guns, Sergeant Jerowski ordered his section to give him cover while he moved forward alone toward the enemy positions. Crawling from cover to cover, Sergeant Jerowski succeeded in approaching to within close range of the first emplacement in spite of the enemy fire. He tossed a hand grenade into the position, killing or wounding all of the crew, and then moved in quickly to take over the enemy machine gun. Turning the enemy weapon on the second machine gun position, Sergeant Jerowski so confused the enemy crew that it surrendered, the remainder of the enemy force withdrew, and Sergeant Jerowski's company was able to advance and seize its objective. Sergeant Jerowski's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

ROBERT P MARCINKO 32212397, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. In a savage counterattack, enemy troops, using a large number of automatic weapons and hand grenades, infiltrated to and surrounded the building being used by Sergeant Marcinko's company as a command post and began an assault. To meet the enemy threat, Sergeant Marcinko rested a light machine gun on a comrade's shoulder and, exposing himself to the enemy weapons in order to gain a field of fire, fired the machine gun through the window, delivering such accurate and effective fire that the enemy was forced to withdraw. Sergeant Marcinko's quick thinking and courage aided materially in repelling the enemy attack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

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RICHARD J OHMAN 0461633, Medical Corps, Captain, Medical Detachment, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 25 October 1944 near Mortagne, France. In the course of an attack, the battalion in which Captain Ohman served as surgeon suffered a number of casualties as the result of heavy enemy small arms and tank fire and dense mine fields. No route for evacuation of the wounded had been found, and Captain Ohman undertook a reconnaissance to find a way of bringing the wounded to the aid station. Working himself forward in spite of artillery, mortar and small arms fire, searching trails that had not yet been swept for mines, Captain Ohman succeeded in marking a route to the front line positions. He promptly directed the evacuation of fifteen wounded soldiers and returned to the aid station where he worked skillfully and steadily, although the aid station was frequently shelled, treating the wounded men and insuring their safe removal to the rear. Captain Ohman's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Gardner, Massachusetts.

LE ROY WALTERS JR 36834733, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 October 1944 near Housseras, France. When his platoon was pinned down in an open field by heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire, Corporal Walters, the lead scout, volunteered to cover the platoon's withdrawal with his submachine gun. He remained in the exposed position in spite of the intensity of the enemy fire and fired so effectively at the enemy emplacements that the platoon's maneuver was completed successfully. Corporal Walters did not seek safety himself until he had exhausted his supply of ammunition. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Leopolis, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM H ALTER 15303743, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant),
Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from St. Paul, Indiana.

ALLAN J GURIEL 35813842, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private),
Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from New Goshen, Indiana.

For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 near Bundenthal, Germany. Sergeant Alter and Private Guriel were members of a platoon which fought its way into a strongly defended town in the Siegfried Line. Shortly after the unit entered the village the enemy opened fire from all sides with heavy machine gun and tank fire, cutting the platoon off from the remainder of the company and the battalion. For five days the group withstood numerous enemy attacks, but all efforts to break through the encirclement failed because of the intense fire. Finally, Sergeant Alter and Private Guriel volunteered to attempt to establish contact with other friendly troops. As Sergeant Alter and Private Guriel left their shelter the enemy laid down a concentration of machine gun and tank fire which seemed to make their task impossible. However, in spite of the enemy fire the two men continued on and reached friendly lines. They provided our forces with vital and accurate information as to the disposition of enemy troops and installations, enabling friendly artillery to provide effective covering fire for the subsequent withdrawal of the isolated units from the town. Sergeant Alter's and Private Guriel's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon themselves and their organization.

ROBERT E LAITE 31372464, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class),
Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Newbury, Massachusetts.

HORACE B HITT 38347633, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Lelia Lake, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near Wingen, France. Sergeant Laite's and Private Hitt's company, its ranks already severely depleted by casualties suffered in a heavy enemy artillery barrage, received a strong enemy attack. Employing many automatic weapons and bazookas and using the darkness to good advantage, the enemy succeeded in knocking out a supporting tank and closed in, threatening to annihilate the company. At this point Sergeant Laite and Pri-

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vate Hitt left their foxholes to man a 60mm mortar which was standing on an open slope about three hundred yards from the enemy. In spite of their exposed position and the close range, Sergeant Laite and Private Hitt continued to direct effective mortar fire at the attacking force, decreasing the range to one hundred and twenty-five yards as the enemy approached. When they changed their position, two men were killed by sniper fire a few feet from their mortar, but Sergeant Laite and Private Hitt remained at their post, inflicting substantial losses on the enemy with accurate and continuous fire. Sergeant Laite's and Private Hitt's courage and fortitude contributed to the successful defense of the company's sector and reflect credit upon themselves and their organization.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

MARIO COCCHIARA 31370352, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944 near La Baffe, France. When an enemy machine gun suddenly engaged his combat patrol from the rear, Sergeant Cocchiara and another soldier, although in an exposed position, directed such effective fire at the enemy emplacement that the weapon was silenced, three enemy soldiers were killed and the remainder of the enemy group was forced to withdraw. Sergeant Cocchiara's courage and alertness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

HOWARD C OAKES 37201207, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 9 September 1944 near Soye, France. Technician Oakes, with two other men, worked his way across six hundred yards of open terrain under heavy enemy fire in order to establish an artillery observation post. When their vehicle was hit by enemy machine guns and mortars, Technician Oakes and his comrades salvaged their radio, set it up in the midst of the intense fire fight, and directed artillery fire which inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy force and contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector. Entered the military service from Grinnell, Kansas.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to each of the following enlisted men:

WILLIAM C BIGGS 38016281, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Defending a road block, Private Biggs' platoon received numerous concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. During one of these concentrations the platoon sergeant was seriously wounded. In spite of the heavy fire falling in the area, Private Biggs left his foxhole, moved to the side of the wounded man, placed him in his quarter-ton vehicle and evacuated him through the enemy fire to the aid station. Later that day, when another soldier was severely wounded under similar circumstances, Private Biggs again braved heavy artillery and mortar fire to bring the wounded man to safety. Entered the military service from Okemah, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Sadie Biggs (Mother), Route #1, Okemah, Oklahoma.

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HULETT EWELL 37082798, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 August 1944 near Peyrolles, France. Ambushed with the remainder of his motorized reconnaissance patrol, Technician Ewell's armored car became the first target of enemy fire. He immediately drove the vehicle off the road and into the best available firing position. Although the car commander was killed at his side, Technician Ewell remained in the driver's seat ready to maneuver the vehicle at the direction of the gunner. Technician Ewell was fatally wounded at his post but his courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Little Rock, Arkansas. Next of kin: Mr. Charles Ewell (Father), RFD No. 1, Little Rock, Arkansas.

NICHOLAS R PELLOWSKI 37093390, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 August 1944 near Peyrolles, France. The reconnaissance patrol to which Technician Pellowski was attached ran into an enemy ambush. As his armored car, which was the first target of the enemy weapons, swung off the road, Technician Pellowski immediately opened fire. He fired effectively and accurately, inflicting substantial losses on the enemy force until his vehicle was hit by enemy fire and put out of action. Technician Pellowski's coolness and skill reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Winona, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Frances Drwall (Sister), 729 West 4th Street, Winona, Minnesota.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

MICHAEL MENDINSKY 32918370, Infantry, Corporal, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. When an unidentified person approached his outpost in the darkness, Corporal Mendinsky skillfully established his identity as an enemy soldier and killed him. His alertness and prompt action prevented an enemy patrol from infiltrating past the outpost and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Garwood, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Fannie Mendinsky (Mother), 351 Locust Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey.

Section IV

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

HARRY M CHAZIN 33130067, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. Stopped short of its objective by intense enemy fire, Sergeant Chazin's platoon reorganized and attempted to renew its assault, but as it moved over the crest of a hill the platoon leader was killed by the heavy fire. Immediately assuming command, Sergeant Chazin led his men swiftly and successfully over the crest, directed them in neutralizing the enemy fire and contributed materially to the success of the company attack. Entered the military service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES B HAWKINS 34874621, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company B, [illegible] Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1944 near [illegible]an, France. A strong enemy force attacked the flank of Sergeant Hawkins' battalion and in the ensuing fight both gunners in his light machine gun section were killed. Crawling forward under intense machine gun and small arms fire, Ser-

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geant Hawkins manned one of the guns himself and inflicted substantial losses on the enemy until ordered to withdraw. Sergeant Hawkins was wounded in this action, but his courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Calhoun City, Mississippi.

STEVE GRIVICICH 7031797, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17-18 December 1944 near Nothweiler, Germany. In preparation for an attack by his company, Sergeant Grivicich led a patrol across a river into enemy territory. After being cut off for an entire day by enemy machine guns, he led his men back to friendly lines under cover of darkness and there directed mortar and artillery fire on enemy installations across the river, knocking out two pillboxes and three machine gun positions. Entered the military service from Ironwood, Michigan.

MAURICE D LEAR 13178042, Chemical Warfare Service, Private First Class, Company C, 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 January 1945 near Reipertsweiler, France. The mortar position of Private Lear's company was subjected to a heavy concentration of artillery and rocket fire. Ammunition piles at the gun position and adjacent buildings were set on fire and the flames spread through the area, threatening to ignite and explode two trucks parked nearby which contained more than six hundred rounds of mortar ammunition. Acting quickly, Private Lear made his way through the smoke and flames, started one of the trucks and drove it a safe distance away. Although the enemy barrage continued and the danger of further explosions increased at every second, Private Lear returned again, procured the second vehicle and drove the ammunition to safety. Private Lear's quick thinking not only prevented injury to other soldiers in the area but enabled the chemical mortars to continue their support of the infantry. His courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIE A McCRARY 38513509, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 November 1944 near La Walck, France. Leading his patrol through an enemy held town, Sergeant McCrary encountered heavy machine gun and sniper fire. Quickly deploying his men, Sergeant McCrary directed them in neutralizing the enemy fire. When a machine gun continued to harass the patrol, Sergeant McCrary worked his way alone to the flank of the emplacement, took the crew by surprise and forced its surrender. Sergeant McCrary's courageous and aggressive leadership was a material contribution to his company's successful attack on the town and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Santa Anna, Texas.

LOUIS L MUTZ 02055134, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Maximieux, France. When a numerically superior enemy force, supported by armor and self-propelled guns, attacked a town held by his battalion, Lieutenant Mutz immediately organized his mortar platoon for defensive action. Despite the heavy volume of enemy tank and small arms fire sweeping the area, he personally supervised the employment of each of his weapons. The effectiveness of the mortar fire he directed against the enemy was demonstrated when one enemy tank was knocked out at two hundred yards [illegible] another tank was damaged and forced to withdraw. Lieutenant Mutz's courageous leadership aided materially in the successful defense of the town. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

KENNETH J THOMAS 32677176, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 May 1944 near Anzio, Italy. As he was driving his vehicle toward a forward observation post, Private Thomas suddenly received machine gun and small arms fi[illegible] from a building near the road. Although forced to take refuge in a nearby d[illegible] he was determined to recover his vehicle. Instead of making his way to fr[illegible] lines, Private Thomas lay flat for more than two hours, awaiting a chanc[illegible] the truck. When his opportunity came, he dashed to the vehicle, turned it around under a hail of small arms fire and drove it to safety. Private Thomas' courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Johnston City, New York.

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JOHN M TRAYNOR 32984314, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Throughout a prolonged attack which met stubborn resistance and intense enemy fire, Private Traynor worked tirelessly [illegible] and evacuate the wounded. Frequently forced to undergo heavy enemy fire, [illegible] occasion he crawled forward in the face of enemy small arms and automatic [illegible] fire to give a wounded soldier immediate medical attention and carry him to [illegible]. Entered the military service from Mount Vernon, New York.

JOHN A WILLIAMS 39863433, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944 near La Baffe, France. When an enemy machine gun suddenly engaged his combat patrol from the rear, Private Williams and another soldier, although in an exposed position, directed such effective fire at the enemy emplacement that the weapon was silenced, three enemy soldiers were killed and the remainder of the enemy group was forced to withdraw. Private Williams' courage and alertness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

HARRY D BAKER 36160546, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade,
Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
Entered the military service from Fennville, Michigan.

CLARENCE L PULLIAM 38018227, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade,
Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
Entered the military service from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action on 3 November 1944 near La Bourgnee, France. A tank destroyer became mired in an exposed position and the enemy laid down a barrage of artillery and mortar fire in an attempt to destroy it. In spite of the heavy fire falling in the area Technicians Baker and Pulliam proceeded to the spot with their recovery vehicle. Working under a continuous barrage, they pulled the destroyer out and brought it to safety.

JACK D BILLINGS 36867468, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class),
Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Hubbardston, Michigan.

JOHN B PARRISH JR 42024120, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Syracuse, New York.

For heroic achievement in action on 11 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Corporal Billings and Private Parrish, heavy machine gunners, accompanied a combat patrol in an attack on an enemy held hill. When the patrol encountered intense fire, Corporal Billings and Private Parrish, using a two-man carry, moved their weapon time after time to neutralize the enemy fire. After the patrol's ammunition became exhausted and it was forced to withdraw, Corporal Billings and Private Parrish remained behind to cover the withdrawal. Their effective fire silenced two enemy machine guns, killed or wounded five enemy soldiers and forced four others to surrender.

FREDERICK H HOYT 31041240, Infantry, Sergeant,
Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from New Milford, Connecticut.

HARRY L SLAGLE 33687536, Infantry, Private,
Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Templeton, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 16 February 1944 near Aprilia, Italy. Sergeant Hoyt and Private Slagle operated a forward observation post directly in the line of advance during the enemy's powerful attack on 16 February which attempted to split our positions on the Anzio Beachhead. Although discovered by the enemy and subjected to a concentration of artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Hoyt and Private Slagle remained at their post throughout the night, reporting the [illegible] of the enemy troop concentrations and directing accurate artillery fire [illegible] contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector.

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HOWARD JENKINS 35807604, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Wilmore, Kentucky.

BILLIE MERRITT 35776114, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Bonanza, Kentucky.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. As Privates Jenkins and Merritt led their platoon forward in an attack, an enemy machine gun opened fire, forcing the unit to deploy and slowing its advance. Without hesitation, Privates Jenkins and Merritt, the platoon scouts, began to crawl forward in an attempt to flank the enemy emplacement. Their movements were observed and the enemy attempted to drive them off, but Privates Jenkins and Merritt held their precarious positions and by the skillful use of rifle fire and rifle grenades succeeded in knocking out the enemy gun, killing two members of the crew, capturing the other and enabling their platoon to move on to its objective.

FRANK O MAYANS 32541488, Field Artillery, Corporal,
Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

IRVING J KLINE 20317398, Field Artillery, Private,
Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Freeland, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 9 September 1944 near Soye, France. Corporal Mayans and Private Kline, with another man, worked their way across six hundred yards of open terrain under heavy enemy fire in order to establish an artillery observation post. When their vehicle was hit by enemy machine guns and mortars, these men salvaged their radio, set it up in the midst of the intense fire fight, and directed artillery fire which inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy force and contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal I
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Award of the Air Medal III

Section I

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

SELDON E LEWIS 33090778, Air Corps, Sergeant, 582d Signal Air Warning Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 25 November 1944 to 4 May 1945 in France and Germany.

HAROLD L MEYERS 15331492, Air Corps, Sergeant, 82d Fighter Control Squadron, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 4 December 1944 to 4 May 1945 in France and Germany.

Section II

Award of the Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

GEORGE N RHODES 02055882, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 26 November 1944 to 26 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Sperry, Oklahoma.

Section III

Award of the Air Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

HERBERT J McCORKLE 01185289, Field Artillery, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 2 December 1944 to 14 February 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Pipestone, Minnesota.

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Award of the Third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star I
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Award of the Silver Star. IV

Section I

Award of the Third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following officer:

VIRGIL P WOODALL 01308747, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. A powerful enemy force launched a dawn attack at positions occupied by Lieutenant Woodall's company and, in the semi-darkness of the forest, succeeded in penetrating our lines and surrounded the company command post. In the intense fire fight that followed, Lieutenant Woodall was largely responsible for inspiring the small headquarters group to repel the savage attack. He directed the fire of the men around him, employed his own carbine with telling effect and met the enemy assaults with hand grenades. When the enemy also began to use grenades, Lieutenant Woodall caught several of them in his hands and hurled them back at the attackers. Although painfully wounded during the action he continued his aggressive fight. His courage and skill aided in the destruction of the enemy force, with fourteen enemy soldiers killed, six wounded and fifteen taken prisoner. Entered the military service from Fredonia, Kentucky.

Section II

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

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~~MELVIN J CLINGER 20304145, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second~~ Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. During a counterattack by numerically superior enemy forces, Sergeant Clinger, armed with an automatic rifle, voluntarily remained behind to cover the company withdrawal. Sergeant Clinger's well-placed fire momentarily slowed the enemy forces, giving the company time to establish positions that could be successfully defended. While moving back through heavy machine gun and small arms fire Sergeant Clinger carried a wounded comrade to a defiladed position and then rejoined his unit. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Clinger reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT L DULANEY 015351, Infantry, Brigadier General (then Colonel), Headquarters, 44th Infantry Division (then Commanding Officer, 180th Infantry Regiment), for gallantry in action on 23 September 1944 at Epinal, France. When his regiment was preparing to cross the Moselle River and seize the important city of Epinal, General Dulaney proceeded fifteen hundred yards forward of friendly lines to reconnoiter the vicinity of a demolished bridge leading to the objective. Although forced to undergo heavy small arms and tank fire as he approached the span, General Dulaney continued determinedly with his reconnaissance until he had found a suitable crossing site. From an observation post under enemy sniper and artillery fire, General Dulaney then directed the successful attack of his regiment across the river. His courageous and aggressive leader-

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was an important factor in the establishment of the bridgehead and the subsequent capture of the city. Entered the United States Military Academy from Marshall, Illinois.

Section III

Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

THEODORE S BROWN 15140037, Infantry; Private, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 near Anzio, Italy. Private Brown was to guide a company into position near an important road junction. Before the unit arrived the enemy subjected the area to a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar and tank fire, but Private Brown, realizing the importance of his mission, remained at his post in spite of the enemy fire. As the leading elements reached the road junction, enemy aircraft began to drop antipersonnel bombs on the sector. Private Brown, determined to carry out his duties, directed the troops to cover and then attempted to lead the company to its designated position. While so engaged, he was mortally wounded. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Youngstown, Ohio. Next of kin: Mr. Richard Brown (Father), 735 Linwood Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Section IV

Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

GEORGE G DELLANO 31062568, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 near Wingen, France. A powerful enemy attack surprised our forces in Wingen, resulting in a temporary disorganization and withdrawal from our positions in the town. Sergeant Dellano, then with a reserve company in the rear, realized that the enemy attack imperiled the entire sector. He intercepted the disorganized groups of men, reorganized them into squads, had them supplied with ammunition and proceeded to form a defense line. As the enemy force approached, Sergeant Dellano inspired his men to make a determined stand against the attacking enemy. In the counterattack by our troops that followed Sergeant Dellano was of material assistance in driving the enemy from the town, leading the units he had reorganized and helping to direct tank fire on enemy personnel hindering the advance. Sergeant Dellano's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Webster, Massachusetts.

KENDALL R LANE 35776032, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. During an attack by another unit through positions held by his company a member of the assault platoon was wounded as the result of a heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire. Realizing that the company aid man was not available, Private Lane left his fox hole in spite of the shell fire, ran to the wounded man, carried him to cover and administered aid. His prompt action was instrumental in saving the soldier's life. Entered the military service from South Webster, Ohio.

JEFFERSON T LANGFORD 34875470, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 near Rambervillers, France. As his company advanced in an attack it was subjected to heavy artillery fire. The heavy fire severed the communications line almost as fast as Private Langford, who was following the company closely, could install it. Private Langford repaired the broken wire each time it was severed, making frequent trips across the area being interdicted to keep the line in effective operation. When the company was forced to withdraw

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in the face of a strong counterattack, Private Langford observed an officer lying in front of our lines, wounded and unable to move to a covered position. Private Langford immediately began to work his way toward the wounded man. Although the area was covered with enemy artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire and enemy infantry no more than two hundred yards away attempted to intercept him, Private Langford reached the officer and carried him to safety. Private Langford's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Mayhew, Mississippi.

DENNIS J O'LAUGHLIN 20838719, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 near Neiderbronn, France. Discovering that the road he had been ordered to sweep for mines was covered by enemy sniper fire, Sergeant O'Laughlin directed his squad to remain behind while he and another man went on alone to complete the task. When he observed four enemy soldiers near the road, Sergeant O'Laughlin engaged them in a fire fight and dispersed the enemy patrol. He was painfully wounded during this action but he refused medical aid until the highway had been cleared of mines and our armor could advance. Entered the military service from Wellington, Colorado.

ROBERT E PITMAN 36661157, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. When a member of his battalion was wounded during a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Pitman crawled three hundred yards to reach the wounded man. Although his movement drew small arms fire and the wounded soldier's position offered a limited cover, Sergeant Pitman administered aid and then dragged the man to a point from which he could be evacuated. His prompt action undoubtedly saved the soldier's life. Entered the military service from Antioch, Illinois.

HOMER J RYKER 20820438, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 near Niedor Schlottenbach, Germany. Sergeant Ryker was leading a carrying party over a steep, mountainous trail to bring ammunition to his company when he encountered an enemy machine gun ambush. Directing his men to cover him, he worked his way to the flank of the enemy position, and with accurate fire forced the enemy to abandon their gun. Continuing on, the group was engaged by a twelve man enemy patrol. Sergeant Ryker led his men aggressively into the fire fight, and the action terminated with the surrender of all twelve members of the patrol. After the ammunition had been delivered to the company and the party started back, Sergeant Ryker found that a litter squad was attempting to reach wounded men in the company forward area. Although the sector was being heavily shelled by the enemy, Sergeant Ryker guided the medical personnel to the front lines and supervised the evacuation of the wounded men through the enemy fire to safety. Sergeant Ryker's courage, initiative and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Okemah, Oklahoma.

WALTER L SIMMONS 18027629, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 October 1944 near St. Benoit, France. In the course of an attack several men from the platoon to which Private Simmons was attached as an aid man were wounded by intense machine gun, rifle and mortar fire. To reach the injured soldiers it was necessary to crawl across one hundred yards of open terrain under cross fire from enemy [illegible], but without hesitation Private Simmons left his position to go to the [illegible] wounded men. He administered aid to each of the soldiers and then [illegible] wounded men across the open fields to safety. Private Simmons' [illegible]ty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. [illegible]layton, Texas.

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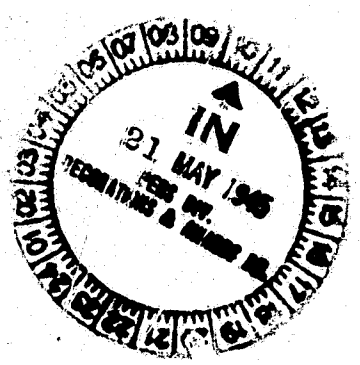

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

LEROY E HALLIN 20836767, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 February 1944 near Anzio, Italy. In the midst of a strong enemy counterattack Sergeant Hamlin installed and maintained, on his own initiative, a vital communication line running from the battalion headquarters to a forward observation post. Although forced to work under direct enemy observation and subjected to intense artillery, machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Hamlin succeeded in keeping the line in operation until the enemy assaults had been repulsed. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

WILLIAM E KING 0268277, Chaplain's Corps, Chaplain (Colonel, then Lieutenant Colonel), Headquarters VI Corps (then Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division), for heroic achievement in action on 24 July 1943 near Cerda, Sicily. Leading an attack on an enemy-held road junction, a battalion came under heavy small arms, mortar and tank fire and suffered a number of casualties. Moving about among the forward elements of the battalion to provide help wherever it was needed, Chaplain King found a soldier lying seriously wounded in an exposed area. In spite of the intense fire falling in the sector Chaplain King remained with the man, comforting him and dressing his wounds. Chaplain King's courage and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the soldier's life and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Lincoln, Illinois.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

LUTHER HARLOW 35690667, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 17 through 21 January 1945 near Roipertswiller, France. When the supply route was cut by enemy forces and part of his company encircled, Private Harlow with several other members of his mortar squad attacked the enemy lines to reestablish contact. Although repulsed by heavy rifle and automatic fire they again attacked. When a new line was formed Private Harlow and the other men successfully defended the sector assigned them and later acted as a screening unit for withdrawing troops. Private Harlow's courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Defoe, Kentucky. Next of kin: Mrs. Arie Harlow (Wife), Defoe, Kentucky.

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Section III

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

ELWIN E ARMITAGE 31268381, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1943 near Traverese, Italy. As a result of numerous difficult and long litter hauls, Technician Armitage was approaching the point of exhaustion when ordered to the rear aid station for rest. Shortly after he arrived there a call was received for additional litter bearers. In spite of his conditio. Technician Armitage voluntarily made another arduous trip to evacuate the wounded. Entered the military service from Keene, New Hampshire.

DAVID L BEARD 35812816, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 December 1944 near Engwiller, France. When his platoon's communications were cut by shell fire during an attack, Private Beard attempted to deliver a message to the company command post. Moving without hesitation through the heavy mortar fire falling in the area and in sight of two enemy tanks, Private Beard succeeded in reaching the company command post only to find it destroyed by artillery fire. Private Beard continued on through the enemy fire t the battalion headquarters, delivered his message and returned across the same wide area to direct a wire crew in repairing the lines. Entered the military service from Bedford, Indiana.

WARREN A CIANCI 33792219, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 November 1944 near Pajaille, France. As Corporal Cianci's assault platoon moved to within seventy-five yards of its objective the enemy laid down heavy machine gun fire, slowing the advance. Corporal Cianci, acting on his own initiative, continued to move forward, firing his automatic rifle as he advanced on the nearest enemy emplacements. Although the enemy directed intense fire at him, he succeeded in silencing one enemy crew and by his accurate fire pinned down a group of enemy rifle men. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOHN M HAAR JR. 01172041, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildonguth, France. While Lieutenant Haar was acting as artillery observer with an assault rifle company the enemy launched a strong counterattack, penetrate our lines and surrounded the company command post. Lieutenant Haar took up a position at a particularly vulnerable corner of a house, and in spite of repeated attempts by the enemy to reduce his position with grenades and rifle fire, held his post, killing three enemy with accurate fire from his carbine, using his radio to call for tank support, and deploying his artillerymen in effective firing positions. His courage and determination were important factors in the destruction of the entire enemy force and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Savannah, Georgia.

HENRY L JONES 01309874, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 28 May to 5 June 1944 near Corioli, Italy. As Communications Officer, Lieutenant Jones supervised the maintenance of wire lines between the command post and front line units attacking under heavy artillery fire. On several occasions he personally went forward under the enemy fire to check and repair lines. Entered the military service from Arlington, Kentucky.

JOE S KONDRACKI 20632468, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 September 1944 near Girmont, France. During a counterattack by numerically superior enemy forces Private Kondracki remained with the wounded while his company moved to prepared defensive positions. Private Kondracki collected the wounded, carried them to a defiladed position and administered aid to the most seriously injured soldiers. He then made his way to the aid station, returned with litter bearers and directed the evacuation of each of the wounded men to safety. Entered the military service from Flint, Michigan.

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RICHARD E MITCHELL 01174078, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery B, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 December 1944 near Mertzwiller, France. During an enemy counterattack Lieutenant Mitchell remained at an observation post in an exposed area so that he could better observe and direct artillery fire at the advancing enemy. Although his position was hit twice by tank fire and was a constant target for enemy 20mm guns, Lieutenant Mitchell remained at his post, inflicting substantial losses on the enemy force and aiding materially in the successful defense of the sector. Entered the military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

HERSHELL A MOORE 0826116, Infantry, Private, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action from 28 May to 4 June 1944 near Casalpozzo, Italy. Private Moore, in order to keep his company supplied with ammunition and supplies, drove constantly for four days and nights. In many cases he drove through known enemy mine fields and under heavy enemy fire in order to deliver the much needed supplies. Entered the military service from Ardmore, Oklahoma.

OMREN W PECK 38015629, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action from 28 May to 4 June 1944 near Casalpozzo, Italy. Although the supply problem was complicated by the rapid advance of his company, it was never without necessary supplies due to the aggressiveness, courage and devotion to duty of Sergeant Peck. Exposing himself to enemy fire and driving through known mine fields in order to get the supplies through, he contributed materially to the success of his company. Entered the military service from Vinita, Oklahoma.

HOWARD E PYLE 35897725, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 September 1944 near Igney, France. As his platoon was preparing to cross the Moselle River, the enemy suddenly counterattacked and threatened to infiltrate the company positions. Private Pyle moved through intense machine gun fire to reach an effective firing position where his accurate rifle fire helped to repulse two enemy attempts to break through the thin line of defense. Private Pyle's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Muncie, Indiana.

CHARLES P SILL 35760381, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 September 1944 near Igney, France. As his company began a crossing of the Moselle River, eleven enemy soldiers attempted to work their way behind the left flank of the company. Private Sill, alert to the danger, opened fire with his automatic rifle, killing three enemy soldiers and wounding two. He remained at his position in spite of the intense enemy machine gun fire directed at him, and his effective fire greatly facilitated the river crossing. Entered the military service from Upperglade, West Virginia.

WALTER C WINRIGHT 36190554, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. In an attempt to open a supply route to isolated elements of his battalion, Sergeant Winright led his antitank squad in an attack on enemy positions. He was wounded in the first part of the engagement, but he continued to lead his squad aggressively forward. When his carbine jammed, Sergeant Winright attempted to procure a rifle from a comrade who had been wounded, but while doing so he was seriously wounded himself and had to be evacuated. Sergeant Winright's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Lyons, Michigan.

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Section I

Award of Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following officer for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

RICHARD P BLANKS 01284637, Infantry, Captain, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 August 1944, and France, 26 September 1944. Home address: Henderson, North Carolina.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

LEONARD G BENSINGER 33514832, Infantry, Private, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 September 1944, and France, 13 September 1944. Home address: Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men, 180th Infantry Regiment, for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

HERB AUSTIN 33876906, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

ARRON L BARROW 38116634, Infantry, Sergeant, Company ..., Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Fritch, Texas.

JAMES COFFEY 35704609, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Eadaville, Kentucky.

THOMAS E FLETCHER 35087706, Infantry, Private First Class, Company ..., 1 May 1945. Home address: Dayton, Ohio.

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STEVE [illegible]UHA 33683310, Infantry, Private, Company G, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

ROMEO VIRTUOSO 32205034, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Bronx, New York.

Section IV

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men, 180th Infantry Regiment, for wounds received as a result of enemy action.

PAUL H RAUSTERT 38017194, Infantry, Corporal, Service Company, Germany, 28 April 1945. Home address: Okarche, Oklahoma.

KENNETH P BOWERS 37734791, Infantry, Sergeant, Company B, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Shambaugh, Iowa.

STANISLAUS CAPPUCCI 11090613, Infantry, Corporal, Company E, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Boston, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH S CARUTHERS 14014349, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, Germany, 28 April 1945. Home address: Jacksonville, Florida.

ALBERT CHIARELLI 32884174, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT P CONSTANTINE 31414543, Infantry, Private, Company C, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Lakeville, Connecticut.

ALBERT H GABLE 01053136, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company A, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL GIBSON 39915022, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Vernal, Utah.

JOSEPH W GRZYWNA 32215379, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Schenectady, New York.

DEWITT C HAUSER JR 34607474, Infantry, Private, Company G, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

EDWARD A JABLONSKI JR 32212516, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, Germany, 28 April 1945. Home address: Buffalo, New York.

ERIC F LARDER 31007142, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, Germany, 28 April 1945. Home address: Chicopee, Massachusetts.

VOTIS G LINDSEY 34467248, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, Germany, 21 April 1945. Home address: Nashville, North Carolina.

ROBERT T MACK 33024625, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Mahonoy City, Pennsylvania.

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BRANDON MONROE 20828690, Infantry, Private First Class, Service Company, Germany, 28 April 1945. Home address: Durant, Oklahoma.

EUGENE W MONTEITH 34129866, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, Germany, 28 April 1945. Home address: Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

FRANK J PEDICINO 32219272, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, Germany, 28 April 1945. Home address: Staten Island, New York.

WILLIAM W RAUCH JR 32213783, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: New Hyde Park, New York.

GEORGE T SALLEE 35874970, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, France, 26 September 1944. Home address: Covington, Kentucky.

HOWARD P SCHREIBER 38631395, Infantry, Private, Company G, Germany, 21 April 1945. Home address: Dallas, Texas.

CYRIL D SKUNTA 33149560, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 21 April 1945. Home address: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

JEFFERSON W STEPHENS 39569631, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Bell, California.

FRANK C TOMCZAK 20276191, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Buffalo, New York.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

EDWIN C CANTLON 0404253, Medical Corps, Captain, Second Auxiliary Surgical Group, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 10 February 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Reno, Nevada.

IRVIN W COBB JR. 01165828, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 September 1943 to 13 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

DANIEL DELAHUNTY 32263798, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 4 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

WERNER P FRANKE 32193111, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 25 September 1944 to 10 February 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

THOMAS P GRANT JR. 18232031, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 4 November 1944 to 26 January 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from San Antonio, Texas.

ROBERT H HARALSON JR. 0464273, Medical Corps, Captain, Second Auxiliary Surgical Group, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 10 February 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Maryville, Tennessee.

JOSEPH S HEDGE 04488933, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery B, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 11 December 1943 to 21 November 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Urbana, Illinois.

MARVIN H KEELY 01177863, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery B, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 6 October 1943 to 20 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Udall, Kansas.

ROBERT E KELLEY 01165884, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1943 to 30 October 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

HUGH A MACMILLAN JR. 0473484, Medical Corps, Captain, Second Auxiliary Surgical Group, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 10 February 1945 in France. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

JOHN E STUFFS 38486392, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, First Battalion (then Company B), 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 1 December 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Peoria, Illinois.

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WALTER CLAY STOUT 0312473, Dental Corps, Captain, Medical Detachment, 45th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 September 1943 to 8 February 1944 in Italy. Entered the military service from Ennis, Texas.

RUSSELL A STUCKEY 37199428, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 6 February 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

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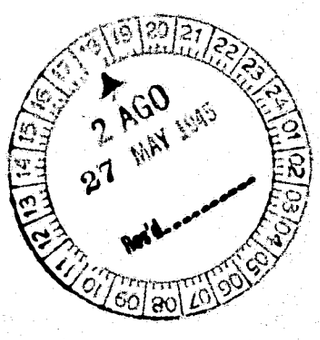

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal. II

Section I

Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

JULIAN C CUSHING 31318035, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 28 May to 3 June 1944 near Casalpozzo, Italy. While his company was engaged in a series of attacks Private Cushing worked tirelessly to maintain communications in spite of the rapid advance of his unit and heavy concentrations of enemy artillery. Moving through mine fields, artillery, and small arms fire, he time and again restored communications at crucial moments. Entered the military service from Pembroke, Maine. Next of kin: Mrs. Evelyn Cushing (Mother), Pembroke, Maine.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

JAMES S MARTIN SR. 34331305, Infantry, Sergeant,
Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Adamsville, Alabama.

MELVIN A WELLER 36171251, Infantry, Corporal,
Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Marion, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 29 August 1944 near Loriol, France. A large enemy convoy surrounded by our troops was attempting to break out of the encirclement. Sergeant Martin and Corporal Weller were manning a road block across the route chosen by the enemy. They allowed the convoy to come within close range, then opened fire with an antitank gun. Their accurate fire knocked out the leading vehicles, blocked the road and forced the enemy to abandon the convoy. Although subjected to intense machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Martin and Corporal Weller continued to direct effective fire at the enemy personnel, inflicting numerous casualties and forcing many to surrender.

LEWIS E PATTERSON 34336814, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private),
Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Jackson Gap, Alabama.

VIVIANO T GOMEZ 38091461, Medical Department, Private First Class (then Private),
Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from San Antonio, Texas.

For heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1943 near Traverecc
Technician Patterson and Private Gomez, almost in a state of collapse

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DONALD E MAC DONALD 31369514, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division (then Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment), Entered the military service from Quincy, Massachusetts.

PHILLIP A KRAMER 33685992, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL C HUGHES 32753869, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Millville, New Jersey.

ANDREW J JOHNSON 35550653, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private),
Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Toledo, Ohio.

NORMAN McCABE 35760253, Infantry, Private,
Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Huntsville, West Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action from 28 May to 3 June 1944 near Casalpozzo, Italy. While their company was engaged in a series of attacks these men worked tirelessly to maintain communications in spite of the rapid advance of their unit and heavy concentrations of enemy artillery. Moving through mine fields, artillery and small arms fire, they time and again restored communications at crucial moments.

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Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal. II

Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

ROBERT J BRZEZINSKI 35025332, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Charnoz, France. Sergeant Brzezinski's battery, running short of ammunition, was cut off by intense fire from other friendly forces in the area. Although warned that the only route to the battery's positions was being interdicted by enemy fire, Sergeant Brzezinski and the other members of his ammunition train were determined to reach their comrades. In spite of artillery, small arms and a barrage of rockets fired at the bridge they were forced to cross, Sergeant Brzezinski and the others succeeded in bringing the much-needed ammunition to the howitzers, enabling our troops to neutralize the enemy fire and drive the enemy force from the sector. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

DELMER L BRAND 37119204, Field Artillery, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade),
Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Smithfield, Nebraska.

WAYNE A YOUNG 20833494, Field Artillery, Corporal (then Technician Fifth Grade)
Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RAYMOND H GREENSTREET 37015[illegible], Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class),
Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

STANLEY W LONG 38017966, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private)
Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

VICTOR H ALBERIGI 31314354, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private)
Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

JAMES W BEVERIDGE 35130498, Field Artillery, Private First Class,
Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered the military service from Middletown, Ohio.

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KARL E HEIM 36303549, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private), Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the military service from Galena, Illinois.

EDWARD J LOVELL 38018134, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

LLOYD E SICLER 35213559, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private), Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the military service from Kyger, Ohio.

ROY E STECK 36053289, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private), Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the military service from Delong, Illinois.

LLOYD L CARTER 35169342, Field Artillery, Private, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the military service from Gary, Indiana.

ERWIN DANIELS 15041771, Field Artillery, Private, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the military service from Betsy Layne, Kentucky.

JAY V DODSON 20833871, Field Artillery, Private, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the military service from Blackwell, Oklahoma.

HOWARD E MONROE 35130487, Field Artillery, Private, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

LUTHER J PICKETT 18060273, Field Artillery, Private, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the military service from Pasadena, Texas.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Charmoz, France. Their battery, running short of ammunition, was cut off by intense fire from other friendly forces in the area. Although warned that the only route to the battery's positions was being interdicted by enemy fire, this group of men of the ammunition train were determined to reach their comrades. In spite of artillery, small arms and a barrage of rockets fired at the bridge they were forced to cross, the men succeeded in bringing the much-needed ammunition to the howitzers, enabling our troops to neutralize the enemy fire and drive the enemy force from the sector.

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Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart..... I
Award of the Purple Heart..... II

Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JACK W BRISCOE 20825305, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

GUY W BUMGARNER 34605403, Infantry, Private, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 20 February 1944. Home address: Dillsboro, North Carolina.

JOSEPH F DRISCOLL 01306939, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 4 April 1945. Home address: Boston, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH C HAYDUK 42024211, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 September 1944. Home address: Syracuse, New York.

GEORGE M KOLB JR 42024375, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 October 1944. Home address: Rochester, New York.

JACK C WALKER 38015761, Infantry, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 13 March 1944. Home address: Sweetwater, Oklahoma.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

DORRIS D DRAPER 20832170, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 18 February 1944. Home address: Wewoka, Oklahoma.

J C GILLIAM 34493312, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 September 1944. Home address: Decherd, Tennessee.

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MARVIN E HENDERSON 38018868, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 11 April 1945. Home address: Anadarko, Oklahoma.

GUS C NICKOLS 37512317, Infantry, Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Kansas City, Missouri.

ROMEO VIRTUOSO 32205034, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 October 1944. Home address: Bronx, New York.

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Award of the Silver Star I
First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star—Revocation II
Bronze Star Medal—Revocation. III

Section I

Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

DARREL E AWALT 020006054, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near Wingen, France. As the result of a series of strong enemy counterattacks Lieutenant Awalt's company, already depleted in strength, faced the danger of being overrun. Lieutenant Awalt quickly reorganized the weakened platoon to meet the enemy thrusts. When the enemy attacked again, using numerous automatic weapons and grenades, Lieutenant Awalt moved from man to man in his platoon in spite of the heavy enemy fire, encouraging each of them and directing their fire. Although forced because of his desire to maintain close control over the platoon to fire from exposed positions, he frequently added the support of his own weapon to the platoon's firepower. His courageous and aggressive leadership was a fundamental factor in the successful defense of the sector and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Beaver City, Nebraska.

CHARLES T BRADFIELD 35765454, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 September 1944 near Jassoron, France. Fire from an enemy road block, consisting of two machine guns and a number of riflemen, halted the advance of Sergeant Bradfield's platoon. The squad leader and another soldier were wounded and lay exposed to the enemy fire. Sergeant Bradfield immediately took charge of the squad and placed the men in effective firing positions. Then, under cover of their fire, he crawled out to the wounded men and removed them from the line of fire to a defiladed position where they could receive prompt medical aid. Turning his attention to the enemy emplacements, he directed two men to come with him as he began to work his way toward the enemy road block. Creeping and crawling to within close range, the three men neutralized the enemy positions with rifle grenades and accurate rifle fire and enabled their company to continue its advance. Sergeant Bradfield's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Paw Paw, West Virginia.

MELVIN L CLINGER 20304145, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. During a counterattack by numerically superior enemy forces Sergeant Clinger, armed with an automatic rifle, voluntarily remained behind to cover the company withdrawal. Sergeant Clinger's well-placed fire momentarily slowed the enemy forces, giving the company time to establish positions that could be successfully defended. While moving back through heavy machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Clinger carried a wounded comrade to a defiladed position and then rejoined his unit. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Clinger reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

MARTIN F DAVID 33818963, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 February 1944 near Anzio, Italy. During a powerful enemy counterattack Private David aided materially in the successful defense of his company's sector by maintaining effective communications between the battalion command post and

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the front line positions. The terrain over which he was forced to travel to check the line was subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and tank fire, and dangers were increased by the presence of our own barbed wire and mine fields. Because of the continuous enemy fire, communications were severed frequently, but throughout the attack which lasted all night, Private David kept the line in operation. He frequently exposed himself to intense small arms as well as artillery fire to make the needed repairs. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

RENE R HALL 31063011, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 near Salerno, Italy. When the enemy launched a strong tank attack at positions occupied by his battalion, Private Hall, 37mm gunner, immediately manned his gun, although in a hasty and open position vulnerable to enemy fire. Loading, aiming and firing the crew-served weapon himself, Private Hall succeeded in scoring a direct hit on the enemy tank leading the assault. His accurate fire disabled the vehicle, slowed the enemy column and provided sufficient time for our own armor and artillery to engaged the enemy force. Although the enemy attempted to silence his gun by direct fire, Private Hall maintained his exposed position and continued to fire until the attack had been repulsed. Private Hall's courage, determination and skill reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

NORMAN W RAINEY 35808674, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 September 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Sergeant Rainey and several other men were ordered to hold a building for the night so that it could be used as a starting point for an attack the next day. The enemy, which still controlled the remainder of the town, began to surround the house, attacking with nearly forty men and using rifle grenades, hand grenades and bazookas. In the intense, five-hour fight that followed, Sergeant Rainey aided materially in repelling the enemy assaults. Covering the back door and the kitchen window with his automatic rifle, he drove off the enemy time after time. His position was subjected to heavy fire and the situation seemed hopeless in view of the enemy's numerical superiority, but Sergeant Rainey continued his determined and accurate fire. As a result, the house was held and could be used in the highly successful attack launched by our forces the following morning. Entered the military service from Princeton, Indiana.

THOMAS E VAN LIEU 35099470, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near Wimmenau, France. Elements of a strong enemy force attempting to break out of an encircled town, which formed a pocket behind the battalion positions, attacked the rear of Private Van Lieu's machine gun position. With heavy fire from enemy machine pistols coming directly at his emplacement, he quickly moved to an alternate position and began to return the enemy fire. Although severely wounded in the exchange, Private Van Lieu remained at his post and his accurate fire killed eleven of the enemy and wounded several more. His gun was finally put out of action by enemy grenades, but his courage and determination had aided materially in repulsing the enemy force and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rockville, Indiana.

EUGENE M HOFFART 32779222, Infantry, Private First Class,
Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Union, New Jersey.

JOSEPH H BENSON 37548541, Infantry, Private First Class,
Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Viola, Wisconsin.

For gallantry in action on 19 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Privates Hoffart and Benson, wiremen, volunteered to accompany a patrol whose mission was to reach an isolated company. Two other wiremen had just been forced back by intense enemy fire, and as the patrol approached the company positions the enemy again opened fire. Privates Hoffart and Benson joined in the fight and at the same time continued to moved forward with the wire line. One man was killed only a few feet from them, but Privates Hoffart and Benson continued their

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efforts to reestablish communications. Reaching the company, only to find that the line had been severed by shell fire, these two wiremen immediately started back with another patrol and, despite the heavy artillery and mortar fire which covered the route, succeeded finally in renewing communications between the battalion and the hard-pressed company. Privates Hoffart's and Benson's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon themselves and their organization.

Section II

First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star—Revocation

So much of General Orders Number 136, this headquarters, 0s, Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star as pertains to MELVIN L CLINGER 20304145, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

Section III

Bronze Star Medal—Revocation

So much of General Orders Number 177, this headquarters, 1944, Award of the Bronze Star Medal, as pertains to MARTIN F DAVID 36818963, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

CHARLES L BLAKE 32213920, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 May 1944 near Padigliono, Italy. During a concentration of enemy artillery fire a call came from a front line company for more ammunition. Sergeant Blake, with two other men, loaded a quarter-ton vehicle and started for the company's position. About five hundred yards from their destination the enemy fire became so heavy that the men decided to continue on foot. Sergeant Blake and his comrades made three trips through the enemy fire, dragging or carrying the cumbersome ammunition boxes to the front line positions. Entered the military service from Schuyler Falls, New York.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men, missing in action:

ARTHUR D DEWITT 01062485, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 18 to 23 December 1944 near Bundenthal, Germany. Lieutenant Dewitt's platoon was making a dawn attack on a German town in the Siegfried Line when it encountered heavy enemy fire and was forced to take cover in nearby houses. Lieutenant Dewitt quickly deployed his men, setting up an all-around defense. He then worked his way through the enemy machine gun and mortar fire to establish contact with another platoon. A short time later, the enemy began a vicious attack on the position. Using smoke grenades to get within close range, the enemy gained an adjacent building and then followed up its advantage, firing bazooka shells which blew the roof off the house occupied by Lieutenant Dewitt, and throwing hand grenades through the windows. The ferocity of the enemy attack disorganized the platoon, but Lieutenant Dewitt, although badly shaken himself, moved to an exposed position and began firing at the advancing enemy. He succeeded in silencing one of the machine guns and his platoon, encouraged by his example, returned to its positions. Under Lieutenant Dewitt's supervision the platoon laid down a heavy volume of fire which repulsed the enemy assault. Lieutenant Dewitt's courageous and aggressive leadership enabled his men to withstand a series of enemy attacks for five days until rescued, and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Flint, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Louella Dewitt (Mother), G-3473 Beecher Road, Flint, Michigan.

ROBERT J DEARDEN 37471775, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal), Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Omaha, Nebraska.
Next of kin: Mrs. Bess Ann Dearden (Mother), 8021 Crenshaw Boulevard, Inglewood, California.

WILLIAM E FRY 35623758, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Dayton, Ohio.
Next of kin: Mrs. Mary E. Fry (Mother), 437 West Fairview Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

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JUAN L VIGIL 38581376, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Wagon Mound, New Mexico.
Next of kin: Mr. Felipe Vigil (Brother), P.O. Box #73, Wagon Mound, New Mexico.

For heroic achievement in action from 18 to 23 December 1944 near Bundenthal, Germany. While attacking an enemy-held town in the Siegfried Line, two platoons of the above man's company were subjected to intense enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire which forced the assaulting infantrymen to take cover in several nearby houses. These men of the leading elements occupied a house forward of the remainder of the platoon and, realizing the importance of the location, determined to hold until the platoons could reorganize and consolidate the position. When a three man enemy patrol came toward the house, Sergeant Dearden, Sergeant Fry and Private Vigil, firing from the windows of the building, quickly dispersed the patrol. A short time later, a larger enemy force assaulted their position, employing a machine gun, several machine pistols and throwing hand grenades as they advanced. Although outnumbered and almost out of ammunition, these men not only held their ground but by laying down a heavy and accurate fire forced the enemy group to withdraw. The enemy subsequently succeeded in surrounding the platoons, but the initiative and courage displayed by Sergeant Dearden, Sergeant Fry and Private Vigil gave their platoons an opportunity to form a defense which held off the enemy for five days.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

EUGENE M FIALKOVICH 33670056, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 May 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. During a concentration of enemy artillery fire a call came from a front line company for more ammunition. Private Fialkovich, with two other men, loaded a quarter-ton vehicle and started for the company's position. About five hundred yards from their destination the enemy fire became so heavy that the men decided to drive their vehicle to cover and continue on foot. Private Fialkovich and his comrades made three trips through the enemy fire dragging or carrying the cumbersome ammunition boxes to the front line positions. While bringing the ammunition forward, Private Fialkovich was twice slightly wounded by shell fragments, but he refused to seek medical aid or abandon his task until the ammunition had been delivered. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Braddock, Pennsylvania.

ALFRED G HOOK 31204144, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 May 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. During a concentration of enemy artillery fire a call came from a front line company for more ammunition. Sergeant Hook, with two other men, loaded a quarter-ton vehicle and started for the company's position. About five hundred yards from their destination the enemy fire became so heavy that the men decided to continue on foot. Sergeant Hook and his comrades made three trips through the enemy fire, dragging or carrying the cumbersome ammunition boxes to the front line positions. Entered the military service from Hondon, Massachusetts.

BENNIE R PETERSON 01310875, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 October 1944 near Bruyeres, France. Lieutenant Peterson's company was hit by a strong counterattack. When the enemy began to infiltrate and endangered the left flank, Lieutenant Peterson, the company executive officer, immediately worked his way through the heavy mortar and small arms fire covering the area to the threatened point in order to encourage his men and direct their fire. At the same time he accurately observed the enemy movements and directed mortar fire which aided

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materially in eventually repulsing the attack. When ammunition became low, Lieutenant Peterson made several trips over a route cut by enemy machine gun fire to replenish it. His courageous and aggressive leadership enabled his company to hold the important terrain and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Herscher, Illinois.

GERALD G PIERSON 14059087, Armored, Staff Sergeant,
Company A, 191st Tank Battalion.
Entered the military service from Lafayette, Louisiana.

HARRY C ESTLE 35666593, Armored, Corporal,
Company A, 191st Tank Battalion.
Entered the military service from Hillsboro, Ohio.

ORVILLE L HIGGINS 37603539, Armored, Corporal,
Company A, 191st Tank Battalion.
Entered the military service from Potosi, Missouri.

CARL A EGGELSTON 35653017, Armored, Private,
Company A, 191st Tank Battalion.
Entered the military service from Covington, Virginia.

EARL L ROWAN 13167431, Armored, Private,
Company A, 191st Tank Battalion.
Entered the military service from Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. After aiding in repelling an attack upon one company, the above tank crew volunteered to go to the assistance of another unit whose position was threatened by an enemy assault. Moving their tank aggressively forward in spite of the numerous antitank rockets being used against them, the crew inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy force, turned its attack into a retreat and freed six American soldiers who had just been taken prisoner.

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Section I

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

ELDON B BLACKBURN 38006303, Infantry, Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 30 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Frasier, Colorado. Next of kin: Mrs. Neva B. Blackburn (Mother), Napones, Nebraska.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

JOHN A BERRY 38006294, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 February 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

PHILIP B BURKE 0433313, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 May to 8 November 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

HOWARD W CLUNDT 32236187, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

DARVIN A BENJAMIN 38005383, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 25 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

JUS J DE HERRERA 38006277, Infantry, Corporal, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Alamosa, Colorado.

ANTHONY G GULINO 32189348, Infantry, Private First Class, Service Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1943 to 30 September 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Carteret, New Jersey.

RICHARD C JOYCE 20149770, Infantry, First Sergeant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 20 April 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Ludlow, Vermont.

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WALLACE F McKENZIE 38006166, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

BARTON J MEYER 36117312, Infantry, Private First Class, Service Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

MARVIN L NICKELS 35017336, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 24 to 28 May 1944 near Carano, Italy. Entered the military service from Bryan, Ohio.

DONALD V NOLAN 38006284, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Englewood, Colorado.

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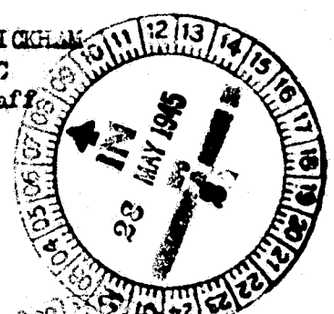

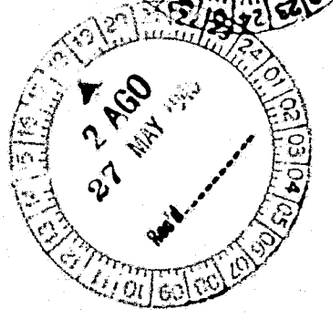

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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following officer and enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ARTHUR D DE WITT 01062485, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944, and Germany, 16 January 1945. Home address: Flint, Michigan.

LEONARD S RACZAK 36831875, Cavalry, Private, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, France, 22 September 1944, and Germany, 16 December 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

DAVID D CORNWELL 02014641, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Riverton, Virginia.

RAYMOND H CUTLER 01296822, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

LESTER M HARRIS 33535705, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Martinsville, Virginia.

EDDIE R HENDRICKSON 39147881, Infantry, Private, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 March 1945. Home address: Stockton, California.

LEWIS M KEMBERLING 33872289, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 March 1945. Home address: West Fairview, Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR L LAUER 16122835, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 February 1944. Home address: River Forest, Illinois.

JACK W LINDEBERG 01821885, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 28 November 1944. Home address: Miles City, Montana.

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ALFRED J LINDSEY 01165895, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 12 February 1944. Home address: New York, New York.

CARLETON B LUND 31361322, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 March 1945. Home address: Medford, Massachusetts

VICTOR I MINAHAN JR 0449501, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 28 May 1944. Home address: De Pere, Wisconsin.

CLIFTON L PANNELL 38631427, Infantry, Private, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Home address: Frisco, Texas.

ROLLAND O SHANK 20533696, Infantry, Sergeant, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Fort Wayne, Indiana.

CARL W SISEMORE 38148808, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 20 March 1945. Home address: Crestone, Colorado.

HAROLD V SMITH 0459252O, Medical Corps, First Lieutenant, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

SANFORD G AGNEW 38006278, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Waldron, Arkansas.

RALPH H AULT 20838341, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 November 1943. Home address: Boulder, Colorado.

ROBERT M BARTEL 36847977, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

FRANK T BEAN 31117532, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Wiscasset, Maine.

DAVID L BEARD 35812816, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Bedford, Indiana.

NICHOLAS R BERNARDO 13077432, Field Artillery, Private, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN BLOOM 36228317, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 21 October 1944. Home address: Superior, Wisconsin.

FERDINAND W COOK 37599435, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 2 April 1945. Home address: Adrian, Minnesota.

HARRY F CORCORAN 33813830, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 1 April 1945. Home address: West Chester, Pennsylvania.

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THOMAS C DAHLIN 36519466, Infantry, Corporal, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 18 October 1943. Home address: Pontiac, Michigan.

NORMAN E DEAN 38018005, Field Artillery, Private, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 16 February 1944. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DEWEY S DOLPH JR 35542011, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 21 October 1944. Home address: New Carlisle, Indiana.

CARMEN J DUVA 36130754, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 24 September 1944. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

MERRELL J HUFF 34724963, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 February 1944. Home address: Church Hill, Tennessee.

GEORGE M JAMES 20826348, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 March 1945. Home address: Brook, Oklahoma.

WAYNE F JOLLY 38017979, Field Artillery, Private, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 6 November 1944. Home address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

IRAM A JONES 38016207, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Home address: Blanco, Oklahoma.

TED O KIRBY 38016785, Medical Department, Private First Class, Company A, 120th Medical Battalion, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Boswell, Oklahoma.

JOHN F KRUSZEWSKI 31062813, Infantry, Private, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 28 May 1944. Home address: Uncasville, Connecticut.

BERNARD LAVINE 01304407, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Syracuse, New York.

EARNEST L MARLOW 38017159, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 20 February 1944. Home address: Purcell, Oklahoma.

LESTER J MC CLAIN 33660222, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Home address: Leck, Virginia.

OLLIE A MIKOLAJEWSKI 35557537, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: South Bend, Indiana.

DONALD R MILLER 33682644, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 1 June 1944. Home address: Erie, Pennsylvania.

CONSTANTINE B MISTRETTA 32326427, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES J MULHALL 01172191, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 1? January 1945. Home address: White Plains, New York.

AUBURN NORWOOD 20639886, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Cordova, Alabama.

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EDWARD J PECKHAM 31356830, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 10 June 1944. Home address: Fall River, Massachusetts.

GEORGE V PETTY 31263803, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 September 1944. Home address: Worcester, Massachusetts.

FRANK C REMSBURG 13071979, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 24 September 1944. Home address: Warfordsburg, Pennsylvania.

PAUL J RUST 20827570, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MITCHEL SACK 0357628, Dental Corps, Captain, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Central Falls, Rhode Island.

BANKS G SMITH 13022613, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Perulack, Pennsylvania.

ERNEST P SMITH 35291791, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Lancaster, Ohio.

KENNETH E STEVENS 20657397, Quartermaster Corps, Private First Class, 45th Quartermaster Company, Germany, 14 April 1945. Home address: Fort Atkerson, Wisconsin.

NEWMAN W STONE 33089785, Infantry, Private First Class, Service Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 May 1944. Home address: Henry, Virginia.

MORRIS R STROM 36688114, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 31 May 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

ANTHONY J TARGIA 12040380, Infantry, Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 12 April 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

HUGH R TURNER 20848334, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Home address: Waco, Texas.

RUBEN J VALDEZ 38006434, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 21 February 1944. Home address: La Veta, Colorado.

WILLIAM P WALSH 0414901, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Home address: West Newton, Massachusetts.

So much of General Orders Number 301, Section II, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, dated 17 December 1944, as pertains to VICTOR I MINAHAN JR 0449501, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

So much of General Orders Number 88, Section IV, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to CLIFTON L PANNELL 38631427, Infantry, Private, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following officer:

WILLIAM R JONES 02006053, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A (then Company I), 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. After the enemy laid down a heavy mortar and artillery concentration, and followed it with an attack in company strength, Lieutenant Jones' platoon was forced to withdraw. During this action the platoon leader was killed. Immediately assuming command, Lieutenant Jones reorganized the platoon and led it in an aggressive counter-attack against the numerically superior enemy force. He moved through the area in the face of intense machine gun and machine pistol fire, encouraging his men, urging them on, and directing the employment of their weapons so effectively that the platoon's assault was successful in regaining the lost ground. Lieutenant Jones then consolidated the position, deploying his men so that the platoon resisted repeated attempts of the enemy to dislodge it. Lieutenant Jones' courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Whitakers, North Carolina.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

DAVID SCHIMPF 02011701, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 November 1944 near Mulhausen, France. When a dug-in, well-concealed enemy machine gun inflicted a number of casualties on his company and halted the attack, Lieutenant Schimpf moved out alone in an attempt to reach the position and destroy the gun. Although the approaches to the emplacement were across open terrain covered by grazing fire, Lieutenant Schimpf succeeded in crawling across the area to the left flank of the position. Then, jumping to his feet, Lieutenant Schimpf rushed the emplacement, firing his submachine gun so effectively that all four members of the enemy crew were killed. The remainder of the enemy, confused by the loss of their supporting weapons, withdrew and Lieutenant Schimpf's company was able to continue its attack. His courage and skill reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Northbranch, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Rupple (Mother), Saint Joseph, Michigan.

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Section III

Award of the Silver Star, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer, missing in action:

RICHARD J GWOREK 01304899, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 October 1944 near Bruyeres, France. The enemy launched a savage counterattack at the hill just taken by Lieutenant Gworek's company, drove one platoon from its position and threatened to cut the company in half. Lieutenant Gworek immediately ordered his mortars into action and called for artillery fire and supporting armor. When the armor arrived he mounted the lead tank and, though exposed to heavy small arms, machine gun and mortar fire, remained there throughout the action, directing such effective cannon and machine gun fire that the counterattack was repulsed. The following morning Lieutenant Gworek again mounted a tank and led his company in an aggressive assault which took thirty-four prisoners, drove the enemy from the high ground and made possible the subsequent capture of an important town. Lieutenant Gworek's courageous and resourceful leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rockville, Connecticut. Next of kin: Mrs. Amelia A Gworek (Wife), 93 Glenwood Street, Manchester, Connecticut.

Section IV

Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men:

CHARLES R BRALL 36900623, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944 near Gumbrechtshofen, France. An attack by Private Brall's company was halted about 500 yards from the objective when the enemy covered the route of approach with machine gun crossfire combined with heavy fire from mortars and tanks. Since the terrain prevented support from our own armor, Private Brall, on his own initiative, moved forward with his automatic rifle in an attempt to reduce the enemy machine gun positions. In spite of the heavy crossfire, he was successful in reaching the foot of the hill which was the objective. Climbing the hill by means of a covered route, Private Brall circled to the rear of one of the enemy emplacements, then assaulted the position, firing his automatic rifle as he moved in. His accurate fire killed four members of the crew, silenced the gun and enabled the platoon to advance and take the hill. When the enemy counterattack came a short time later, Private Brall, maintaining an exposed position to give himself the best field of fire, did much to repulse the enemy attempt to regain the hill. His courage and boldness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Genesee, Illinois.

WALTER W BROWN 36687646, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. A numerically superior enemy force infiltrated and attacked Private Brown's mortar position with rifles and grenades. Armed only with a pistol, Private Brown returned the enemy fire accurately and effectively. He was wounded in the heel by a grenade fragment early in the encounter, but chose to remain and help with the defense of his position. He continued to harass the attacking force and was wounded again, but still refused to report to the aid station, knowing how hard pressed his comrades were. When a third wound finally forced his evacuation, Private Brown's accurate fire had killed five enemy soldiers and had aided materially in neutralizing the enemy pressure. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organiza- Entered the military service from Moline, Illinois.

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WILLIAM F HAUSLER 32858350, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1945 near Reipertsweiller, France. As he and three other men were attempting to reach a front line company, Private Hausler's vehicle encountered an enemy road block. When they sought to turn the vehicle around, the quarter-ton ran over a mine. In the explosion, Private Hausler, who had dismounted, was wounded in the eye, the quarter-ton was thrown on its side, and the other occupants were pinned beneath it. Despite his painful wounds and the danger from enemy small arms fire, Private Hausler rushed to the aid of the trapped men. Unassisted, he dragged each of the injured soldiers from under the vehicle, bandaged their wounds and carried them to the shelter of a nearby ditch. He then made his way to the company command post, guided medical personnel to the wounded men and directed their evacuation. Private Hausler's courage and devotion to his comrades undoubtedly saved their lives and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Albany, New York.

GEORGE J KAMINSKY 13132964, Infantry, Private First Class, (then Private), Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 October 1944 near Bruyeres, France. Private Kaminsky's company held high ground overlooking an enemy-held town. At dawn, the enemy attempted to infiltrate in an effort to regain the advantageous terrain. Private Kaminsky, on guard at a machine gun post, saw seven enemy soldiers crawling toward his emplacement. He remained motionless until they were within close range, then opened fire, killing three of them. The other four attempted to assault his position but Private Kaminsky, hurling hand grenades as the enemy soldiers neared his emplacement, killed or wounded all four and dispersed the patrol. At this point an enemy machine gun centered its fire on Private Kaminsky's position. Crawling back to a supporting tank, Private Kaminsky mounted the vehicle and directed the tank in silencing the enemy weapon. His courage and resourcefulness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

DONALD D KELLEY 31348802, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 near Voxencourt, France. With other battalion personnel Private Kelley occupied a factory building outside of which were parked two supply trucks loaded with ammunition. Suddenly a heavy concentration of artillery fire fell into the factory area, killing one man, seriously wounding another and setting one of the trucks ablaze. In spite of the shells that were still falling in the area, Private Kelley ran from the factory, climbed into the second ammunition truck and started the engine. Though slightly wounded in the leg by shrapnel from a shell which had exploded in the burning truck, Private Kelley drove the second vehicle to a covered position before he sought shelter himself. Private Kelley's courage and alertness undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

RAYFORD H LATHAM 34923547, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 1 to 3 February 1945 near Saegmuhl, France. Ordered to organize a strongpoint to deny the enemy an approach to his company's positions, Sergeant Latham deployed his squad, then waited while a group of about forty enemy soldiers approached the strongpoint. When the enemy had come within close range, Sergeant Latham opened fire with a .30-caliber machine gun, firing so effectively that many of the enemy were killed or wounded and the remainder forced to withdraw. To meet an attempted infiltration from another direction, Sergeant Latham quickly shifted his men and, in spite of the intense small arms fire directed at his position, began to work his way through the sector, encouraging his squad and controlling its fire. At the same time, Sergeant Latham adjusted mortar and artillery concentrations on the attacking force, moving the fire close to his own position where necessary to repel an enemy threat. Sergeant Latham's courage and skill were fundamental factors in the successful defense of the sector and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Scottsboro, Alabama.

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GUY C PANELLA 01317662, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company (then Company A), 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1944 near Soye, France. Lieutenant Panella's platoon, which had been manning a road block in the rear of the battalion area, was suddenly attacked by a strong enemy force composed of one hundred and twenty-five infantry supported by armor. Because of the unexpected direction of the attack, Lieutenant Panella was required to reorganize his entire defense, but under his leadership the relatively small force was able to repulse the assault. When enemy infantrymen attempted to infiltrate on the right of the position, Lieutenant Panella quickly deployed his mortar squad as riflemen to counter the enemy threat. While working through the area to encourage his men and control their fire, Lieutenant Panella received a severe leg wound, but he refused to be evacuated, continuing to direct the defense of the position. As a result of Lieutenant Panella's determined leadership one enemy tank was destroyed, fifteen vehicles were captured, numerous enemy personnel were killed, and the enemy was forced to withdraw. Entered the military service from Akron, Ohio.

CHARLES PICKETT 38016304, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 18 to 20 August 1944 near Vidauban, France. A patrol from the platoon to which Private Pickett was attached as aid man was ambushed by a numerically superior enemy force. Five men were wounded in the ensuing fight and Private Pickett, hearing their cries for help, entered the ambush area in spite of the heavy exchange of small arms fire and went to the aid of the wounded men. When an opportunity presented itself for the patrol to work its way out of the encirclement Private Pickett chose to remain with the wounded soldiers. Captured and taken to an enemy hospital, he continued to care for his comrades. That night, in the confusion resulting from the approach of American troops, Private Pickett, alert to the possibilities of escape, led two of the wounded men through the enemy lines to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ROBERT L PRUITT 34805420, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near Wingen, France. While on reconnaissance Private Pruitt and two other men encountered an enemy machine gun position which had been preventing effective use of the main road to Wingen. Instructing the two men to divert the attention of the enemy crew, he crawled around to the rear of the emplacement. Working his way to within close range, Private Pruitt threw two well-aimed grenades that forced the enemy to take cover, then boldly charged the enemy position, firing into the dugout. The five man crew, stunned and confused, surrendered, and the battalion supply route was cleared. Private Pruitt's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Gadsden, Alabama.

CHARLES Q RODENBAUGH 33619719, Infantry, Private, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 October 1944 near La Salle, France. As he was returning with a contact patrol, Private Rodenbaugh encountered a strong enemy force which was counterattacking in an effort to break through positions held by his company. Acting quickly, Private Rodenbaugh deployed his patrol so as to strike the enemy in a surprise attack from the flank. Ordering his men to cover the move, Private Rodenbaugh crawled forward, opened fire with his submachine gun and destroyed an enemy bazooka team that had been placing direct fire on the company positions. Caught off guard by the patrol's assault, the enemy became disorganized, suffered a number of casualties and was forced to withdraw. Private Rodenbaugh's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

WALTER R SEIFERT 11065094, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. A large enemy force attacked positions occupied by Sergeant Seifert's battalion. When a tank broke through and began to shell the area Sergeant Seifert quickly and efficiently organized his machine gun platoon to meet the enemy assault. He exposed himself to the enemy tank fire in order to direct

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his gunners to the most effective firing positions and made a reconnaissance forward of our lines to check the direction of the assault by enemy infantry. While on the reconnaissance, Sergeant Seifert surprised an enemy soldier in the act of setting up a machine gun and captured both the man and his weapon. In the ensuing fight Sergeant Seifert's thorough preparation and effective adjustment of fire helped materially to repulse the enemy attack. Sergeant Seifert's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Norwich, Connecticut.

ALFRED WASZKIEWICZ 31380103, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 October 1944 near Brouvelieures, France. Stubbornly resisting enemy units, supported by a well-concealed anti-tank gun, slowed the advance of Sergeant Waszkiewicz's company. In an attempt to silence the gun Sergeant Waszkiewicz organized a three man patrol and led it towards the spot from which the enemy fire was coming. He deployed his men to give him cover and then crawled across one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain to the flank of the enemy emplacement. Opening fire with his submachine gun, Sergeant Waszkiewicz killed the officer commanding the group, wounded several of the crew and forced the remainder to withdraw. With the antitank gun neutralized, Sergeant Waszkiewicz's company was able to continue its attack. His courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Long Island, New York.

DALE E WEAVER 32778197, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945 near Waldenguth, France. In a powerful counterattack, enemy forces succeeded in penetrating our lines and threatened to surround a company command post. During the intense fire fight that raged about the headquarters, Technician Weaver evacuated ten wounded men from the battle area to the battalion aid station. He traversed a road which was not known to be free of enemy, and drove through heavy small arms and mortar fire on three different occasions to reach the company command post and return with the wounded men. He worked tirelessly to bring the soldiers to safety, refusing to be relieved because he alone knew the dangerous and difficult route. Technician Weaver's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Cranford, New Jersey.

FREDERICK WEICHMANN, 12055453, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. The enemy laid down a heavy concentration of rocket fire on the town occupied by Private Weichmann's battalion. A house being used as an ammunition dump for chemical mortars was set on fire and a number of vehicles parked nearby were endangered. Private Weichmann, although shaken by the rocket blast, made his way through the shelled area to a quarter-ton and drove it a safe distance away. He then ran back, climbed into a truck containing nearly five hundred rounds of high explosive ammunition and backed it up the road and out of danger just as the dump exploded, wrecking the surrounding buildings. A short time later, it became necessary to check communications to the battalion switchboard. Although the ammunition dump was still burning and shells continued to explode, Private Weichmann again moved through the danger area, found the break in the line and repaired it. Private Weichmann's courage and quick thinking reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Buffalo, New York.

CECIL A WITT 20838756, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 September 1944 near Rambervillers, France. Sergeant Witt and two other wiremen were laying wire behind the attacking company when heavy enemy shelling wounded all three men. Despite his own painful wound, Sergeant Witt carried his two wounded comrades to safety and notified company aid men of their location. Then, working alone, Sergeant Witt continued to lay the wire, keeping the attacking company in communication with battalion headquarters. Entered the military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

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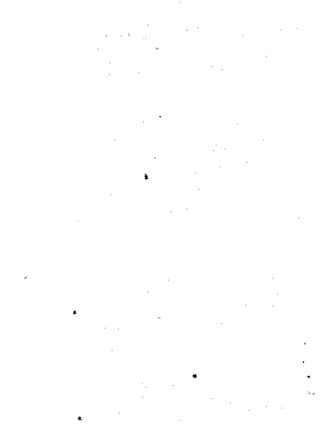

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

KENNETH V BELL 32201295, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 November 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Oxford, New Jersey.

RAYMOND F BOYDSTUN 20830327, Field Artillery, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 25 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Sulphur, Oklahoma.

LOUIS J BRANDON 38016225, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 10 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

PAUL DEINES 20837132, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, 45th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in combat from 11 September 1943 to 9 January 1944 in Italy. Enotered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

WILLARD H EBELING 38005756, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, 45th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in combat from 11 September 1943 to 9 January 1945 in Italy. Entered the military service from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ROBERT GAMEZ 39243309, Medical Department, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 10 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Santa Ana, California.

CHET R GRIFFITH 20837121, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), 45th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in combat from 11 September 1943 to 9 January 1944 in Italy. Entered the military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

GLENDENE D HARDIN 20837889, Infantry, Private, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 25 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Montrose, Colorado.

JESSE E HOLLAND 0463478, Medical Corps, Captain, Clearing Company, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August to 31 December 1944 in France. Entered the military service from Bolle Harbor, Long Island, New York.

KENNETH E JONES 20825367, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, 45th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in combat from 9 September 1943 to 5 January 1944 in Italy. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

STUART B MARKS 0421224, Medical Corps, Captain, Clearing Company, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 31 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Syracuse, New York.

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MASON E MILLER 20837136, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, 45th Infantry Division Band, for meritorious service in combat from 11 September 1943 to 9 January 1944 in Italy. Entered the military service from Fort Collins, Colorado.

WILLIAM U MILLER 20830871, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade (then Corporal), Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 October 1944 to 15 February 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Jay, Oklahoma.

OLIVER PICCIONI 33121683, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private), Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 2 November 1944 to 15 February 1945 in France. Entered the military service from Washington, D.C.

ELI RUDERMAN 32395622, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Clearing Company, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 11 September 1943 to 31 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES K SCHINDLER 36651359, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 28 February 1944 to 2 February 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROSCOE H SMITH 20830401, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Geary, Oklahoma.

THOMAS J SPRUILL 02014842, Infantry (Armored Force), Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 191st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 19 February 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

CHARLIE G WEAVER 0406446, Infantry, Captain, Service Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 17 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Atoka, Oklahoma.

LOUIS E WELDON 38016339, Medical Department, Sergeant, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 30 November 1944 to 8 March 1945, and 18 March to 1 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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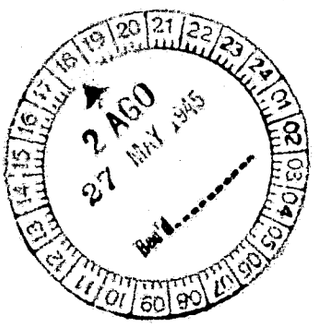

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Battle Honors—Citation of Unit

Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular Number 333, War Department, 1943, and Section III, Circular Number 25, Headquarters Seventh Army, 1944, as amended by Circular Number 13, Headquarters Seventh Army, 1945, the following named organization is cited for outstanding achievement in combat. Individuals assigned or attached to the unit on the occasion for which citation is awarded are entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge as a permanent part of the uniform; individuals subsequently assigned or attached to the unit, and only so long as they remain with the unit, are entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge as a temporary part of the uniform:

COMPANY K, 180TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, is cited for outstanding achievement in combat during the period 17-19 December 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany. When other units were stopped by fierce resistance from a sector of the Siegfried Line, COMPANY K was assigned the mission of flanking the enemy fortifications and attacking them from the rear. Passing through the sector of an adjacent unit, COMPANY K engaged two enemy pillboxes and, without the aid of special equipment, drove off the defending enemy personnel. Two enemy counterattacks were repulsed before the company could proceed on its mission. At dusk of 18 December 1944, COMPANY K reached the strongly fortified hill which it had been ordered to reduce. An attack was launched before dark, resulting in the capture of another pillbox. The enemy had meanwhile cut off COMPANY K from the rest of the battalion, severing wire communications and preventing the delivery of supplies. While preparing to resume its attack in the morning, the COMPANY was heavily counterattacked from the rear by a large enemy force employing rocket launchers and machine guns. By means of a quick-flanking movement, the Company disorganized the enemy, killing fifteen and driving off the remainder. Despite a limited quantity of ammunition and the lack of adequate communications, COMPANY K then attacked a series of four pillboxes, connected by deep trenches, which had been holding up the advance of the battalion. With hand grenades and small arms fire, the COMPANY assaulted enemy personnel in the trenches and, with white phosphorus grenades, forced the pillbox personnel out of their fortifications. In three days of attack upon fortified positions, COMPANY K captured seven pillboxes, took approximately fifty prisoners, killed and wounded a similar number of enemy. The conspicuous combat skill, determination and heroism displayed by members of COMPANY K, 180th Infantry Regiment, removed a major obstacle to the advance of their battalion, and reflect the highest attack traditions of the Army of the United States.

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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

RICHARD H SHERTZER 33500444, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 October 1944, and France, 14 January 1945: Home address: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL J STEHLE 36897558, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944, and Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Ferndale, Michigan.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

THOMAS B AMERSON 34788997, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 October 1944. Home address: Winter Haven, Florida.

WILLIAM R CONKLIN 32209076, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

MORTON K DU ROSS 32748010, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Ticonderoga, New York.

WILLARD HELM 42028716, Infantry, Private, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Home address: Rochester, New York.

WALTER E MAINWARING 32747561, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 February 1945. Home address: Schenectady, New York.

JAMES W MC MILLAN JR 35018355, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 September 1944. Home address: Lindsay, Oklahoma.

RIGOBERTO RENDON 38455003, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 October 1944. Home address: Rossville, Texas.

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LLOYD F STIBSON 12022772, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Candor, New York.

Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ROBERT E ALLEN JR 33685621, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 September 1944. Home address: Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL L BAKER 37707520, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Home address: Denver, Colorado.

CHARLES H BARNETT 37641805, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: LaGrange, Missouri.

DONALD R BARNETT 33434763, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 October 1944. Home address: Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT E BEARD 36695828, Infantry, Private, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 October 1944. Home address: Saint Louis, Missouri.

GEORGE R BIDDLE 33299894, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 February 1944. Home address: New Castle, Pennsylvania.

PAUL H CHILKOWSKI 35026144, Infantry, Corporal, Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Garretsville, Ohio.

JACK W GILBERTSON 37579483, Infantry, Sergeant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Saint Paul, Minnesota.

CHESTER C HAMMOND 31269724, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 October 1944. Home address: Canaan, New Hampshire.

MICHAEL J HANUSIK 33427841, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Swissvale, Pennsylvania.

WAYNE E HARTMAN 33515872, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES A. HILLESTAD 36232555, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Home address: Madison, Wisconsin.

ROBERT J JOHNSON 35776300, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Home address: Mason, West Virginia.

WILLIAM L KUEGER 37724913, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 October 1944. Home address: Ellsworth, Kansas.

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GOLDEN L MC GINNIS 35244290, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: New Paris, Ohio.

DANIEL P O'CONNOR 31383627, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 September 1944. Home address: Providence, Rhode Island.

EDWIN K REICHARD 33936163, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Hafley, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD R SAPP 36959842, Infantry, Private, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Peoria, Illinois.

ELROY W TEARNEY 36973315, Infantry, Private, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 February 1945. Home address: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ELDEN T TORSTENSON 37696102, Infantry, Sergeant, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Des Moines, Iowa.

ALFRED M VOGEL 33432032, Infantry, Private, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 October 1944. Home address: Bellevue, Pennsylvania.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

ALBERT L YOUNG 02011648, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 May 1944 near Campolone, Italy. Lieutenant Young, although under heavy small arms and artillery fire, went forward to reconnoiter fields of fire for his machine gun squad. Setting up his machine gun in an exposed position, he brought accurate fire upon the enemy, contributing largely to a successful assault by the company he was supporting. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

DAVID L LYONS 31308467, Infantry, Private First Class, Service Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1944 near Campomorto, Italy. Private Lyons was sent to the ammunition dump to replenish his battalion's depleted supply. He found the dump burning but proceeded to load his truck in the midst of the bursting ammunition. While returning to the front he was warned that the road which he traveled was under heavy artillery fire but, realizing the urgent need for ammunition, he continued on his way and safely delivered the ammunition. Entered the military service from Somerville, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Miss Florence Lyons (Sister), 37 Columbus Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts.

FRANCIS A MULLEN 31353916, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945 near Althorn, France. Beginning an attack, the rifle platoon Private Mullen's machine gun section was supporting met heavy small arms and mortar fire and was forced to halt. Quick to realize the need for more fire power, Private Mullen moved his machine gun forward to gain a better field of fire. When the weapon failed to function, he called for the other crew, placed its gun in action and directed the men to cover. The enemy attempted to silence his weapon with concentrations of mortar and small arms fire, but Private Mullen remained at his post, firing belt after belt at the enemy emplacements. His constant and accurate fire kept the enemy's fire and observation at a minimum and enabled the assault platoon to continue its attack and take the objective. Private Mullen's courage and skill reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Quincy, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Joanna Mullen (Mother), 14 Holmes Street, Quincy, Massachusetts.

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Section III

Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

WILLIAM T BARKLEY 34883851, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 June 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. When an assault rifle platoon met fierce resistance, Private Barkley moved his machine gun to the flank to provide necessary fire power for the advancing riflemen. Although the area was under heavy small arms and artillery fire, he set his gun up in an open position where he was able to keep the enemy down, account for several snipers, and contribute materially to the successful attack. Entered the military service from Dyer, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Ophelia O. Barkley (Mother), 221 East Front Street, Dyer, Tennessee.

Section IV

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

GEORGE G DELLANO 31062568, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1944 near Carroceto, Italy. When heavy fire from enemy tanks fell in the area occupied by a rifle company, Sergeant Dellano climbed upon a nearby roof to observe the enemy fire. He remained on the roof exposed to enemy tanks and snipers until he had located the source of the enemy fire, and then directed fire from our artillery that silenced the enemy guns. Entered the military service from Webster, Massachusetts.

SYDNEY GERSHOWITZ 31062757, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1944 near Campomorto, Italy. Private Gershowitz was sent to the ammunition dump to replenish his battalion's depleted supply. He found the dump burning but proceeded to load his truck in the midst of the bursting ammunition. While returning to the front he was warned that the road which he traveled was under heavy artillery fire but, realizing the urgent need for ammunition, he continued on his way and safely delivered the ammunition. Entered the military service from New London, Connecticut.

STANLEY GILBERT 12144646, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 20 to 28 May 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. In order to expedite the evacuation of the wounded, Technician Gilbert, on his own initiative, set up an advanced dressing station in a culvert where he gave emergency first aid and assisted litter bearers in evacuating the wounded for a period of eight days. The culvert sustained several direct hits by artillery fire but Technician Gilbert continued to operate the station. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM P HATFIELD 36117212, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 31 May 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. Under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, and on his own initiative, Sergeant Hatfield went forward from his place of cover, exposing himself to enemy observation, and successfully repaired a break in the communication lines between the command post and observation post. His action permitted resumption of communications between the forward observation post and his 81mm mortar platoon. The resulting accurate mortar fire was instrumental to the success of the attack. Entered the military service from Monroe, Michigan.

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ANDREW MANJORAS 12059047, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Cannon Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945 near Wingen-sur-Moder, France. A unit without previous combat experience had been assembled to attack part of an enemy-held town. The men had not been trained as a unit and were hesitant to make the advance. Private Manjoras, observing the situation, asked permission to lead the men forward. He deployed them, then led the group aggressively across the open area before the town and into the edge of the village. The courageous and resourceful leadership displayed by Private Manjoras in this action reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

STEPHEN J MATHEWS 42023980, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 May 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. When exceptionally heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire made it impossible to lay communication wire to all elements of his company, Corporal Mathews took it upon himself to inform these elements as to the plans and progress of the attack. By repeatedly crossing open terrain under enemy observation and small arms fire Corporal Mathews maintained communications between the weapons units and the command post, contributing materially to the success of the attack. Entered the military service from Jordan, New York.

WILLIAM D ROBINSON 0405374, Infantry, Captain, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945 near Wingen, France. In the course of a powerful enemy offensive, Captain Robinson's company was surrounded for sixteen hours by a large force of enemy infantry. The enemy made six strong attacks in an attempt to annihilate the unit, but under Captain Robinson's determined leadership each attack was repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. In an effort to find an avenue of escape for his isolated company, Captain Robinson repeatedly braved the intense small arms fire to search the area. He finally found a small opening in the enemy lines, explored it carefully and made his plans. Returning to the company, Captain Robinson deployed his men in single file and directed them to move quietly through the gap he had discovered. Only after the last man had reached safety did Captain Robinson leave the area himself. His courage and resourcefulness prevented serious losses to our troops and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from McConnellsville, Ohio.

AINO A SAARI 31218[illegible], Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 May 1944 near Aprilia, Italy. Private Saari repeatedly exposed himself by crossing an open area swept by enemy small arms and mortar fire to bring up machine gun ammunition needed to support an attack. On several occasions, despite enemy fire, he went forward to carry wounded men to defiladed positions and administer aid. His courage and aggressiveness aided materially in the successful completion of the attack and saved several men's lives. Entered the military service from Waldoboro, Maine.

EDWARD E TOUSIGNANT 02006395, Field Artillery, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 1 to 3 January 1945 near Baerenthal, France. When friendly infantry was forced to withdraw in the face of a savage enemy attack, Lieutenant Tousignant, in command of supporting tank destroyers, remained in position in spite of the heavy enemy fire until the move had been successfully completed. Through his determined efforts to maintain close liaison with the infantry, Lieutenant Tousignant was able to place effective fire throughout the action on the attacking enemy foot troops. He made extended reconnaissance in order to obtain the best firing positions, and at the same time made frequent personal contacts with the infantry commander. Many times he braved intense small arms fire in order to carry out these objectives, and on one occasion found himself completely cut off from his platoon by enemy infantry elements. Armed only with a pistol, Lieutenant Tousignant worked his way back to his unit under constant machine gun and sniper fire, and with the information he had gained, his tank destroyers were able to inflict severe casualties on the enemy. Lieutenant Tousignant's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Ironwood, Michigan.

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MITHELS C ADKINS 34737508, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

THOMAS H MORROW 35556994, Infantry, Sergeant, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Lancaster, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 30 May 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. Sergeants Adkins and Morrow, although under heavy small arms and artillery fire, moved forward to reconnoiter fields of fire for their machine gun squads. Setting up their machine guns in exposed positions, they brought accurate fire upon the enemy, contributing largely to a successful assault by the company they were supporting.

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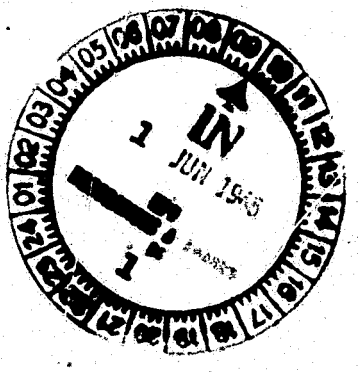

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Section I

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CHARLES H COOK 37540106, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. While carrying an urgent message from the company commander to one of the platoons, Private Cook encountered six enemy riflemen. Opening fire with his carbine, he killed one, wounded two and caused the remaining three to flee. His quick and courageous action permitted the prompt delivery of the message. Entered the military service from Fredonia, Kansas.

CHARLES R STOKES 15088368, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945 near Wimmenau, France. During heavy enemy shelling in which the aid station received a direct hit, Technician Stokes left his sheltered position and drove six hundred yards through the enemy fire to pick up a seriously wounded man. While he was removing the wounded man a near hit wrecked the vehicle, but Technician Stokes was able to carry his patient safely into the aid station. Entered the military service from Layland, West Virginia.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

VINCENT J KINGSTON 01324935, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. The enemy launched an attack in battalion strength at positions occupied by Lieutenant Kingston's company. The platoon led by Lieutenant Kingston held ground overlooking a highway running through the company sector. When the enemy began its attack after a heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire, Lieutenant Kingston, realizing the importance of the platoon's position, began to move through the area to encourage his men and control their fire. Working his way from foxhole to foxhole in the face of the intense fire from enemy machine guns, machine pistols and rifles, Lieutenant Kingston inspired his men to make a determined stand. He was killed while directing the fire of his platoon. Lieutenant Kingston's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Lillian M. Kingston (Wife), 133-59 114th Place, Ozone Park, Long Island, New York.

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Section III

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

LOUIS CASTILLO 38461054, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. Because of limited visibility and his numerical superiority, the enemy succeeded in infiltrating our position and threatened to surround Private Castillo's squad. Although Private Castillo sustained a painful wound in the following fight, he refused to return to the rear and remained with his fellow soldiers to fight off the enemy force. Disregarding his own safety, Private Castillo exposed himself to fire his pistol at the enemy, inflicting many casualties, and contributing materially to his squad's successful withdrawal. Entered the military service from Santa Rosa, Texas.

EDWARD P ENGLISH 32197705, Medical Department, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945 near Wimmenau, France. In the midst of a prolonged enemy artillery barrage, Corporal English left his sheltered position to drive six hundred yards to a seriously wounded soldier lying along the road. While he was preparing to evacuate the wounded man, the vehicle was wrecked by an incoming enemy shell, but Corporal English, by carrying the wounded soldier on his back, managed to evacuate him safely. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SAMUEL F FERSTER 33075775, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 near Wildonguth, France. In the midst of a heavy enemy mortar barrage, Sergeant Ferster left his foxhole to go to the aid of two wounded members of his platoon. Enlisting the aid of another soldier he carried the more seriously wounded of the two to a vehicle which evacuated him to an aid station. His courage made it possible for the wounded men to receive prompt medical attention and prevented possible loss of life. Entered the military service from Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

LEON L JUTRAS 31267969, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 September 1944 near Epinal, France. When the progress of his company was interrupted by enemy machine gun fire, Private Jutras was sent forward to investigate a group of buildings. Becoming involved in a fire fight, Private Jutras forced the enemy from two successive houses with grenades and rifle fire, killing two, wounding five and capturing the remaining seven. Entered the military service from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

VICTOR R LAWSON 34098413, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 September 1944 near Point sur L'Oignon, France. When his platoon received heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire, Sergeant Lawson, on his own initiative, set up his automatic rifle in an exposed position which gave him a good field of fire. There, by his accurate and continuous fire, he pinned down a sufficient number of the enemy to permit his platoon to overrun the enemy position. Entered the military service from Rogersville, Tennessee.

BENNY F LOYD 20827495, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 December 1944 near Mertzwiller, France. Finding his antitank gun squad unable to bring fire upon an approaching enemy reconnaissance vehicle, Private Loyd, on his own initiative, left his position and returned the enemy fire with a .30-caliber light machine gun. Although the enemy vehicle had superior fire power, Private Loyd's accurate fire resulted in its withdrawal, helping our troops to regain lost ground. Entered the military service from Achille, Oklahoma.

JOHN J McKEOWN 33431876, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 December 1944 near Mertzwiller, France. Under constant enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant McKeown successfully repaired breaks in the communication

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line between the command post and the 60mm mortar platoon. His action permitted the mortars to fire with telling effect on the attacking enemy, helping to relieve the pressure on his company. Entered the military service from Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT D MANGELS 01308981, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 December 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany. Provided only with a machine gun squad, Lieutenant Mangels was ordered to establish rear security for his company over an extended sector. To obtain the best field of fire, Lieutenant Mangels emplaced his machine gun in an exposed position. For the next three hours the enemy made repeated attempts to infiltrate past the emplacement, but through Lieutenant Mangel's determined efforts each attempt was beaten off. He repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to detect the infiltration attempts, adjusting machine gun fire and adding his own fire power so effectively that ten enemy soldiers were killed, more than fifteen wounded and the enemy was prevented from entering the three hundred yard gap in our lines. Entered the military service from Queens Village, New York.

ALBERT L OPFERMAN 33702346, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 December 1944 near Reichshoffen, France. Throughout a day of intense fighting Sergeant Opferman's courageous and aggressive leadership contributed materially to the success of his company's operations. Two tanks and two tank destroyers had been ordered to help his squad clear a portion of an enemy held town. When the armor did not arrive at the assembly point, Sergeant Opferman worked his way along a road under heavy enemy shell fire, found the armor and led it forward in an aggressive assault which drove sixty enemy soldiers from the sector and established contact with the remainder of his platoon. Two other enemy strongpoints were cleared under Sergeant Opferman's supervision. He led a patrol which captured four enemy soldiers in a house which had been by-passed and then directed the reduction of enemy machine gun positions containing fifteen more enemy soldiers. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

MARVIN C PICKARD 02006967, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Company K (then Company G), 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 November 1944 near Niedermodern, France. Having been given the mission of securing and holding several strategic buildings in the town of Pfaffenhoffen, France, and of securing a line of departure for the company which was to attack at dawn, Lieutenant Pickard remained in the lead of his platoon and coordinated his men's assault on each enemy strongpoint. His excellent leadership enabled the platoon to fulfill its mission without the loss of a man and in so doing killed fifteen of the enemy, rendered six enemy machine guns useless, and forced an enemy self-propelled gun to withdraw. Entered the military service from Burlington, North Carolina.

JAMES L PRICE 34824506, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. During a coordinated enemy mortar and tank barrage, all the inter-company lines of communication were broken. Leaving the shelter of his dugout, Sergeant Price crawled one hundred and fifty yards to fix the break in the artillery line and repaired two company lines. He enabled the artillery forward observer to bring fire to bear which silenced the enemy guns. Entered the military service from Canton, Georgia.

HENRY J SCHEMPP 39079455, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944 near Gundershoffen, France. After assisting in the capture of six enemy soldiers, Technician Schempp escorted the prisoners to the rear. He then organized a group of company headquarters personnel and led them in clearing the enemy from several strongpoints and foxholes. His courageous action made it possible for the wounded to be evacuated and permitted his company to stabilize its communications and continue the advance. Entered the military service from Reno, Nevada.

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JOBERT F SLAYTON 35759412, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 November 1944 near La Walck, France. While bringing up urgently needed ammunition to his company in a quarter-ton truck and trailer, Technician Slayton came to a blown bridge that was under enemy fire. Working under heavy artillery fire, he immediately set about carrying the ammunition to a point across the river where he arranged for a hand-carrying party to distribute it among the various platoons. His resourcefulness provided his company with a sufficient supply of ammunition to repel the enemy force. Entered the military service from Bover, West Virginia.

JOSEPH G TOPE 35174037, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 December 1944 near Gundershoffen, France. When his company was held up at the approaches to open terrain by well-sighted enemy machine gun fire and direct fire from an enemy tank, Sergeant Topo, carrying his 536 radio, crawled and maneuvered himself to a point of vantage where he was able to direct fire for the 60mm mortars. As a result of his action the enemy machine gun positions were destroyed, the enemy tank withdrew, and his company was able to resume its advance. Entered the military service from Carrolton, Ohio.

JOSEPH M KRAJEWSKI 33804216, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Penns[illegible]ia.

HECTOR LUNA 38555840, Infantry, Sergeant (then Privat[illegible] Class), Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from San [illegible] Texas.

For heroic achievement in action on 13[illegible] 1945 near Wildenguth, France. After dark a strong enemy combat patro[illegible] attacked positions held by Sergeants Krajewski's and Luna's company overrunning both light machine guns. In an all-night battle, Sergeant Krajewski and Luna, in position covering the company's right flank, succeeded in driving off repeated attempts by the enemy to infiltrate past their position. Procuring additional ammunition and using hand grenades, Sergeants Krajewski and Luna succeeded in killing five of the attacking force.

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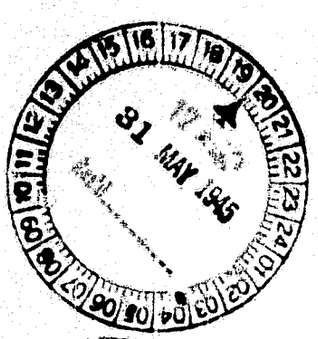

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Section I

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BENJAMIN M CUTLER 01031235, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 September 1944 at Domevre-Sur-Durbion, France. Lieutenant Cutler, in charge of a section of heavy machine guns supporting the attack, had his section completely surrounded and cut off from the leading elements of the attack when exceptionally fierce enemy resistance was encountered in the town. Though called upon by the enemy to surrender, Lieutenant Cutler organized his section and repulsed several strong enemy attacks against his positions during the day. Having failed in thei attempts to annihilate Lieutenant Cutler and his section the enemy withdrew under cover of darkness, enabling our forces to occupy the town. Entered the military service from Independence, Kansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Marilyn Cutler (Wife), Pine Valley, California.

NICHOLAS A TESTA JR 31292123, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action on 4 December 1944 near Zinswiller, France. Private Testa learned that the battalion had just suffered numerous casualties from 20mm flak wagons and that litter squads were urgently needed to comb the surrounding woods for wounded He immediately volunteered his services as litter bearer, conscientiously searche the woods and helped remove the wounded under concentrated enemy mortar and artil lery fire directed into the immediate area. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island. Next of kin: Mr. Nicholas A. Testa Sr. (Father), 264 Woonasquatucket, North Providence, Rhode Island.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

IRVIN E BLOCK 01522416, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 November 1944 near Ingwiller France. The platoon led by Lieutenant Block encountered heavy mortar and machine gun fire. Leading his men through this heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Block reached positions from which his men could return the enemy fire. Meanwhile reinforcements sent by other platoons were pinned down by additional enemy fire now supplemented by a tank. Despite those difficulties, Lieutenant Block successfully reorganized his platoon and led it in an aggressive attack across four hundred yards of open terrain, dislodging the enemy and taking the objective. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

PAUL BREMER 34378402, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945 near Dambach, France. During a night counterattack by a numerically superior enemy force

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against his platoon's exposed flank, Sergeant Brewer maneuvered his men to stop the enemy attack. By moving over the exposed forward slope of his position, Sergeant Brewer regrouped his men to cover the threatened flank and then directed mortar fire upon the enemy which forced them to withdraw. Entered the military service from Morristown, Tennessee.

JOHN N COLE 15362149, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Though not a wireman, Technician Cole was assigned the duty of maintaining wire communication when his antitank platoon filled in a gap between two rifle companies during powerful enemy attacks to destroy our positions. Wire communication was constantly disrupted by enemy rocket and artillery fire, but Technician Cole courageously made frequent trips through the barrages to mend the broken wires. Entered the military service from Newport, Kentucky.

RAY A CREEK 01324459, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 December 1944 in Niederbronn, France. Given the mission of attacking and securing factory buildings, Lieutenant Creek led his force of thirteen men and one supporting tank into position and attacked the positions under intense fire from enemy antitank guns firing at point-blank range. Pressing home the attack, Lieutenant Creek led his men forward, directed fire from his supporting tank, forcing the enemy to withdraw from the factory buildings, and then successfully defended the buildings against enemy counterattacks. Entered the military service from Herrin, Illinois.

JOHN V EVANS 33605277, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 December 1944 near Lembach, France. While under direct enemy tank fire, Private Evans left his position and made repeated trips across exposed terrain to recover valuable radio equipment abandoned previously during this same enemy barrage. Although the equipment was damaged, Private Evans quickly repaired the set, enabling his platoon to give support to the advance. Entered the military service from Kingston, Pennsylvania.

LOUIS J FERRARA 32205068, Infantry, Corporal, Cannon Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 June 1944 near Campomorto, Italy. During a night shelling and aerial bombardment, the camouflage net and ammunition of one gun was set on fire. Leaving a covered position, Corporal Ferrara assisted in extinguishing the fire in the ammunition pile and helped remove the burning camouflage net. He saved the gun from destruction and undoubtedly prevented future shelling of the position. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EVERETT A FOXX 20839332, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 September 1944 near Priay, France. Technician Foxx, attached as radio operator to the attacking company, had his radio knocked out by enemy artillery fire. Returning through the heavy shell fire to the battalion command post, Technician Foxx secured another radio and returned to the attacking company and established radio contact with the battalion. He then directed fire missions for our mortars and artillery against enemy positions around the town which aided materially in the successful attack. Entered the military service from Brush, Colorado.

CARL J GETZEL 32988234, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944 near Zinswiller, France. Technician Getzel, clerk in the battalion medical detachment, volunteered as fourth man in a litter squad when heavy fire from enemy 20mm flak wagons inflicted several casualties upon a line company. Working for five hours without rest under heavy fire from enemy mortars and artillery, Technician Getzel served as an inspiration to the other members of the litter squad. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

PERSHING MULLINS 34145728, Infantry, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Cut off from his company, Sergeant Mullins with his mortar squad attacked the strong enemy positions astride the supply route to the remainder of the company. When this attack and a subsequent attempt did

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not succeed in dislodging the enemy, the squad held a large sector in the new line that was formed in spite of heavy enemy artillery fire. At the end of this period they remained behind for a screening force when other units withdrew. Entered the military service from Church Hill, Tennessee.

MARTIN L PHILLIPS 33147329, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 November 1944 near Rambervillers, France. When heavy enemy shelling blanketed the area, a direct hit on the switchboard dugout wounded Technician Phillips. Although painfully injured, Technician Phillips continued to operate the board until another operator could be secured. Technician Phillips then remained with the new man until he became familiar with the switchboard procedure. Entered the military service from Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania.

HARVEY J ROLAND 35463414, Medical Department, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action on 4 December 1944 near Zinswiller, France. Technician Roland, medical supply sergeant, volunteered as litter bearer when heavy fire from enemy 20mm flak wagons inflicted several casualties upon a line company. Working for five hours under concentrated fire from enemy mortars and artillery, Technician Roland secured the area assigned his squad until every wounded man had been evacuated. Entered the military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

ORLIN W SHEETS 20837287, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 November 1944 near Rambervillers, France. Private Sheets voluntarily drove to a forward collecting point along a heavily shelled road on which another ambulance evacuating the wounded had been disabled. Disregarding the heavy shelling, Private Sheets made two trips, successfully evacuating all the wounded men. Entered the military service from Fruita, Colorado.

RICHARD N SKINNER 20838556, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action on 4 December 1944 near Zinswiller, France. Technician Skinner, a clerk in a battalion medical detachment, volunteered to serve as a litter bearer when heavy fire from enemy 20mm flak wagons had inflicted several casualties upon a line company. For five continous hours Technician Skinner combed the woods in the company area under concentrated fire from enemy mortar and artillery shells until all the wounded had been evacuated. Entered the military service from Longmont, Colorado.

HUBERT A SPURGIN 20837385, Infantry, Private, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 September 1944 near Cubry, France. While advancing across open terrain to join the company in a woods, Private Spurgin's machine gun section received heavy fire from enemy machine guns, mortars and 20mm cannon, pinning them down and wounding several men. At dusk, Private Spurgin moved out alone, found a gap in the enemy line and established contact with his company. Under cover of darkness Private Spurgin guided company aid men back to the position, saving the lives of the wounded men. Entered the military service from Craig, Colorado.

GERALD G WILLIAMSON 37426024, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18-19 February 1944 near Carroceto, Italy. During the severe fighting between the 16th and 22d of February on the Anzio Beachhead, Private Williamson was given the mission of delivering supplies and rations to our forward troops. The area through which his route lay was under heavy and concentrated fire from enemy small arms, mortars and artillery, supporting a powerful enemy attack to reduce our positions. Taking his vehicle successfully to the front with the supplies, Private Williamson found numerous severe casualties that needed evacuation. Working into the early hours of the next morning, Private Williamson made numerous trips through the enemy fire until all of the more severely wounded had been evacuated. Entered the military service from Yetter, Iowa.

WILLIAM G WRIGHT 37047960, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 16 to 18 February 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. During the enemy attack to reduce the Anzio Beachhead, Sergeant Wright

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was assigned to operate a rifle company's radio after the regular operator was wounded. Sergeant Wright had to cross three hundred yards of open terrain, heavily shelled and bombed by the enemy, to reach the company position. For three days Sergeant Wright continuously worked his radio, maintaining contact between his company and the battalion command post. Entered the military service from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

SAMUEL R CLARK 13099307, Infantry, Private First Class,
Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W HAYNIE 34845424, Infantry, Private First Class,
Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Bryson, North Carolina.

JOHN C PADGETT 35726 87, Infantry, Private First Class,
Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Benton, Kentucky.

JAMES H SHURTLEFF 38506220, Infantry, Private First Class,
Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Lewisville, Arkansas.

For heroic achievement in action on 1 January 1945 near Dambach, France. While serving as observers for an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon at the battalion observation post, the above men noted the approach of several groups of enemy amounting to three hundred and fifty personnel and twenty-five to thirty vehicles. Although subjected to incessant artillery and tank fire from the enemy they remained at their post the entire day, keeping their battalion informed of enemy activity, and directed effective artillery fire on the advancing enemy. As the result of their courage and determination a serious enemy threat was repulsed with a minimum loss to our troops.

Section III

Bronze Star Medal—Correction in General Orders

OK So much of Section I, General Orders Number 137, this headquarters, dated as pertains to Technical Sergeant LE ROY E HAMLIN 20836767, Infantry, as reads "first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read "second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal".

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Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CLARENCE P ACKERMAN 6994050, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery B, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 13 October 1944. Home address: McSherrystown, Pennsylvania.

ROY W BANKSTON SR 38589537, Cavalry, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, Germany, 17 March 1945. Home address: Bristow, Oklahoma.

ROBERT J ELLIS 15301914, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 August 1944. Home address: Cincinnati, Ohio.

DAVID P GLEESON 33147755, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 15 October 1943. Home address: McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD E JAMES 33645902, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 23 May 1944. Home address: Petersburg, Virginia.

JOHN E LATTA JR 20837732, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 April 1944. Home address: Delta, Colorado.

CLYDE L SHELTON 20830885, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 21 February 1944. Home address: Perry, Oklahoma.

TRANVIL I TALLENT 20830671, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 15 January 1945. Home address: Goose Creek, Texas.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

WILLIAM B CARPENTER 35698270, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 March 1945. Home address: Perryville, Kentucky.

HERSHEL H CHANDLER 18109099, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 8 April 1945. Home address: Marshall, Texas.

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JOSEPH F FERRO 31030079, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 19 March 1944. Home address: Acushnet, Massachusetts.

ANCEL A HENRY 34344360, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Kossuth, Mississippi.

ROBERT A HUMMEL JR 33591130, Infantry, Corporal, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 March 1944. Home address: Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

JESSE M LANGFORD 0394589, Field Artillery, Major, Headquarters, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 21 May 1944. Home address: Enid, Oklahoma.

LAWRENCE R JACKSON 33139416, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 November 1943. Home address: Pittsville, Maryland.

DAVID M KYLE 0378034, Field Artillery, Captain, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division Artillery, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Tacoma, Washington.

BILLY E LANE 36766915, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 October 1944. Home address: Dowell, Illinois.

CLIFTON C LEWELLEN 34148057, Infantry, Corporal, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Home address: Memphis, Tennessee.

KARL-OTTO E MANN 33728867, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Chevy Chase, Maryland.

CHARLES H MORGAN 12050590, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 September 1944. Home address: Livingston, New Jersey.

WILLIAM G ORTMAN 33201490, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Baltimore, Maryland.

JAMES L PURCELL JR 11045598, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 30 November 1944. Home address: Danbury, Connecticut.

WILLIAM C RACKAWAY 36303641, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 30 May 1944. Home address: Mount Vernon, Illinois.

LAURENCE V RECTOR 32837651, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Fulton, New York.

HARRY E SAMMLER 33177962, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 6 October 1944. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EDGAR J SWARNER 33160648, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 1 January 1945. Home address: Reading, Pennsylvania.

HARVEY E VOCKE 20838191, Infantry, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 September 1944. Home address: Holly, Colorado.

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HERBERT J ZIMMER 32933632, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 November 1944. Home address: Buffalo, New York.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

PAUL H ALLEN 38017356, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 20 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Maud, Oklahoma.

ELMER H BALL 33092641, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private), Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 15 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Volney, Virginia.

RICHARD G BARD W2117845, Army of the United States, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Headquarters, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 August 1942 to 1 May 1945 in the United States, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Blackwell, Oklahoma.

WALTER D BARRETT 38019084, Field Artillery, Technical Sergeant, Service Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 February 1944 to 8 January 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Collinsville, Oklahoma.

JOHN BAILEY 35451203, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 20 January 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Wooton, Kentucky.

GEORGE H BUIK 20832165, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 31 January 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Newoka, Oklahoma.

JESS L CHOUTEAU JR 38017803, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Service Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 February 1944 to 1 January 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

FREDERICK E DIETERLE 0354607, Field Artillery, Major, Headquarters, 283rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 18 August 1944 to 8 March 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered the military service from Manati, Puerto Rico.

EDWARD FOSTER 0387520, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery C, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 February 1944 to 15 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Garwin, Iowa.

WILLIS E GARD 02055855, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 January 1944 to 31 January 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

FLOYD N HARDESTY 38017727, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Service Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM E HAWKINS JR 34114459, Field Artillery, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 May 1944 to 25 January 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

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WILLIAM R HUMMER 33827760, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Headquarters Battery, 283rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 13 August 1944 to 19 March 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered the military service from Norristown, Pennsylvania.

FOSTER F MAGNESS 34083452, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Watkinsville, Georgia.

ALBERT MANDULEY 35102982, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 283rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 13 August to 9 November 1944 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

BILL C McCALL W2117846, Army of the United States, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 March 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from El Reno, Oklahoma.

JOHN P MULLARKEY JR 32952681, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 7 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

PERRY S OPPERT 01173407, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery C, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 March 1944 to 28 February 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from San Antonio, Texas.

ANDREW J POLLACK 0510943, Chaplain's Corps, Chaplain (Captain), Headquarters 45th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 8 February 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Carthagena, Ohio.

OLIVER D POWER 35453518, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 January 1944 to 1 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Brooksville, Kentucky.

VICTOR H POWERS JR 0376850, Field Artillery, Captain, Service Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 26 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma.

THOMAS E ROSE 20536303, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery A, 283rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 13 August 1944 to 25 March 1945 in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

WERNER R SAAR 0432772, Chaplain's Corps, Chaplain (Captain), Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 April 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cattaraugus, New York.

JAMES L SAMUELSON 20830828, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 September 1943 to 25 January 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Perry, Oklahoma.

VAUGHN C STUCHELL 33083084, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Punxutawney, Pennsylvania.

RUDOLPH L SENICK SR 16151767, Field Artillery, Corporal (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 25 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy, and Germany. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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MARTIN R WILLIAMSON 0367222, Field Artillery, Captain, Battery C, 283rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 13 August 1944 to 19 March 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered the military service from Sanford, Florida.

WALKER L ZETTLOCH 20536402, Field Artillery, First Sergeant, Battery B, 283rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 13 August 1944 to 1 April 1945 in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

A THOMPSON 37726720, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 October 1944, France, 28 November 1944, and France, 19 January 1945. Home address: Dearborn, Missouri.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JOHN F SOBOCINSKI 33678131, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

SALVATORE SPATAFORA 32909256, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 12 April 1945. Home address: Jamaica, New York.

Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men, 179th Infantry Regiment, for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ROBERT E ALLEN JR 33685621, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, France, 2 September 1944. Home address: Elisabeth, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH C ELIAS 42015326, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, France, 7 October 1944. Home address: Kearny, New Jersey.

JAMES BOYKIN 34854348, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Kenly, North Carolina.

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ALL E BROWN 35845189, Infantry, Private, Company F, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: Granville, Ohio.

SAMUEL W DUNN 34313759, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Advance, North Carolina.

ELMORE L HISE 34829156, Infantry, Private, Company G, France, 6 October 1944. Home address: La Fayette, Georgia.

ANTHONY JABLONOWSKI 33266679, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, France, 3 January 1945. Home address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JAMES A JACKSON JR 34871211, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, Germany, 7 April 1945. Home address: Iuka, Mississippi.

MILO E KNAPEK 36247391, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Sicily, 11 July 1943. Home address: Cudahy, Wisconsin.

BERNICE E MC LEOD 34980732, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, France, 29 November 1944. Home address: Tallahassee, Florida.

ALVIN E PENDLETON 33656380, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Woolwine, Virginia.

EDISON W PINDER 34795164, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, France, 20 January 1945. Home address: Key West, Florida.

WILLIAM POKOTILOW 33812976, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, Germany, 12 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES W REYNOLDS 35172381, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Hammond, Indiana.

HAROLD J RIIPPA 36984948, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, Germany, 2 April 1945. Home address: Winona, Michigan.

ALBERT SECCIA 36568724, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, France, 30 November 1944. Home address: Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM J TEKLINSKI 33705267, Infantry, Sergeant, Company F, France, 18 October 1944. Home address: Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT E THROGMORTON 35788735, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, France, 18 October 1944. Home address: La Center, Kentucky.

EARL L TODD 36214023, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, Italy, 1 March 1944. Home address: Lake Genova, Wisconsin.

JAMES E WENNINGER 35228205, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, France, 3 December 1944. Home address: Galion, Ohio.

GARDNER A WILLIAMS 01283503, Infantry, Major, Headquarters, Italy, October 1943. Home address: Danvers, Massachusetts.

PETER A ZAVADIS 36336065, Infantry, Corporal, Company F, Germany, 12 April 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

ARZIE R MABORS 38015747, Infantry, Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 28 May to 4 June 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Entered the military service from Reydon, Oklahoma.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

DIXON B BRUNER 38016365, Medical Department, Private First Class, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 10 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Ada, Oklahoma.

DELBERT L COVINGTON 3[illegible]026516, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Las Vegas, Nevada.

ROBERT H DIXON 39839823, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Sacramento, California.

GEORGE L FALLS JR 0361473, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 20 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

LEWIS E FORMAN 20828262, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Service Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Porum, Oklahoma.

ROY C FRASOR 38010568, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 2 February 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Roswell, New Mexico.

PAUL B FOX 0371766, Infantry, Major, Headquarters, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 January 1944 to 7 January 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

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OTHO L McCLURE 38018407, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from November 1943 to May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Valiant, Oklahoma.

WILLARD H MOLOFF 38013917, Infantry, Sergeant, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

JOHN N SCHWARTZ 31061224, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 24 September 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

NORMAN L SPIEGEL 36446720, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from August 1943 to 2 February 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Moline, Illinois.

RAY A STARRETT 38079336, Medical Department, Private First Class, Clearing Company, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Avinger, Texas.

HENRY W STRONG 01287432, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 25 May 1943 to 24 January 1944 in the United States, Sicily and Italy. Entered the military service from Long Island, New York.

FRANK L TALLON 34210757, Medical Department, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Greenville, South Carolina.

SAM E THOMASSON 20828938, Infantry, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hugo, Oklahoma.

KENNETH M WYNN 38011001, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 2 February 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Farmington, New Mexico.

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Section I

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

HENRY S CUTLER 31065155, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 25 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Boston, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Cutler (Mother), 817 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

G. H. ANSPAUGH 20839312, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 29 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Brush, Colorado.

ELLER F BETZLER 12054919, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 25 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Buffalo, New York.

MORTIMER S CARR 32219426, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 20 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

RAYMOND W COLE 36601852, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 20 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CLYDE G CONNER 20837361, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 15 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Craig, Colorado.

ELTON F COOKE 33183917, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 15 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Shiloh, Virginia.

RAYMOND H CUTLER 01290822, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1944 to 25 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois

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GLENN D DE GRYSE 20839317, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 20 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Snyder, Colorado.

WILLIAM S DOLT 32240382, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 15 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Plainfield, New Jersey.

CHARLES A DUNLAP 35033469, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 15 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Zanesville, Ohio.

GUNNAR A ERIKSON 32765880, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 1 October 1943 to 20 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Newark, New Jersey.

ALVIN F FREED 38005577, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 20 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

SYDNEY R GLYNN 0467917, Medical Corps, Captain, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from April 1944 to February 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Newark, New Jersey.

BENNIE GONZALES 38006282, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 20 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Littleton, Colorado.

BERNARD HELMS 34437022, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 January 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Monroe, North Carolina.

DONALD N HUGHES 38006191, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 20 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

HENRY W JOHNSON 20837368, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Craig, Colorado.

RAY F JONES 20837369, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 20 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Craig, Colorado.

WILLIAM J KAVANAUGH 31068094, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

CLARENCE H KLIEN 36117116, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 12 May 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hawks, Michigan.

ROBERT C LEE 36194205, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 30 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

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ORVILLE E LEEK 35033394, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 20 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Newark, Ohio.

FREDERICK A MATTHEWS 11064908, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Plainville, Connecticut.

ELESTOR B McCOLERICK 35160722, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 25 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Westville, Indiana.

ROBERT A NEFF 33018465, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Plumville, Pennsylvania.

GARNETT H PATTEN 34358407, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 11 September 1943 to 1 February 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Jefferson, Georgia.

RALPH E PLUMB 0428174, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

SAMUEL L SADY 32659386, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 28 January 1944 to 25 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

THOMAS U SANDERS 20838555, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Longmont, Colorado.

RANSOME W SAWYER 38005732, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cripple Creek, Colorado.

ARIE SCHRYVERS 38006010, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

FRANK STEVENSON JR 13130176, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 1 October 1943 to 20 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from State College, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM SUROWIEC 32193533, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 20 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

ROBERT W THATCHER 33240631, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 1 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT WESTERKAMP 38006262, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 9 February 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Denver, Colorado.

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ROBERT J WILKES 33110688, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 15 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

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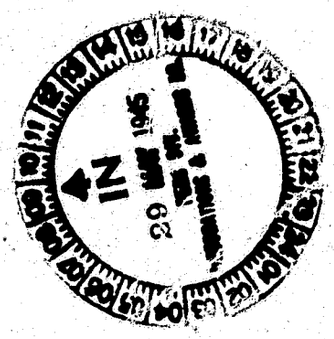

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Section I

Award of Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

EDWARD W BURNITZ 36667004, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 26 May 1944, and France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

HARVEY F KETCHAM 16174555, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 1 April 1945, and Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

WILLIAM B COLT JR 19177704, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 March 1945. Home address: Beverly Hills, California.

AUGUSTUS COSTA 33781752, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HARRY N FISHER 16043949, Infantry, Private, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 1 June 1944. Home address: Ypsilanti, Michigan.

THOMAS A FLANAGAN 31120274, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Central Falls, Rhode Island.

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JAMES T HANLIN 02014846, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Elwood, Indiana.

LEWIS W HAYNER 32666342, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Home address: Troy, New York.

ELI E HILL 02005955, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 15 April 1945. Home address: Jackson, Wyoming.

JOHN C KARINS JR 32747648, Infantry, Sergeant, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Home address: Albany, New York.

RAYMOND T LONG 32358987, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 28 December 1943. Home address: New York, New York.

JOHN F MC CARTHY 01310915, Infantry, Captain, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 5 April 1945. Home address: Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.

DIODORE PESQUERA 39566744, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

PAUL R RINKER 33024246, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

MELVIN TURNER 34583665, Infantry, Sergeant, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Dermanville, Alabama.

RICHARD H VOLK 35549696, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Toledo, Ohio.

RAYMOND E WANTZ 01032183, Infantry, Captain, Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 March 1945. Home address: Miamisburg, Ohio.

RALPH N WHITEHEAD 38688387, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: Brownwood, Texas.

Section IV

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

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*WALTER L BERSE 31002451, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 February 1945. Home address: Brockton, Massachusetts.

STEPHEN BENDA 32980501, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Bronx, New York.

LOUIS A BOGEL 31301524, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Home address: Danvers, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM H BURDETTE 34833648, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Atlanta, Georgia.

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ALLEN B CONAWAY 39587960, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Tujunga, California. ~~June 18 - June 2, 1945~~

~~[illegible] L GORDON 38233449, Infantry, Corporal, Company F, 179th Infantry~~ Regiment, Germany, 12 April 1945. Home address: Humnoke, Arkansas.

LEWIS GUILYARD 33253879, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Stump Creek, Pennsylvania.

JAMES HOTRA 32211861, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 2 February 1944. Home address: Rochester, New York.

THOMAS P KELLY 36901562, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH H KOMORA 35024894, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.

JACK J MELTZER 36695610, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM J METCALF 35929414, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 1 May 1945. Home address: Conneaut, Ohio.

RUSSEL C MILLS 02016301, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Musinee, Wisconsin.

ELMER T MITCHELL 36975307, Infantry, Corporal, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Home address: West Frankfort, Illinois.

PATSY J MORISCANO 31230381, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Home address: Brockton, Massachusetts.

WAYNE F PARKER 01325593, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Castalia, Ohio.

EDWARD T PLATT 35920055, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 October 1944. Home address: Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

THOMAS O POOLE 33874182, Infantry, Private, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 October 1944. Home address: Darlington, Maryland.

WILLIAM F POWELL JR 13014330, Infantry, Private, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 31 May 1944. Home address: Portsmouth, Virginia.

LEONARD RAULERSON 34947371, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Lake Butler, Florida.

DWIGHT F ROBINSON 37628111, Infantry, Sergeant, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Doniphan, Missouri.

WALTER J ROMANSKY 35062206, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 October 1944. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.

KENNETH R ROSS 11048058, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Norwood, Massachusetts.

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JOSEPH R SCHARFEN 37034619, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 10 April 1945. Home address: Osmond, Nebraska.

MELVIN A SCHWIND 37541894, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Zeeland, North Dakota.

SAMUEL SHAPIRO 39231511, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Revere, Massachusetts.

BENITO M TEPEZANO 39588610, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Moorpark, California.

ABE VANDEFIFER JR 36986081, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Flint, Michigan.

ALBERT L VERRETTE 6135847, Infantry, First Sergeant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Home address: Lewiston, Maine.

DOUGLAS W WAITE 32200149, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 October 1944. Home address: Watkins Glen, New York.

JOHN R ZITINSKI 33143091, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

So much of General Orders Number 157, Section III, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to JOSEPH C BALAZS 42015326, Infantry, Private First Class, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

So much of General Orders Number 146, Section II, Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to RAYMOND H CUTLER 01296822, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

So much of General Orders Number 128, Section IV, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to RALPH N WHITEHEAD 38688387, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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Section I

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CHARLES T BRADFIELD 35765454, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 September 1944, and Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Paw Paw, West Virginia.

EUGENE COLLIER 37051358, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 October 1944, and Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Tupelo, Mississippi.

RALPH J GRUBER 35668119, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 September 1944, and Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

KENNETH W BYERS 17046713, Infantry, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 15 February 1944. Home address: Cameron, Missouri.

MICHAEL A CAGGIANO 42037958, Infantry, Private, Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 October 1944. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

ERNEST M FRIEDMAN 33703475, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

EDWIN C GRAVES 37773215, Infantry, Sergeant, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Fulton, South Dakota.

GEORGE C HUDDISTON 38592860, Infantry, Sergeant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 December 1944. Home address: Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

JOHN IVEY 7080560, Infantry, Private, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Home address: Montgomery, Alabama.

J B LIVINGSTON 34881538, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Home address: Rickman, Tennessee.

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ROBERT E MARTENS 0538471, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 April 1945. Home address: Maywood, Illinois.

ANTHONY H SCHAB 36910655, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

RAYMOND C SHERMAN 38695826, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Home address: Coyle, Oklahoma.

CLARENCE H SPREHE 36482612, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 October 1944. Home address: Nashville, Illinois.

BERTON A STOTLER 38697270, Infantry, Private, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 11 April 1945. Home address: Choctaw, Oklahoma.

Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ROBERT W ALBRO 35111532, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: Michigan City, Indiana.

ALBERT J BARRON 01297303, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Home address: Hanford, California.

ROBERT L BROWNING 37534565, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Emporia, Kansas.

CLARENCE E DAVIES 13092083, Infantry, Private, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 September 1944. Home address: Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD H DAVIS 33178140, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 15 March 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EDMUND C EHM 42033777, Field Artillery, Private, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 September 1944. Home address: Ozone Park, Long Island, New York.

NORRIS K FREEBOROUGH 33683221, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Youngsville, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM M GRAHAM 36464623, Infantry, Sergeant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 October 1944. Home address: Ionia, Michigan.

WILLIAM C GREER 35684224, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 October 1944. Home address: Franklin, Ohio.

JACK J HELLER 33774659, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 15 March 1945. Home address: Easton, Pennsylvania.

THAYNE B JONGEWARD 0362074, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Litchville, North Dakota.

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HAROLD M LEACH 31301703, Infantry, Private, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 September 1944. Home address: Danvers, Massachusetts.

THOMAS J MC NEELA 36307740, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 15 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES T NOVOTONY 36837595, Quartermaster Corps, Private, 45th Quartermaster Company, France, 12 August 1944. Home address: West Allis, Wisconsin.

JOHN D QUINN 31172313, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, Sicily, 25 July 1943. Home address: Wakefield, Rhode Island.

WILLIAM A OITTO 0418306, Field Artillery, Captain, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Nome, North Dakota.

WALTER P PLACZEK 31095946, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Westfield, Massachusetts.

FRANK L POLSEK 38078135, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 September 1944. Home address: El Campo, Texas.

JOHN REPP 32796675, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York.

RAYMOND ROBINSON 35292114, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 20 August 1944. Home address: Salem, West Virginia.

MANUEL SANCILLO 34871142, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 October 1944. Home address: Greenville, Mississippi.

CLYDE L SHELTON 20830885, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 17 February 1944. Home address: Perry, Oklahoma.

EISTON L THOMAS 38524026, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Home address: Ringgold, Louisiana.

CLIFFORD D THOMPSON 42141070, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Ravena, New York.

JOSEPH J WEXLER 32826138, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 13 April 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

DAVID H WHITE 33872490, Infantry, Private, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 31 October 1944. Home address: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM L ZIMMERMAN JR 12227154, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 October 1944. Home address: Marlboro, New York.

So much of General Orders Number 313, Section IV, Award of the Purple Heart, this headquarters, dated 29 December 1944, as pertains to J B LIVINGSTON 34881538, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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19 May 1945

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ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Soldier's Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

ALBERT A BUTRICO 32219134, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 29 July 1944 near Quagliano, Italy. During swimming instruction in connection with an amphibious training program, a soldier swam beyond the safety zone. Caught in a powerful undercurrent, the inexperienced swimmer found himself being carried out to sea. Sergeant Butrico, witnessing the man's struggles, rushed to his aid in spite of the dangerous undertow. He swam to the soldier and, holding the man's head above the water, succeeded in bringing him to shore. A few minutes later another swimmer was stricken with cramps. Although greatly fatigued from the first rescue, Sergeant Butrico reached the floundering soldier and helped him to safety. Sergeant Butrico's courage and alertness saved the lives of the two men and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

LEONARD H MACH 36559368, Infantry, Sergeant, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 20 February 1945 near Blainville-sur-l'Eau, France. Sergeant Mach was occupying a room with other soldiers when a hand grenade fell from a shelf and onto the floor. Observing instantly that the safety pin on the grenade was out and the striker was already released, Sergeant Mach shouted "Grenade!" to warn the others, then picked up the grenade and rushed to the window, intending to throw it outside. Noticing a group of men in the courtyard below, however, Sergeant Mach seized a nearby steel helmut and smothered the grenade against the wall. The explosion that followed severely mangled Sergeant Mach s hands, but he had prevented serious injury to his comrades. His courage, quick thinking and devotion to his fellow soldiers reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

BILLIE R CONLEY 20842066, Corps of Engineers, Private,
Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion.
Entered the military service from Wetumka, Oklahoma.

RAYMOND E LONG 32758091, Corps of Engineers, Private First Class,
Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion.
Entered the military service from Dover City, Delaware.

For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 7 March 1945 near Igney, France. While a platoon was practicing assault river crossings on the Moselle River a storm boat capsized and two men were thrown into the swift and icy river. Wearing full battle equipment and shocked when they hit the water, the soldiers were unable to cope with the swift current. Privates Long and Conley, realizing that the soldiers were drowning, reacted immediately. They plunged into the dangerous current, swam to the two struggling men and dragged them to safety.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to each of the following officers:

WAYNE W BRIDGES 01112045, Corps of Engineers, Captain, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. To provide a means for reinforcing a bridgehead held by our troops, Captain Bridges exposed himself to intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire in order to supervise the construction of two footbridges across the Blies River. Although the sites chosen for the crossings were subjected to continuous enemy fire, Captain Bridges refused to seek cover until both bridges had been completed. When enemy artillery scored a direct hit on one of the spans, Captain Bridges plunged into the river in an attempt to save the damaged bridge. He succeeded in making his way to the shelled section and secured a rope to the end, thus preventing the entire structure from being swept away by the swift current. Captain Bridges' courageous and determined leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

WILLIAM P GRACE JR 016619, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 near Archettes, France. Colonel Grace's battalion was given the mission of crossing the Moselle River and securing high ground on the far side. The crossing was made in the face of extremely heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and this, combined with fire from machine guns and self-propelled guns encountered at the far bank, held up the attack. With the attack halted, there was danger that the bridgehead forces would be left without support and encircled. Colonel Grace quickly crossed the river and proceeded to his most forward elements to check the situation. Working through the heavy small arms and machine gun fire, he moved from point to point, observing the enemy deployment and strength. He then directed a vigorous flanking attack that forced the enemy from his position and secured the bridgehead. Colonel Grace remained with the assault companies until the high ground had been consolidated against a possible counterattack. His courageous and aggressive leadership was an important factor in the success of the river crossing and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Saint Michaels, Maryland.

WILLIAM C PICKET 01105740, Corps of Engineers, First Lieutenant, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. Working under heavy enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Picket led his platoon in the construction of an infantry assault footbridge across the Blies River. On numerous occasions enemy shell fire made exposure extremely hazardous, but Lieutenant Picket rallied his men each time and refused to abandon construction until the bridge had been completed and launched. When the bridge was partially destroyed by artillery fire, Lieutenant Picket and several other men plunged into the swift current in an attempt to save it. Although the cold water caused him considerable pain from wounds sustained in previous actions, Lieutenant Picket remained completely immersed in the icy water for more than an hour. His efforts were not successful because of the swiftness of the current, but his courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to each of the following enlisted men:

GEORGE J ANDERSON 36418472, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 near Hildenguth, France. While leading his patrol back from a successful mission, Sergeant Anderson stepped on an enemy mine which exploded and seriously wounded him in both feet. Two members of the patrol started to come to his rescue, but in spite of the severity of his wounds Sergeant Anderson ordered them to remain in a safe position. At the same time he directed the remainder of the patrol to return to the company with the information it had obtained. After the patrol had left, the two soldiers began to work their way toward Sergeant Anderson, but again he ordered them back, telling them that he would crawl out of the danger area himself. He tried to do so, using his elbows to pull himself forward, only to hit three other enemy mines. He was killed instantly. Sergeant Anderson's courage and devotion to his comrades reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Muskegon, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Anderson (Mother), 560 McLaughlin Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan.

RAYMOND W ERNAT 36441869, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 near Wimmenau, France. Sergeant Ernat's squad was among the leading elements of a rifle company during an attack on strongly-held enemy positions. Enemy resistance was particularly stubborn in Sergeant Ernat's sector and machine gun fire reached such intensity that the squad was unable to advance further. On his own initiative, Sergeant Ernat crawled forward to determine the deployment of the enemy forces. From this exposed position, Sergeant Ernat pointed out the targets to his men and directed their fire so effectively that four enemy soldiers were killed, many others wounded, and the remainder forced to withdraw, enabling his company to advance and take the objective. While moving through the area to help in the consolidation of the position, Sergeant Ernat was killed by enemy sniper fire. His courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rock Island, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Pearl Ernat (Mother), 2811-8½ Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.

HERBERT L FALLS JR 35892886, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 October 1944 near Brou[illegible]s, France. During an advance on a strongly-held enemy hill position, Private Falls' company met heavy fire from machine guns and small arms and was forced to stop. Private Falls immediately began to work his way across the hundred and fifty yards of open terrain intervening in an attempt to neutralize the machine gun fire. Despite the grazing fire covering the area, he succeeded in approaching to within thirty yards of one machine gun emplacement. With two well-placed grenades and accurate rifle fire, Private Falls silenced the machine gun, killed three of the crew and forced four other enemy soldiers to surrender. Sending his captives to the rear, Private Falls was moving toward the next enemy emplacement, when another enemy machine gun opened fire and fatally wounded him. Private Falls displayed a courage and devotion to duty in this action which reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rushville, Indiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Purrn Falls (Mother), 1018 North Perkins Street, Rushville, Indiana.

HAROLD B JACKSON 39132631, Infantry, Private, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 January 1945 near Hildenguth, France. Private Jackson's platoon was clearing the forward slope of a hill under heavy sniper fire when he observed a wounded man lying about fifty yards to the front of the company positions. In spite of the enemy fire covering the area, Private Jackson crawled to the side of the wounded man. Using his own body as a shield, Private Jackson succeeded in removing the soldier to the shelter of a nearby tree stump and administered aid. Private Jackson was still working on the wounded man when he was killed by an enemy sniper. His courage and devotion to his comrade reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from San Francisco, California. Next of kin: Mr. Wilbur Jackson (Father), 527 South Spurgeon Street, Altos, Oklahoma.

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NEELY J OSBORNE 33531562, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 January 1945 near Rothbach, France. During this period the enemy launched a series of strong counterattacks at positions occupied by Sergeant Osborne's company, using superior numbers of infantry and preceding each assault with a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar and rocket fire. At the beginning of each attack Sergeant Osborne, a machine gun section leader, moved to a nearby knoll to direct the fire of his weapons. His position drew heavy small arms and machine gun fire, but he remained there throughout each assault, adjusting accurate fire on the advancing enemy and helping materially in the defense of the sector. Sergeant Osborne's courageous and determined leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Tazewell, Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Ellie Osborne (Mother), Route 1, Lavon, Virginia.

Section III

Award of the Silver Star, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

BROOKS R HARVEY 38493990, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 January 1945 near Rothbach, France. As an attacking platoon neared the brow of a hill, enemy forces commandin the slope opened fire with machine guns and machine pistols, inflicting heavy casualties on the unit. Hearing the cries for help, Private Harvey left his position to render first aid to the wounded men. As he moved forward to assist a badly wounded squad leader the enemy directed a heavy volume of fire at the area, but he continued on until he reached the side of the wounded man. Private Harvey was last seen working over the soldier. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New Orleans, Louisiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Effie Harvey (Mother), 4351 Van Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Section IV

Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

HORACE A APPLEBY 35019573, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company E, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. Heavy enemy pressure forced an adjacent unit to withdraw and Private Appleby's squad found itself exposed and threatened with encirclement as the enemy began to advance. When his squad was ordered to pull back, Private Appleby covered the move from behind a felled tree, delivering accurate fire with his M-1 rifle which enabled his comrades to edge their way out of the threatened area and set up on a new position. Rejoining his squad, Private Appleby found that the company aid men had lost contact. In spite of the heavy fire that was still falling in the area, Private Appleby retraced the route of withdrawal and found the missing soldier. Then, again using his rifle to good effect, he fought his way back to friendly lines, guiding the aid man to safety. Private Appleby's courage and resourcefulness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Toledo, Ohio.

DAVID H BERKOWITZ 36759444, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Private Berkowitz's heavy machine gun section was supporting a rifle company in a sector where the enemy launched a strong attack, preceded by a concentration of artillery and mortar fire, in an attempt to achieve

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a break-through. As soon as the attack began Private Borkowitz began to direct rapid and accurate machine gun fire at the advancing enemy infantrymen. He was wounded by sniper fire during an early phase of the attack, but realizing the seriousness of the enemy threat he remained at his gun in spite of the wound and was successful in silencing one of the enemy machine guns and accounting for a large number of the enemy infantrymen. As the intensity of the fight increased, Private Borkowitz was again wounded, but he still refused to be evacuated until the enemy force had been finally repulsed. His courage and tenacity reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

RAY F BOEDECKER 01117079, Corps of Engineers, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. Working under heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Boedecker assisted in the erection of a footbridge across the Blies River. A direct hit from an enemy artillery shell destroyed one end of the bridge and the only effective means of supplying our troops on the far bank was endangered. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant Boedecker made his way across the river, reached the shore and crawled to a position opposite the damaged bridge. His movement drew heavy machine gun fire, but he succeeded in securing a rope from the end of the bridge and anchored it to the bank. As a result, the flow of supplies could continue and the wounded could be evacuated across the river. Lieutenant Boedecker's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Short Hills, New Jersey.

RALSEY G BURCH 36638603, Corps of Engineers, Sergeant, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. During a crossing of the Blies River, Sergeant Burch's assault boat hit an underwater obstruction and capsized, plunging the occupants into the swift current. Sergeant Burch managed to reach the far bank but an infantryman close by, unable to swim, called for help. Although the river area was being covered with enemy machine gun and artillery fire and Sergeant Burch was a poor swimmer himself, he jumped back into the dangerous waters, reached the drowning man and succeeded in bringing him to shore. Sergeant Burch's courage and alertness undoubtedly saved the soldier's life and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WALTER R COLLINS 33735091, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 October 1944 near Joanmenil, France. During a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire Technician Collins left his position to go to the aid of six men wounded in the sector of an adjacent company. Although forced to crawl across seventy yards of open terrain under intense small arms and shell fire, Technician Collins reached the wounded men and began to administer aid. The enemy fire was so heavy that on three occasions he was required to seek cover in a nearby foxhole, but each time he returned to his patients, completing the necessary dressing and preparing the men for evacuation. He carried one of the wounded soldiers through the enemy fire to a defiladed position, then returned with a litter team and directed the evacuation of all six wounded men to the aid station. Technician Collins displayed a courage and devotion to duty in this action that reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM K ECKHOFF 01297176, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company C, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944 near Engwiller, France. In preparation for an attack on an enemy-held town, Lieutenant Eckhoff's platoon was ordered to seize high ground overlooking the objective. After advancing about four hundred yards the platoon encountered an enemy observation post protected by a machine gun. Quickly deploying his men, Lieutenant Eckhoff led them expertly in overrunning the enemy position. As the platoon moved on to the edge of a woods, it was subjected to heavy machine gun fire, followed by shell fire from an enemy tank, and the platoon suffered a number of casualties. Lieutenant Eckhoff, despite the difficulties of control in the area, reorganized the platoon, and then called for tank support. He took an exposed position between the two tanks and led his men forward. Adding his own fire power where necessary, urging his men on in spite of the heavy tank and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Eckhoff carried the assault through to the objective. Nineteen enemy soldiers were killed and the strategic terrain was made secure. Lieutenant Eckhoff's courageous and aggressive leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Long Island, New York.

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ADAM S FEACHEN 35279367, Corps of Engineers, Sergeant, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. Under enemy observation and artillery, mortar and small arms fire throughout the action, Sergeant Feachen supervised the work of his squad in the construction of a footbridge across the Blies River. When it was found impossible to push the completed bridge across because of the swiftness of the current, Sergeant Feachen determined to swim to the other side himself. Although warned of the dangerous current and that the opposite shore was mined, he tied a rope to his body, plunged into the river and pulled the footbridge to the far bank. Forced to expose himself in order to secure the rope and anchor the bridge, Sergeant Feachon was wounded by enemy machine gun fire, which had followed him as he swam across the river. In spite of his wounds, Sergeant Feachen remained long enough to reorganize his squad. His courage and devotion to duty enabled our infantry to reinforce an important bridgehead and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Barton, Ohio.

DELMAR W GRIFFITH 02011699, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Lieutenant Griffith was a member of a provisional unit ordered to attack in an attempt to break through strong enemy forces which had isolated elements of a battalion. As the unit reached a point about four hundred yards from the besieged companies, machine gun and small arms fire became so intense that the men were forced to dig in. When the enemy added a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire, the men became scattered in the darkness and the unit threatened to become disorganized. At this point Lieutenant Griffith, in spite of the heavy shelling, began to move through the area, regrouping the men, offering words of encouragement and directing their fire. When it became necessary to reestablish contact with a platoon on the flank, Lieutenant Griffith volunteered and worked his way through the enemy fire, skillfully avoiding enemy outposts and patrols until he had reported to the other unit. Throughout the engagement, Lieutenant Griffith's courageous and determined leadership served as an inspiration to his men. Entered the military service from Rushville, Illinois.

CARL A GUFFEY 20826308, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 September 1944 near Hoximioux, France. A powerful enemy force, supported by armor, succeeded in surrounding elements of Sergeant Guffey's battalion and threatened to overrun positions occupied by his 81mm mortar section. Sergeant Guffey immediately moved his mortars to a position which eliminated the danger of capture and then ordered them into action again. To gain maximum observation of the enemy movements, Sergeant Guffey climbed to the top of a nearby water tower. In this exposed observation post he attracted not only enemy rifle fire, but direct fire from the enemy tanks. Shells struck the tower in several places, but Sergeant Guffey maintained his position, adjusting the fire of his mortars so effectively that a number of casualties were inflicted on the attacking infantry and three enemy tanks were put out of action. In the confusion created among the enemy troops by his destructive fire many of the encircled units managed to escape. Sergeant Guffey's courageous and resourceful leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Overbrook, Oklahoma.

AARON C HANN 6563050, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 near Zinswiller, France. As Sergeant Hann's platoon attacked up a hill, an enemy antitank gun opened fire from one hundred yards away. Several other well-emplaced automatic weapons engaged the attacking troops at the same time. In spite of the heavy fire, Sergeant Hann maneuvered his reserve squad to the right of the antitank gun and led it to a position within thirty yards of the enemy emplacement. After an attempt to destroy the enemy weapon with a rocket launcher failed, Sergeant Hann assumed a kneeling position and fired his rifle rapidly and accurately at the enemy emplacement, forcing the crew to seek cover. Observing that the crew had abandoned its gun, Sergeant Hann single-handedly rushed the position, and though his movement drew heavy fire from enemy machine guns, he succeeded in capturing the antitank gun and four prisoners. His platoon, inspired by his daring, went on to drive the enemy from the remaining positions. Entered the military service from Peru, Kansas.

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ADAM E FOECHEN 35279367, Corps of Engineers, Sergeant, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. Under enemy observation and artillery, mortar and small arms fire throughout the action, Sergeant Foechen supervised the work of his squad in the construction of a footbridge across the Blies River. When it was found impossible to push the completed bridge across because of the swiftness of the current, Sergeant Foechen determined to swim to the other side himself. Although warned of the dangerous current and that the opposite shore was mined, he tied a rope to his body, plunged into the river and pulled the footbridge to the far bank. Forced to expose himself in order to secure the rope and anchor the bridge, Sergeant Foechen was wounded by enemy machine gun fire, which had followed him as he swam across the river. In spite of his wounds, Sergeant Foechen remained long enough to reorganize his squad. His courage and devotion to duty enabled our infantry to reinforce an important bridgehead and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Barton, Ohio.

DELMAR W GRIFFITH 02011699, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Lieutenant Griffith was a member of a provisional unit ordered to attack in an attempt to break through strong enemy forces which had isolated elements of a battalion. As the unit reached a point about four hundred yards from the besieged companies, machine gun and small arms fire became so intense that the men were forced to dig in. When the enemy added a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire, the men became scattered in the darkness and the unit threatened to become disorganized. At this point Lieutenant Griffith, in spite of the heavy shelling, began to move through the area, regrouping the men, offering words of encouragement and directing their fire. When it became necessary to reestablish contact with a platoon on the flank, Lieutenant Griffith volunteered and worked his way through the enemy fire, skillfully avoiding enemy outposts and patrols until he had reported to the other unit. Throughout the engagement, Lieutenant Griffith's courageous and determined leadership serve as an inspiration to his men. Entered the military service from Rushville, Illinois

CARL W GUFFEY 20826308, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 September 1944 near Moximieux, France. A powerful enemy force, supported by armor, succeeded in surrounding elements of Sergeant Guffey's battalion and threatened to overrun positions occupied by his 81mm mortar section. Sergeant Guffey immediately moved his mortars to a position which eliminated the danger of capture and then ordered them into action again. To gain maximum observation of the enemy movements, Sergeant Guffey climbed to the top of a nearby water tower. In this exposed observation post he attracted not only enemy rifle fire, but direct fire from the enemy tanks. Shells struck the tower in several places, but Sergeant Guffey maintained his position, adjusting the fire of his mortars so effectively that a number of casualties were inflicted on the attacking infantry and three enemy tanks were put out of action. In the confusion created among the enemy troops by his destructive fire many of the encircled units managed to escape. Sergeant Guffey's courageous and resourceful leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Overbrook, Oklahoma.

AARON C HANN 6553050, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 near Zinswiller, France. As Sergeant Hann's platoon attacked up a hill, an enemy antitank gun opened fire from one hundred yards away. Several other well-emplaced automatic weapons engaged the attacking troops at the same time. In spite of the heavy fire, Sergeant Hann maneuvered his reserve squad to the right of the antitank gun and led it to a position within thirty yards of the enemy emplacement. After an attempt to destroy the enemy weapon with a rocket launcher failed, Sergeant Hann assumed a kneeling position and fired his rifle rapidly and accurately at the enemy emplacement, forcing the crew to seek cover. Observing that the crew had abandoned its gun, Sergeant Hann single-handedly rushed the position, and though his movement drew heavy fire from enemy machine guns, he succeeded in capturing the antitank gun and four prisoners. His platoon, inspired by his daring, went on to drive the enemy from the remaining positions. Entered the military service from Peru, Kansas.

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DANIEL F KAGEY 01313166, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 December 1944 near Engwiller, France. Captain Kagey's company was ordered to attack and seize high ground overlooking Engwiller. With the approaches consisting of open terrain offering little cover and the objective itself containing an unestimated number of well-entrenched enemy, the mission was a difficult one. The leading platoon encountered intense small arms and mortar fire, suffered a number of casualties, including the loss of its platoon leader, and became partially disorganized. Captain Kagey, in spite of the enemy fire, immediately moved forward to take command of the platoon. Quickly regrouping the men, he led them in an aggressive assault which killed ten enemy soldiers and captured two. Calling for armored support, Captain Kagey then mounted the leading tank and from this exposed position directed the final attack on the objective. Although the tanks drew heavy fire, he remained atop the vehicle, urging his men on and controlling their fire. Captain Kagey's courageous and aggressive leadership was responsible for the successful attack of his company and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Greenville, Ohio.

JAMES W LEEPER 35760020, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 October 1944 near Brouvelieures, France. After both his platoon leader and platoon sergeant had been evacuated, Sergeant Leeper took charge of the platoon and led it courageously and skillfully in the operations that followed. Assuming command after a successful attack, Sergeant Leeper moved about in the face of heavy enemy fire, consolidating the positions and successfully directing the defense of the important high ground. Although handicapped by the lack of noncommissioned officers, Sergeant Leeper then went over to the attack. When his platoon encountered intense fire from a well-placed enemy machine gun, Sergeant Leeper moved forward alone, engaged the machine gun crew in a fire fight, and enabled one of his squads to flank the position and capture the entire crew. Moving on, Sergeant Leeper led his men in an aggressive assault on an enemy-held town during which the platoon cleared a large portion of the village and captured thirty-nine prisoners. Sergeant Leeper was wounded in this action but he insisted on remaining with the platoon until effective defensive measures had been completed. Entered the military service from Farmington, West Virginia.

JOHN F McCARTHY 01310915, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 October 1944 near Mortagne, France. Captain McCarthy's platoon was advancing along a road towards the road junction which was the company's objective when it encountered stiff resistance. In the face of heavy fire from an antitank gun and numerous mortars, bazookas and automatic weapons, the platoon was forced to halt. Captain McCarthy immediately organized one of his squads into an assault group and led them through the intense fire in an aggressive attack on the enemy positions. Moving in front of his men, Captain McCarthy killed two and captured four of the enemy, while the squad killed three and captured eight more. The force of the assault enabled the group to seize a complete command post with communications still operating and contributed materially to the successful attack by his company that followed. Captain McCarthy's bold and courageous leadership reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HARLEY E MEEK 35097988, Corps of Engineers, Corporal, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. During the construction of a footbridge across the Blies River, the site was subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and one shell destroyed a section of the bridge. Corporal Meek, observing that the entire bridge was in danger of being swept away by the swift current, rushed on to the undamaged part of the structure, plunged into the river and tied a rope to the end of the bridge. He then succeeded in throwing the other end of the rope to a man on the far shore. Pulling himself along, Corporal Meek reached the far bank where, although nearly exhausted and still under heavy fire, he assisted in holding the bridge until it could be made more secure. Corporal Meek's courage and quick thinking reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Columbus, Indiana.

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MILTON NISSON 31353095, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Advancing in an attack, Sergeant Nisson's company encountered heavy machine gun cross fire as it attempted to cross a ridge line. While the others were pinned down, Sergeant Nisson immediately began to work his way toward the enemy positions. He crawled through the enemy machine gun fire for more than one hundred yards, edging himself down the slope to within thirty yards of an enemy emplacement. There he carefully observed the terrain features and enemy deployment. Then, throwing several grenades into the emplacement, he silenced the enemy machine gun. Returning to his platoon, Sergeant Nisson brought information which aided materially in the capture of the enemy strongpoint. His courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

WILLARD F PETERS 01320643, Infantry, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Antitank Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 near Meisenthal, France. Lieutenant Peters was ordered to take his platoon and establish contact with units near Meisenthal. Learning that enemy infiltrations had made it inadvisable to use the main route, Lieutenant Peters ordered his platoon to remain while he went on ahead to reconnoiter. As he moved along, Lieutenant Peters noticed several silhouettes in the darkness. When the first one answered his challenge, Lieutenant Peters realized he had encountered an enemy soldier and demanded his surrender. The enemy soldier, who was only a few feet away attempted, however, to use his machine pistol. Lieutenant Peters knocked the weapon from his grasp, then drew his pistol and killed him. The other members of the enemy patrol, stunned by the suddenness of Lieutenant Peters' attack and confused in the darkness, surrendered to him. To provide against further infiltrations at this point, Lieutenant Peters called his unit forward and set up defensive positions to protect the road so that our troops could receive vitally needed ammunition and other supplies. Entered the military service from Boothwyn, Pennsylvania.

AIMO A SAARI 31218724, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. The strength and momentum of an enemy attack made it advisable for our riflemen to move to prepared secondary positions. Private Saari, a heavy machine gunner supporting one of the rifle companies, was about to withdraw himself when he discovered a large enemy formation infiltrating on the left. Acting quickly, he placed his gun back in action and began to fire at the advancing infantry. The steadiness and accuracy of his fire slowed down the enemy attack and permitted our units to complete their move. Now alone, Private Saari continued to harass the attacking force, and enemy soldiers crawled to within thirty yards of his position, hurling grenades in an attempt to silence his weapon. Private Saari held his ground, however, continuing to fire while the company reorganized, counterattacked and drove the enemy from the sector. His courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Maynard, Massachusetts.

EUGENE F SMITH JR 42046743, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1944 near Soye, France. A strong enemy force, supported by armor, attacked the left rear of positions held by Private Smith's company. As his machine gun squad attempted to move to better positions, an enemy tank opened fire, wounding all six members of the crew. Five of the men were evacuated, but Private Smith refused medical aid, placed the machine gun in action and proceeded to bring effective fire to bear on the enemy. Forced to shift his position in order to gain a better field of fire, Private Smith accomplished this alone in spite of his wound and resumed his accurate fire. Although wounded once again, Private Smith remained at his weapon throughout the action. His determined and skillful use of the machine gun killed ten enemy soldiers and proved to be a material factor in the successful defense of the sector. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

NORMAN J YOUNG 01317217, Infantry, Captain, Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945 near Hildenguth, France. A powerful enemy force succeeded in infiltrating our lines and attacked the com-

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mand post of Captain Young's company. Immediately alerting the personnel, Captain Young ordered them into position around the house. He then procured a submachine gun and moved to the right corner of the building where the enemy attack was heaviest. When he opened fire with his submachine gun, Captain Young immediately drew return fire from machine pistols, bazookas, rifles and hand grenades, but in spite of this fire he continually moved among his men, encouraging them and directing the employment of their weapons. When one group of enemy soldiers tried to flank the house Captain Young, continually alert, rushed to the attic and dispersed the group with rifle fire. His courageous and aggressive leadership did much to repulse the enemy assault and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

GLOW D BRIGGS 01315414, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 November 1944 near Etival, France. A powerful enemy attack, followed by infiltrations, succeeded in severing all communications to a rifle company except by radio. Having nearly isolated the company, the enemy then began to lay down heavy volumes of artillery and mortar fire on the unit's position. At this point Captain Briggs, commander of the supporting weapons company, led his machine gun section across the heavily shelled area and placed them directly in the path of the enemy assault. Despite the severity of the attack and the fact that he was under observation, Captain Briggs moved from one gun position to another, directing the section's fire, encouraging the men and urging them to hold their positions. Then, with his radio operator, Captain Briggs worked his way to an exposed observation post and remained there in the face of enemy efforts to dislodge him, directing mortar fire which inflicted numerous casualties on the attacking force. Captain Briggs' courageous and aggressive leadership did much to repulse the attack and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Viola, Wisconsin.

ALFONSO A CASTRO 01313496, Infantry, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945 near Rohbach, France. Having assumed command after the evacuation of the company commander, Captain Castro continued the company's attack on a strongly fortified enemy hill position. About half way to the objective the enemy laid down a concentration of artillery, mortar and rocket fire, temporarily halting the attack and causing some confusion among the men. Moving through the heavy fire, Captain Castro rallied his company and led it forward in an assault which gained the objective. After consolidating the positions, Captain Castro returned to bring his supporting heavy weapons forward, but in the meantime enemy infantry had infiltrated to the rear of the company position and subjected the group to intense machine gun and small arms fire. Captain Castro immediately formed a combat patrol from the weapons section and led it aggressively in clearing the pockets of resistance. His calm and courageous leadership during this period was an important factor in securing the hill and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Douglas, Arizona.

SALVATORE J CONSOLO 33434521, Infantry, Corporal, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 October 1944 near Housseras, France. During an attack on an enemy strong point, Corporal Consolo led his squad through heavy rifle and machine gun fire to a position where effective fire could be delivered at the enemy. Shortly thereafter a terrific fire fight ensued and the squad was ordered to return to its former position. Seeing that the only available route was under heavy enemy machine gun fire, Corporal Consolo moved into the exposed area and began throwing smoke grenades, screening his squad's move. Entered the military service from Corry, Pennsylvania.

BYRD E CURTIS 01308611, Infantry, Captain, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 14 to 20 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. In the face of heavy artillery and mortar fire, Captain Curtis launched a coordinated attack against enemy positions on 14 January 1945. Captain Curtis led and directed the attack until the objective was taken the next day. The following day strong enemy forces surrounded the company and prevented supplies or reinforcements from reaching the unit. Although without supplies or medical aid for the next four days, Captain Curtis, by his steadfast courage and determination, inspired his men to continue fighting and as a result heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy. Entered the military service from Brunswick, Nebraska.

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VIRGIL A HILL 36111097, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944 near Zinswiller, France. When enemy 20mm flak guns inflicted heavy casualties upon a rifle company, Corporal Hill led his litter squad through heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire for a period of eight hours until all of the fifty-two wounded men had been evacuated from the area. Entered the military service from Bay City, Michigan.

RICHARD R JANNATTA 32735392, Infantry, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 November 1944 near Raonvillers, France. When a runner sent to deliver a radio battery and code sheet to a rifle company was unable to find the unit, Sergeant Jannatta determined to deliver the equipment himself. Working his way through heavy rocket and artillery fire, forced to search for nearly an hour, Sergeant Jannatta finally found the company's position. Enemy groups had infiltrated through a gap between the rifle companies, had emplaced machine guns in the rear of our lines and were subjecting the company positions to intense fire. Without hesitation, Sergeant Jannatta began to crawl across an open field toward the company command post. In spite of the heavy machine gun fire, he reached the headquarters and delivered the radio battery and code sheet, thus enabling the hard-pressed unit to renew effective communications with the battalion. Sergeant Jannatta's courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Rochester, New York.

MARVIN J LEWIS 20455564, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private), Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 October 1944 near St. Gorgon, France. Sergeant Lewis saved the life of a wounded comrade when a heavy barrage of enemy artillery striking trees near his machine gun section seriously wounded a member of his company. Although the soldier was lying in an exposed position, Sergeant Lewis ran to the stricken man, administered first aid and provided for his evacuation. Entered the military service from Wilson, North Carolina

LEON MEADOR 34714996, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 September 1944 near Abbenons, France. Private Meador's reconnaissance patrol was suddenly subjected to heavy 20mm, machine gun and small arms fire. In the intense fire fight that followed, all the officers in the patrol were either killed or captured, but Private Meador managed to escape the ambush and fought his way through the sniper and machine gun fire to friendly lines. As soon as he had reached our troops, Private Meador volunteered to guide a combat patrol to the scene of the ambush. Under his courageous and skillful leadership the patrol destroyed all the known machine gun positions and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Entered the military service from Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee.

MAURICE MEYERS 36353627, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 May 1944 near Anzio, Italy. Observing that wire communications were needed to report on enemy positions which were holding up the leading rifle company, Corporal Meyer ran the wire forward under sniper and artillery fire to an observation post, enabling the mortar platoon to silence the enemy guns. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

THOMAS C NEILL 37515752, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 October 1944 near St. Helene, France. When the platoon sergeant and several other non-commissioned officers were wounded due to enemy action, there was danger of the machine gun platoon becoming disorganized and unable to support the attacking rifle company. Corporal Neill reorganized his section, established contact once more with the attacking company and led his section to the attack at a critical point. Entered the military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

JOHN D TOUPS 34160845, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company D, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 December 1943 near Venafro, Italy. Acting as observer for the 81mm mortars, Sergeant Toups moved forward of our lines to establish an observation post prior to an attack. His movement drew heavy machine gun fire from enemy positions on commanding

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ground, but he continued to work himself forward until he had obtained a satisfactory vantage point. When the assault began, Sergeant Toups provided close mortar support, and his accurate adjustment of fire silenced two enemy machine guns on a ridge to the right of the leading company. As the unit reached its objective and began to reorganize to continue the attack it was subjected to heavy cross fire from several other automatic weapons emplaced on adjacent hills. Immediately Sergeant Toups crawled to a position from which he could see the enemy emplacements. He was forced to expose himself in order to do so, and the enemy began to fire directly at his position, but Sergeant Toups remained to adjust mortar and artillery concentrations on the enemy force until the objective was secure. His courage and skill reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Gueydon, Louisiana.

THURMAN R WHEATLEY 33047198, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944 near Grammont, France. The command post of a rifle company was situated at a road junction receiving heavy fire from enemy artillery. Private Wheatley maintained wire communication throughout the action within the impact area. Hearing cries from wounded men when a shell struck a nearby school house, Private Wheatley ran through the shell fire, administered first aid to the two wounded men and then directed medical aid men and litter bearers to the spot. Entered the military service from Glamorgan, Virginia.

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Section I

Award of the Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

GEORGE H MORRISON 33117736, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945 near Wingen, France. After laying five miles of wire, Private Morrison was warned by engineers that enemy forces had cut the road ahead in two places. Knowing communications were vital, Private Morrison continued another mile and a half when he encountered enemy infantry and a tank. Speeding up his vehicle, Private Morrison drove through both groups of enemy soldiers, reached his objective, though wounded, and warned friendly troops. Entered the military service from Versailles, Pennsylvania.

Section II

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

LARRY H GARNER 34024813, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 October 1944 near Bruyeres, France. Sergeant Garner and another soldier took over the firing of their 60mm mortar when an enemy counterattack, launched to drive our forces from the hill, wounded the two other gunners. In the course of this attack, Sergeant Garner and his comrade fired over three hundred rounds of mortar ammunition at the attacking force and replenished their supply of mortar ammunition over a route out by enemy machine gun fire. Prisoners taken in this attack stated it was the effective firing of this mortar which caused heavy casualties and forced them to abandon the attack. Entered the military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

LESLIE A BROWN 31063008, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 April 1944 near Anzio, Italy. While driving two wounded soldiers to the aid station, Private Brown was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Realizing it was impossible to go on,

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he carried the men to a defiladed position off the road, though wounded by a shell fragment while so engaged. When the enemy fire had lifted somewhat, Private Brown, though weak himself from his wound, carried the men back to the truck and delivered them safely to the aid station. His courage and determination undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men. Entered the military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

LOUIS T FILOSI 31062980, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. When a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire fell on his platoon's position, wounding many of his men, Sergeant Filosi, because there were no medical personnel in the immediate area, administered first aid to the seriously wounded. Although there was no let-up in the heavy enemy fire, he continued to move about in order to direct the successful defense of his strategic position and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men. Entered the military service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

EDMUND L GAMACHE 31206319, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. During a strong attack on positions held by Private Gamache's battalion, an enemy tank broke through to rake the area with cannon and machine gun fire, severing the communication lines between a section of heavy machine guns and the platoon command post. Private Gamache, without waiting for the heavy fire to lift, left his position, crawled across the open ground in view of the enemy and repaired the lines. Entered the military service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

BASIL G HOFFMAN 35772652, Infantry, Sergeant, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 December 1944 near Wissembourg, France. Sergeant Hoffman's company was defending pillbox positions in the outer fringe of the Siegfried Line. With an extended sector to cover and recent enemy actions limited to patrols, Sergeant Hoffman, alone, had been manning an outpost situated in front of the company positions. A twelve-man enemy patrol approached and Sergeant Hoffman immediately opened fire with his carbine. The patrol, realizing that the position was defended by only one man, immediately assaulted the outpost, but Sergeant Hofiman refused to withdraw, even when several gronades were thrown into the trench. Firing rapidly and accurately, hurling gronades back at the attackers, he killed two of the enemy group and forced the others to withdraw. Sergeant Hoffman's courage and determination reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Poca, West Virginia.

WILLIAM J MULVEY 31384285, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 August 1944 near Gioros, France. Sergeant Mulvey's platoon was attacking across open terrain when it encountered stiff enemy resistance supported by artillery and mortar fire. The order was given to withdraw to more favorable positions. Sergeant Mulvey, at that time lead scout, was only fifteen yards from an enemy machine gun when the enemy opened fire. Hitting the ground and rolling over to take advantage of the meager cover of a small mound of dirt, he began a rapid and accurate fire with his M-1 rifle. Although he drew intense fire, Sergeant Mulvey maintained his position, covering the movement of the remainder of his platoon. So effective was his rifle fire that the enemy machine gun crew was forced to abandon its weapon and take cover. Meanwhile the platoon had been given time to reorganize and when it directed a heavy volume of fire at the enemy, Sergeant Mulvey was able to crawl back and rejoin his comrades. His courage and resourcefulness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

MELVIN J SCHUSTER 37503188, Infantry, Sergeant (then Private), Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 September 1944 near Remy, France. When heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire prevented aid men from reaching the wounded, Sergeant Schuster, observing the situation, procured his rifle, [illegible] to an exposed position and directed fire upon the enemy positions. The shifting of the enemy's attention to Sergeant Schuster permitted the aid men to evacuate the wounded soldiers. Entered the military service from Wyaconda, Missouri.

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JAMES L SHELLHAMMER 33494573, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 September 1944 near Soyo, France. An enemy armored column attacking a road block wounded several men and cut them off from the rest of the platoon by small arms fire. Private Shellhammer dashed through a heavy volume of enemy small arms and artillery fire to reach the wounded men where he administered first aid and comforted them during the fight. When a lull in the fire occurred, Private Shellhammer led the walking wounded and carried one of the seriously wounded men to safety. Entered the military service from Palmerton, Pennsylvania.

FRANK SIMARIK 33690856, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Private Simarik was a member of a company digging in defensive positions when the enemy suddenly launched a strong counterattack, supported by automatic weapons, the force of which enabled the enemy to penetrate to within forty yards of the company command post. Private Simarik, on his own initiative, crawled out in front of the riflemen with his rocket launcher and M-1 rifle. He succeeded in silencing one of the enemy machine guns and killing several of the attacking force. His courage and leadership inspired his fellow soldiers to repulse the powerful attack. Entered the military service from Harmarville, Pennsylvania.

LEON STEINHAUER 32928291, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Private Steinhauer's battalion, occupying defensive positions, was subjected to two strong but unsuccessful attacks by the enemy. The communications between the observers, companies and command post were continually being disrupted by enemy artillery and mortar fire, but throughout the action Private Steinhauer worked to keep the lines repaired and preserved communications which enabled his platoon to place effective mortar and machine gun fire on the attacking enemy and repulse them. Entered the military service from Newark, New Jersey.

MANNON J WILSON 38058076, Infantry, First Sergeant, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Sergeant Wilson's company was hit by a strong enemy counterattack, supported by numerous automatic weapons, mortar and artillery fire. In the intense fire fight, both the company commander and the executive officer were wounded and evacuated. Without hesitation Sergeant Wilson left his position of cover to assist in leading the company. Despite the heavy fire falling in the area he moved continually from one position to another, encouraging the men and helping to direct their fire. When several squads became disorganized because of the destructive shelling, Sergeant Wilson quickly moved to that sector, reorganized the men and inspired them to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy. Sergeant Wilson's courageous and aggressive leadership was a material factor in the successful defense of the sector and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Houston, Texas.

BRUCE A WILEY 35757237, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. Without warning, the enemy launched an attack at positions held by one of our rifle companies, attempting to infiltrate through the position on the flank. Private Wiley, a heavy machine gunner in support of the company, was in an exposed position because of the direction of the enemy attack, but he immediately opened fire. The enemy made numerous attempts to silence Private Wiley's weapon, but he maintained his position, delivering a steady and accurate fire that aided materially in repulsing the enemy assault. Later that morning the enemy resumed the attack, this time using a tank in support. Guns from the enemy tank began firing directly at Private Wiley's emplacement, but his determination did not waver and he continued his effective machine gun fire, inflicting substantial losses on the enemy and enabling his comrades to repel the enemy force once again. Entered the military service from Tunnelton, West Virginia.

PAUL E WITT 36871746, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 179th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944 near Bruyeres, France. Sergeant Witt and another soldier took over the firing of their 60mm mortar when an enemy counterattack, launched to drive our forces from the hill, wounded the two other gunners. In the course of this

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attack, Sergeant Witt and his comrade fired over three hundred rounds of mortar ammunition at the attacking force and replenished their supply of mortar ammunition over a route cut by enemy machine gun fire. Prisoners taken in this attack stated it was the effective firing of this mortar which caused heavy casualties and forced them to abandon the attack. Entered the military service from Peoria, Illinois.

MICHAEL J BRYOWSKY 36757395, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

LOUIS R YOUNG 37608579, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company D, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Olney, Missouri.

For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944 near Grandvillers, France. A reinforced company of enemy infantry and tanks attacked our positions. When a shortage of small arms ammunition developed, Privates Bryowsky and Young, under enemy mortar and machine gun fire, made three trips to an ammunition dump over four hundred yards away to replenish the supply. One enemy tank penetrated our positions and subjected the area to direct fire from its machine guns and cannon. Despite this, Privates Bryowsky and Young kept their company supplied with ammunition throughout the action, enabling the unit to repulse the enemy attack.

RAYMOND F SCOTT 32254047, Infantry, Corporal,
Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Rock Stream, New York.

DALE L SNOOK 35924946, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class),
Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Canton, Ohio.

CARL W FRICKE 34275310, Infantry, Private First Class,
Company H, 179th Infantry Regiment.
Entered the military service from Aveland, Mississippi.

For heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945 near Goetzenbruck, France. Unaware that the enemy had penetrated into the town of Goetzenbruck, Corporal Scott, Corporal Snook and Private Fricke were carrying up heavy machine guns to forward positions when they sighted a group of enemy soldiers making their way toward them. These three men seized a heavy machine gun apiece. Not having time to mount their guns on tripods, and standing in the open street, they fired from the hip, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and holding them at bay until a stabilized line could be established.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

JACK F SHANNAHAN 20627668, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. Technician Shannahan and another soldier learned that there were several American wounded in a house in enemy territory. The enemy had made large scale infiltrations into the area and the only route available had been the subject of frequent enemy activity, but Technician Shannahan and his comrade were determined to rescue the wounded men. Forced to drive their quarter-ton truck through small arms fire, they nevertheless succeeded in reaching the house containing the wounded soldiers. By placing two of the litter patients on the hood, a third across the rear seat and crowding the others into the small vehicle, Technician Shannahan and his comrade succeeded in bringing the wounded over the same dangerous route to safety. Technician Shannahan's courage and devotion to duty undoubtedly prevented the capture of his comrades and provided them with badly-needed medical attention. Entered the military service from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

JOSEPH J BRUNT 12057140, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8-9 January 1945 near Wildenguth, France. With six men from battalion headquarters and six men from the ammunition and pioneer platoon, Sergeant Brunt was ordered to establish a strongpoint and cover a six hundred yard gap between two rifle companies. When cut off by one hundred enemy infantrymen, he and his men successfully [illegible] the support of one of the rifle company's outposts, successful[illegible]

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enemy force with no loss of ground. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

NATHAN G CLEVELAND 34278924, Infantry, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945 near Aschbach, Germany. When an enemy pillbox held up the advance of two rifle companies, Sergeant Cleveland volunteered to lead five men to reduce it. After crawling to within range, he fired a rifle grenade at the door with no appreciable effect. While his men kept up a continuous fire at the slit in the heavy door, Sergeant Cleveland crept up with a charge of TNT, placed it against the door and detonated it, blowing in the door and causing the surrender of its occupants, one officer and twenty-five men. Entered the military service from Fulton, Mississippi.

JAMES D DELORE 31062741, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944 near Framifontaine, France. A heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire inflicted several casualties on our forces. While the artillery concentration was still falling in the area Technician Delore rushed into the heavily shelled area to help the wounded men. He rendered medical aid to two wounded soldiers and then procured stretcher bearers and directed the evacuation of each of the wounded men to safety. His prompt and courageous action prevented a serious loss of blood in both cases and reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

GERALD M DOUGHERTY 0484594, Chaplain's Corps, Chaplain (Captain), Headquarters, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945 in Biesingen, Germany. While rations and water were being distributed to a rifle company in the town square, an enemy barrage of 170mm shells came in, killing and wounding several men. Chaplain Dougherty rushed from the battalion command post into the open square, aided the wounded, and administered the Last Sacrament to the dying. Although there was no let up in the enemy fire, Chaplain Dougherty continued his ministrations and remained with the wounded until all were evacuated. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

IRVING B DREGSETH 01308118, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 September 1944 near Mosandans, France. Ordered to take a platoon and establish contact with another unit, Lieutenant Dregseth reconnoitered in advance of the platoon and encountered an enemy road block, consisting of two machine guns, a 20mm flak wagon and a platoon of infantry. When the enemy opened fire, Lieutenant Dregseth sent for a supporting tank, then organized his platoon to attack the position. Although exposed to the enemy fire, he calmly ordered one squad to lay down a base of fire and maneuvered the other two squads to the flanks of the road block. Accompanying one of the groups, Lieutenant Dregseth directed the men in silencing a machine-gun position. In the face of his aggressive assault, the remainder of the enemy force withdrew and the road block was destroyed. Entered the military service from Hawley, Minnesota.

RUSSELL L FENN JR 02011725, Infantry, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company H (then Company E), 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 December 1944 near Hertzwiller, France. Although the obser-

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vation post from which he directed mortar and artillery fire was surrounded by the numerically superior enemy tanks and infantry, Lieutenant Fenn remained at his post and continued to direct fire on the enemy until most of the riflemen were able to work their way back to newly established positions. Then, by short dashes from one covered position to another, Lieutenant Fenn reached the safety of our lines. Entered the military service from East Paterson, New Jersey.

JACK P HEDGES 20835114, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945 near Mildonguth, France. Technician Hodges and another soldier learned that there were several American wounded in a house in enemy territory. The enemy had made large scale infiltrations into the area and the only route available had been the subject of frequent enemy activity, but Technician Hodges and his comrade were determined to rescue the wounded men. Forced to drive their quarter-ton truck through small arms fire, they nevertheless succeeded in reaching the house containing the wounded soldiers. By placing two of the litter patients on the hood, a third across the rear seat and crowding the others into the small vehicle, Technician Hodges and his comrade succeeded in bringing the wounded over the same dangerous route to safety. Technician Hodges' courage and devotion to duty undoubtedly prevented the capture of his comrades and provided them with badly-needed medical attention. Entered the military service from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

DAVID LEIBOWITZ 32655543, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company K, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 September 1944 near Epinal, France. Sergeant Leibowitz was in charge of a five-man outpost established in the open between the woods and the houses of a nearby city. Fifteen enemy soldiers attempted to infiltrate through the houses toward our lines. The outpost engaged the patrol and after reporting to the company command post was advised to fall back. Sergeant Leibowitz elected to remain, however. Alone, he waited until the enemy had approached to within fifteen yards of his position, then opened fire. He killed three and in the resulting confusion the remainder of the enemy force withdrew. Sergeant Leibowitz's courage and skill reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAIME MARTINEZ 33694599, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. When the only route over which the wounded could be evacuated was subjected to intense enemy artillery barrages, it became increasingly difficult to evacuate the wounded. Leading the way himself through the heavy fire, urging the other men on, Technician Martinez was largely responsible for the successful evacuation of all nineteen wounded soldiers. Entered the military service from Donora, Pennsylvania.

RAYNORD S OLSEN 37176099, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 December 1944 near Lichtenhoim, France. When his company ran out of ammunition and called back to the motor pool for a supply, Technician Olsen immediately loaded a truck and trailer with the desired supplies and started forward. Through intense artillery and tank fire Technician Olsen drove truck along the road into the town being shelled by the enemy and de

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[illegible] safely to his company. Because of Technician Olsen's coura[illegible] and skill his company received the needed ammunition, held an enemy attack, and then went on to take its objective. Entered the military service from Forman, North Dakota.

PAUL SIMKOVITCH 33411145, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 December 1944 near Mertzwiller, France. During a strong enemy attack on the battalion's position, Technician Simkovitch repaired breaks in vital communication lines leading to the battalion units. Although enemy artillery fire was falling in the area and much of the terrain he had to cover was under enemy observation, Technician Simkovitch successfully kept the lines of communication open, enabling the battalion commander and staff to have almost uninterrupted communications with the entire battalion during a critical period. Entered the military service from Girard, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE SCHILLER 36919452, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment. Entered the military service from Lorain, Ohio.

ELBERT W SLY 35770342, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment. Entered the military service from Welch, West Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 6-7 October 1944 near Fremifontaine, France. While checking for a break in the communication wire from one of the companies to battalion headquarters, Privates Schiller and Sly were cut off and surrounded by an infiltrating enemy force. They fought their way back to the company, informed the company commander of the situation, enabling him to redeploy the company. Taking their places along side of the riflemen, they fought back toward friendly lines, and helped account for more than fifty enemy dead.

DELMAR E BRAWLEY 37623268, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment. Entered the military service from Van Buren, Missouri.

VERNON V GIBBS 34875531, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment. Entered the military service from Newton, Mississippi.

BYRON E SNEED 34875546, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment. Entered the military service from Thaxton, Mississippi.

For heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. In the midst of a prolonged enemy artillery, mortar, and self-propelled gun barrage, Privates Brawley, Gibbs and Sneed patrolled the communication lines between the battalion command post and one of the companies. During the six-hour barrage they worked their way along the line five times repairing breaks, and finally due to their determination and courage, communications were maintained.

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Section I

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following officer and to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

GUY V RUSH 35778506, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 November 1944, and France, 28 January 1945. Home address: New Haven, West Virginia.

LAWRENCE R STEWART JR 01060658, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945, and Germany, 2 April 1945. Home address: Washington, Pennsylvania.

CALVIN C WASLEY 33612716, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 September 1944, and France, 14 October 1944. Home address: Jermyn, Pennsylvania.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

SAMUEL C BOOTH 35803652, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Cincinnati, Ohio.

GEORGE COURLAS 32937617, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 August 1944. Home address: Johnson City, New York.

NICHOLAS J FREZZA 32867407, Infantry, Corporal, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 28 May 1944. Home address: Mount Vernon, New York.

CLARENCE W LA BRUE 38272534, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Home address: Chandler, Oklahoma.

JOSEPH G LARIOU 31 65030, Infantry, Private, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 September 1944. Home address: Manchester, New Hampshire.

JOHN A LARRABEE 0470409, Medical Corps, Captain, Medical Detachment, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Yankton, South Dakota.

ROBERT W MULLENAX 35758446, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 29 March 1944. Home address: Davis, West Virginia.

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FRANK S PETERS 0520218, Medical Corps, Captain, Medical Detachment, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

HARVEY J ROLAND 35463414, Medical Department, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Cincinnati, Ohio.

WILLIAM SUROVIEC 32193533, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 23 May 1944. Home address: New York, New York.

FRANK J TRIPONE 12110399, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Home address: Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York.

VERNON J VANDE WATER 36983170, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Home address: Holland, Michigan.

JACK E WINN 39857028, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 2 June 1944. Home address: Douglas, Arizona.

Section III

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ROLLIN L ALLEN 35405471, Medical Department, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Reinersville, Ohio.

WAYNE M BAUCUM 34494708, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Home address: Camden, Tennessee.

NELSON J BOURGEOIS 38198362, Infantry, Private First Class, Company H, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 25 May 1944. Home address: New Orleans, Louisiana.

NICHOLAS J FREZZA 32867407, Infantry, Corporal, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 September 1944. Home address: Mount Vernon, New York.

JOHN F GALLAGHER 0452402, Field Artillery, Captain, Headquarters Battery, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Farmersville, Texas.

WILLIAM C GRAMER 18169493, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 March 1945. Home address: Batesville, Arkansas.

CHARLES J HINKLE 15316205, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 March 1944. Home address: Fairmont, West Virginia.

GEORGE M JAMES 20826348, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 March 1945. Home address: Ardmore, Oklahoma.

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JOHN E LATTA JR 20837732, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 December 1943. Home address: Delta, Colorado.

GEORGE P MALLIA 31204923, Infantry, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 August 1944. Home address: Peabody, Massachusetts.

SIDNEY M MASSIE 36074900, Medical Department, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Granite City, Illinois.

RICHARD B MC ANDREW 12207375, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 January 1945. Home address: Andover, New York.

DERWOOD C MOORE 02006070, Infantry, Second Lieutenant, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Van Horn, Texas.

ALBERT E MORGAN 32968310, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 September 1944. Home address: New York, New York.

JOHN MORRISON 33318200, Medical Department, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EMARD J O'CONNELL 35068238, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 31 October 1944. Home address: Cleveland, Ohio.

HARRY L PARRETT 33389500, Infantry, Private First Class, Company D, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 March 1945. Home address: North East, Maryland.

RALPH C PERKINS 34735951, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Whitwell, Tennessee.

LOREN O RUFENER 35234695, Infantry, Sergeant, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 31 May 1944. Home address: Dover, Ohio.

ANDREW J SIMKOVIC 42037648, Cavalry, Private First Class, 45th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, Germany, 5 April 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

HOWARD M STEWART 34976847, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 February 1945. Home address: Alexander City, Alabama.

JAMES E TATE 34887820, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 November 1944. Home address: Pulaski, Tennessee.

HENRY TELLECHEA 32901718, Infantry, Private First Class, Company L, 179th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Home address: Wallingford, Connecticut.

ALBERT H WARD 3719612, Medical Department, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Washington, Iowa.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

WILLIAM J O'BRIEN 0388576, Field Artillery, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Headquarters, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 29 August 1944 near St. Romains, France. Captain O'Brien, an artillery liaison officer with an infantry battalion, was on duty at the battalion command post when the enemy launched a counterattack supported by automatic weapons and armor. Captain O'Brien immediately worked his way forward under heavy small arms and machine gun fire to a point from which he could observe the enemy deployment. Although he was discovered by the enemy tank crew and his position drew intense tank and machine gun fire, Captain O'Brien courageously held his position, directing such effective artillery fire that the enemy infantry was dispersed with heavy casualties and the tank was forced to withdraw. Captain O'Brien's courage and initiative did much to repel the enemy attack and reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to each of the following enlisted men:

ARMY C GLOVER 34601384, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Frauenberg, France. Technician Glover, assisting in the construction of a footbridge, was stationed on the upstream side of the footbridge tending a guy rope which held the bridge in place. Though continuously exposed to enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Technician Glover remained at his post, refusing to seek shelter until killed by an artillery shell. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Shelby, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Nolda C. Glover (Wife), 106 Ella Street, Shelby, North Carolina.

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ARTHUR A ROSENTHAL 32899011, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 4 December 1944 near Oberbronn, France. While serving as a radio operator with a forward observation party which was giving artillery support to an attacking infantry company, Technician Rosenthal and his companions were subjected to an intense barrage by enemy tank and 20mm flak guns. Finding himself the only uninjured member of his party he endeavored to recover the radio and equipment, and in so doing was killed in the attempt. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Minnie Rosenthal (Mother), 883 Freeman Street, Bronx, New York.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

FRED W SCHOMAKER 20830829, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 November 1944 near Houssoras, France. When the officer in charge of his forward observer party was seriously wounded, Sergeant Schomaker took over his duties and successfully directed the artillery fire of his battalion on enemy tanks and foot troops. Although the target of enemy small arms and tank fire, he directed accurate fire that enabled the infantry he was supporting to take an objective of great importance. Entered the military service from Perry, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mr. Carl Schomaker (Father), South 12th, Perry, Oklahoma.

Section IV

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

EUGENE H ADEN 35040091, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery B, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 11-12 January 1945 near Althorn, France. While serving as a member of an artillery forward observer party, Corporal Aden worked tirelessly in servicing and maintaining the wire line to the forward observer party, often under small arms and artillery fire. On one occasion, following up the advance through dense woods, he found he lacked one hundred and fifty yards of wire to complete the line. Although under heavy ar-

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tillery fire, Corporal Aden went out to search the area for some wire to fill in the gap. He succeeded in finding some abandoned wire which, after skillful splicing, enabled the artillery to deliver the fire needed to repulse the enemy attack. Entered the military service from Toledo, Ohio.

JOSEPH H HOLLIDAY 11091909, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Alschbach, Germany. Technician Holliday, a member of a forward observation party supporting a rifle company, was dug in on a hill facing the first line of the Siegfried defenses. Direct fire from the prepared enemy positions was covering the area occupied by our troops so effectively that they were unable to advance. Observing the situation from his vantage point, Technician Holliday immediately began to work his way toward the forward elements in order to determine more exactly the sources of the enemy fire. He moved through the heavy fire to an outpost position and set up his radio. There, Technician Holliday directed artillery concentrations on the enemy positions, making such accurate adjustments that the enemy fire was neutralized and the company was able to advance. His courage and initiative reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Johnson City, Tennessee.

WILLIAM C LE FURGEY 20830907, Field Artillery, Sergeant (then Corporal), Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3-4 December 1944 near Niederbronn, France. Sergeant LeFurgey displayed courage and leadership when, despite heavy enemy counterbattery fire falling in the immediate battery position, he left a position of comparative safety, led his men to their gun and directed defensive fires throughout the night which gave vital support to our infantry. Entered the military service from Perry, Oklahoma.

PHILLIP G MILLER 12130340. Armored, Sergeant, Company B, 191st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 February 1945 near Kohlhutte, France. When a high explosive round jammed in his gun while he was on a fire mission, Sergeant Miller, the tank commander, left the safety of his tank and under enemy rifle, mortar and bazooka fire took a rammer staff and ejector and released the jammed shell. He then climbed back in his tank and successfully completed his mission. Entered the military service from Batavia, New York.

ERNEST P SANTANGELO 01822060, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 2 June 1944 near Campolcone, Italy. Lieutenant Santangelo's platoon of tank destroyers was delivering direct assault fire on various enemy strongpoints. In order to accomplish this mission the guns were in an exposed position that drew heavy enemy counterbattery fire. During the course of this action, Lieutenant Santangelo was wounded in the back by shell fragments which lodged in his chest. Despite intense pain from this serious wound, Lieutenant Santangelo declined immediate evacuation and remained to direct his platoon during the remainder of its mission. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ELWOOD R SHAW 01179612, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 1 September 1944 near Leyettes, France. When infantry and tanks overran his company's road blocks near Maximieux, Lieutenant Shaw on his own initiative went over one thousand yards in front of friendly troops to direct artillery fire on the enemy. He re-

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mained there for over six hours and effectively adjusted nine fire missions on the enemy. During this period he received intense fire but, even though the terrain afforded very little cover, he completed his mission. Entered the military service from Yellow Springs, Ohio.

J D NELSON SIMPSON 20832429, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944 near Uharmiller, France. While Sergeant Simpson was serving as forward observer in support of an infantry company, the riflemen were pinned down by long range enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant Simpson went forward on reconnaissance in search of the enemy machine gun positions with the purpose of directing artillery fire upon them. Reaching a point approximately two hundred yards in front of the friendly troops, he and his party were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire. As it was impossible to move forward, Sergeant Simpson directed artillery fire by sound and knocked out the enemy machine gun nests, allowing the infantry to continue their advance. Entered the military service from Ada, Oklahoma.

GEORGE T SPIELBERGER 35177963, Field Artillery, Corporal (then Private First Class), Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 near Ober Laudingen, Germany. Corporal Spielberger, a member of an advance guard entering a town, effectively used his vehicle-mounted machine gun to cover the flanks of an armored car column moving into the village. Firing from his exposed position at enemy machine guns and snipers in the stone houses along the way, Corporal Spielberger helped to prevent the escape of a large enemy force. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BILL WINGO 33092686, Corps of Engineers, Sergeant, Company A, 2628th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 22 to 25 January and 28 January to 5 February 1945 near Lichtenberg, France. Sergeant Wingo, while serving as an infantryman, visited and assisted his men regularly when prolonged combat and cold weather had lowered their morale. On two occasions when enemy action severed wire communication to the rear and no wiremen were present, Sergeant Wingo repaired the breaks himself, under fire. Entered the military service from Tazewell, Virginia.

HARRY YUZUK 32020357, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 29 May 1944 near Velletri, Italy. While Technician Yuzuk was serving with a forward observer party attached to an assault rifle company, the attack was halted by heavy mortar and small arms fire. At the same time the enemy launched a strong counterattack. Technician Yuzuk set up and operated his radio in a small building which was hit repeatedly by shell fragments and small arms fire, but he remained at his radio until the attack had been repulsed. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

GEORGE D GUINN 38017458, Ordnance, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 700th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company.
Entered the military service from Conroy, Oklahoma.

MORRIS E [illegible] 11045793, Ordnance, Technician Third Grade (then Technician Fourth Grade),
700th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company.
Entered the military service from Dunstable, Massachusetts.

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For meritorious achievement in action on 26 May 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Sergeant Guinn and Technician Drew were called upon to make repairs on an artillery piece that had been hit by an enemy shell. Working in the dark and under hazardous conditions, Sergeant Guinn and Technician Drew completed the repairs and the piece was ready for action the following morning.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

CARLOS V HATTER 0375864, Infantry, Major, Service Company, 179th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 11 July 1944 to 30 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ORREN W PECK 38015629, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 179th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Vinita, Oklahoma.

Section II

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

HARRY O ALLEN 35279335, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 1 January 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Meridon, West Virginia.

CHARLIE L BENNETT 01287651, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 16 March 1945 in Sicily, Italy; France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hugo, Oklahoma.

GEORGE F BOTTS 32328496, Quartermaster Corps, Technician Fifth Grade, 45th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 17 September 1943 to 20 February 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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MARCEL DEPIERRES, Cavalry, Sous-Lieutenant, Mission Militaire Francaise de Liaison 4466, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 January 1944 to 31 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany.

JIM H FLANAGAN W2117855, Army of the United States, Chief Warrant Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 18 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Las Cruces, New Mexico.

JOHNNY T FREEMAN 8015648, Corps of Military Police, Technician Fourth Grade, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 March to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Vinita, Oklahoma.

WEHY J GARABED 32207622, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from West New York, New Jersey.

OREN K GELVIN 20823511, Corps of Military Police, Sergeant, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 March to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Lawton, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM E HALES JR 0405742, Corps of Engineers, Captain, Headquarters, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 23 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

G WORLEY HAMMOND 0336131, Medical Corps, Captain, Company A, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 25 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

VICTOR KRAUCHUNAS 01545747, Medical Administrative Corps, First Lieutenant, Company C, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 17 February 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

MILTON A LEE 0349581, Infantry, Captain, Service Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DAYTON C McWHORTER 0452166, Medical Administrative Corps, Captain, Headquarters, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 20 December 1943 to 28 February 1945 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Lubbock, Texas.

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PAUL W MONAGHAN 38241977, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 2 March 1943 to 4 May 1945 in the United States, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

RAYMOND S OLOMANSKI 33432575, Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company H, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 26 May 1944 to 2 February 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE L RICHARDSON 38016309, Medical Department, Sergeant, Company A, 120th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 25 March 1944 to 25 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Kiefer, Oklahoma.

JEROME L RITCHIE 20827598, Infantry, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 2 February 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Vian, Oklahoma.

WALTER S SCHLOTZHAUER JR 0328531, General Staff Corps (Cavalry), Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 March 1943 to 30 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Douglas, Arizona.

WARREN C SMITH 34884201, Infantry, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in combat from 1 May 1944 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Pulaski, Tennessee.

ADAM G SWEENY 33427586, Corps of Military Police, Corporal, Military Police Platoon, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 March to 8 May 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Westmoreland, Pennsylvania.

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Section I

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

DANIEL V VAUGHAN 01823241, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 March to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Section II

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

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CHESTER A PULASKI 35112129, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 March to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Akron, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Alice [redacted] (Mother), 372 Zeller Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

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Section III

Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer, missing in action:

FRANCIS E LIGGETT 0465104, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 25 February to 11 September 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Shelton, Nebraska. Next of kin: Mr. James R Liggett (Father), Shelton, Nebraska.

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Section IV

Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men:

RUSSELL J BAIRD 01167730, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 February 1944 to 15 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Saylesville, Rhode Island.

LOUIS A BARTAY JR 20816467, Field Artillery, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 25 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

KENNETH ST. C. BEATTY 35292435, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 May 1944 to 16 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Elm Grove, West Virginia.

ALTON K CARLSON 37093246, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 194[illegible] to 9 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Willmar, Minnesota.

JOHN S CHEATHAM 20543709, Coast Artillery Corps, Sergeant, Battery D, 106th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 September 1943 to 16 December 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Glasgow, Kentucky.

SAMUEL G FOX JR 38020173, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 45th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 25 July to 31 October 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Okeene, Oklahoma.

LOUIS R GARD 20833759, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

JASPER P GOERKE 20833873, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 March to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Blackwell, Oklahoma.

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RADER W Gorgy JR 34054288, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hollywood, Florida.

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STANLEY GRCHEK 35024738, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

RALPH E HARWOOD 35025040, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 20 January 1945 in Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

CLARENCE R HAYNES 38018260, Medical Department, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 10 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Coweta, Oklahoma.

GLENN R HIGHTOWER 20833629, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chickasha, Oklahoma.

EMIL J HLADIK 38017316, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Battery, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Hennessey, Oklahoma.

JOE HUPKA 35025121, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Steubenville, Ohio.

HOMER R IVERS 15048401, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Lewisville, Arkansas.

EDGAR E JOINER 01703012, Field Artillery, Second Lieutenant, Battery A, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 1 April to 2 September 1944 in Italy and France. Entered the military service from Beverly, Massachusetts.

KENNETH T LEDFORD 20833751, Field Artillery, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 31 December 1944 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

LUTHER L MC GILL 20833783, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

BENJAMIN S NISPEL 01177552, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 March 1944 to 31 March 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from York, Pennsylvania.

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WILLIAM A OITTO 0416306, Infantry, Captain, Company C, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 11 December 1944 to 20 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Nome, South Dakota.

SANFORD C PHILLIPS 35292067, Field Artillery, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Blandville, West Virginia.

KENNETH R PROSSER 35402262, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Battery B, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Mansfield, Ohio.

JAMES M REISS 37077560, Medical Department, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Third Grade), Medical Detachment, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 November 1944 to 15 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Saint Louis, Missouri.

ROY M SAPIENZA 32898746, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery C, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

IRWIN SILVERBLATT 33141192, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

DANELL C SLATE 38029114, Field Artillery, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Battery,45th Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 1 April 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Gouldbusk, Texas.

SAMUEL S STAVICH 35213487, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Weirton, West Virginia.

JOHN O TROJAHN 37093336, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from October 1943 to 20 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Mariotta, Minnesota.

RUFUS E TURNER 31095982, Field Artillery, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chester, Massachusetts.

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JOHN R WISE 13059584, Field Artillery, Private First Class (then Private), Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in combat from 28 March to 15 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

MYRLE T WOOD 20833793, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 189th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered the military service from Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

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Section I

Award of the Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

MORENO C CAIRO 32213273, Infantry, Corporal, Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 October 1943 near Faicchio, Italy. A rifle company attacked a town and came under extremely heavy fire from enemy artillery, mortars and small arms. When a member of his squad was seriously wounded, Corporal Cairo left his place of cover and carried the wounded man to the aid station. When a second member of his squad was wounded, Corporal Cairo again braved the heavy fire to evacuate the soldier to safety. While returning to his squad from this last trip, Corporal Cairo received severe wounds from a shell burst. His courage and devotion to his comrades reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Inwood, New York.

DONALD L DUSCHER 33737561, Infantry, Private First Class, Company M, 157th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 and 31 October 1944 near Jeanmenil, France. Throughout a period of heavy fighting Private Duscher displayed a courage and initiative which aided materially in the success of his company's operations. On one occasion, when both his platoon sergeant and section leader were wounded, Private Duscher braved enemy machine gun and sniper fire to give aid to the wounded men. He then quickly reorganized his machine gun section so as to give the advancing column flank and rear protection. Observing movement in the brush, Private Duscher immediately opened fire with his M-1 rifle, killing one enemy soldier and forcing two others to surrender. That night, despite frequent mortar and artillery concentrations falling in the area and raids by enemy patrols, he maintained complete control of his section, giving the rifle company effective support. The following day, after the unit to which he was attached attained its objective, the enemy launched a strong counterattack. In the face of heavy machine gun and small arms fire directed at the position, Private Duscher accurately adjusted the fire of his machine gun squad, moved through the heavy fire to procure more ammunition and replace a weapon, and at one point manned the machine gun himself, delivering effective fire which enabled the riflemen to occupy more favorable positions and reorganize. Entered the military service from Washington, D.C.

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JOSEPH A WATT 34544336, Infantry, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 179th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 November 1944 near Thiaville, France. Attacking toward a town across an open field, Sergeant Watt's platoon was hit by the crossfire of enemy machine guns. In his determination to reach the objective quickly, Sergeant Watt rallied his squad and in spite of the heavy fire led his men to the edge of the town where they occupied a house. Enemy tank and machine gun fire was immediately directed at the building and the squad was separated from the remainder of the company, but Sergeant Watt, after capturing three enemy snipers, directed the fire of his men so effectively that the squad resisted repeated attempts by the enemy to take the house. That night Sergeant Watt led a small patrol to reconnoiter a route of withdrawal. Moving quickly and silently in the darkness, he surprised an enemy machine gun position covering the route, took the crew prisoner and then led his squad and the captives back to the company. Information obtained as a result of Sergeant Watt's courageous and aggressive leadership aided materially in the successful attack by his company the following day. Entered the military service from Miami, Florida.

Section II

Award of the Ninth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the ninth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

NORBERT M COLLINS 01166461, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 2 January to 21 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Section III

Award of the First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

HERBERT J MC CORKLE 01185289, Field Artillery, First Lieutenant, Headquarters, 158th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy from 15 March to 22 April 1945 in Germany. Entered the military service from Pipestone, Minnesota.

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Section I

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men, for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CONRAD BATH 20839333, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 August 1944. Home address: Brush, Colorado.

CHARLES E CREEK 13091317, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Battery B, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 15 April 1945. Home address: West Fairview, Pennsylvania.

BERNARD FRYGIER 35111874, Field Artillery, Staff Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 4 June 1944. Home address: Bedford, Ohio.

EDWARD T NAUGHTON 0435642, Infantry, Captain, Headquarters Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 4 December 1944. Home address: College Park, Maryland.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men, for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

MILES P BRYANT 35642672, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Rogers, Kentucky.

ROY K CARLTON 35357150, Field Artillery, Corporal, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 19 April 1945. Home address: Greenfield, Indiana.

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ANTHONY B CEDRONE 31060869, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 9 September 1944. Home address: Brighton, Massachusetts.

SAM COCOPARD 31043218, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 3 April 1945. Home address: Essex, Connecticut.

OTIS COLLINS 37610788, Infantry, Private First Class, Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 March 1945. Home address: Foley, Missouri.

LOUIS P LONGVAL 31074989, Field Artillery, Private, Headquarters Battery, 160th Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 10 December 1943. Home address: Lowell, Massachusetts.

HARVEY B MOSHER 36564169, Corps of Engineers, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: Inkster, Michigan.

PIRES A NADALIN 35291760, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 18 April 1945. Home address: Columbus, Ohio.

HERBERT J PFEFFER 35258295, Field Artillery, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 171st Field Artillery Battalion, France, 10 October 1944. Home address: Jasper, Indiana.

JOHN G SIERRA 38006502, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, Sicily, 11 July 1943. Home address: Avondale, Colorado.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

ORVIN W CAMPBELL 0519951, Specialist Reserve, Major, Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 September 1944 to 9 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oakland, California.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

BRYAN J WATKINS 0350818, Infantry, Major, Headquarters, 179th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 13 November 1944 to 24 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Award of the First Star to the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 345, 1944, as amended the first Star to the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following-named organization:

SERVICE COMPANY, 180TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period from 7 November 1944 to 7 May 1945 in France and Germany. Throughout six months of difficult operations, Service Company furnished its regiment with effective support. The hardships of winter fighting were alleviated by providing the troops with a maximum of hot meals and frequent opportunities to bathe. During the swift advance which culminated with the termination of hostilities, vehicles and drivers were used to the limit of endurance. Troops, supplies and kitchens were shuttled forward with a minimum of accidents, despite the lack of adequate opportunity for maintenance. The spirit, skill and efficiency exhibited by members of Service Company materially aided the advance of the 180th Infantry Regiment.

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Section I

Award of Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

MELVIN L FISHER 35932064, Infantry, Private, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 August 1944, and France, 1 October 1944. Home address: Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Section II

Award of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart are awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JOHN L LATHROP 36453614, Infantry, Corporal, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 14 December 1943, and Italy, 13 February 1944. Home address: Union City, Michigan.

Section III

Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

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HOWARD K BROWN 15303903, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 March 1945. Home address: Dayton, Ohio.

BILLY BUSTRAAN 36458428, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 30 May 1944. Home address: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

FRANK B CUMMINGS 35553131, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Home address: Branchland, West Virginia.

EARL E FOUST 33514855, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Montoursville, Pennsylvania.

JAMES W HEISEL 35750697, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 September 1944. Home address: New Matamoras, Ohio.

GEORGE R MUNROE 31256077, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Worcester, Massachusetts.

CHARLES RUBIE 33651532, Infantry, Private, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 April 1945. Home address: Boissevain, Virginia.

EUGENE J TIANO 31331296, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 11 April 1945. Home address: Derby, Connecticut.

ALBERT G TURK 32839334, Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade. Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Home address: Union, New York.

FRANCIS L VER SNYDER 42024046, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 May 1944. Home address: Watertown, New York.

GLENN M WARD 37347871, Infantry, Corporal, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 31 March 1945. Home address: Fountain, Colorado.

WILLIAM J WEDGE 31421081, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Home address: Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

JULIAN H WILLIAMS 33453887, Infantry, Private First Class, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Home address: Washington, D.C.

So much of General Orders Number 161, Section III, Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, this headquarters, as pertains to PAUL R RINKER 33024246, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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Section IV

Award of the Purple Heart

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

THOMAS M ALLEN 34119271, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 11 April 1945. Home address: Reidsville, North Carolina.

ELOY D BACA 20841883, Corps of Engineers, Private, Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 29 April 1945. Home address: Mosquero, New Mexico.

WILLIAM D BARR 35292394, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 15 March 1945. Home address: Jacksonburg, West Virginia.

ALFONSO A CASTRO 01313496, Infantry, Captain, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 September 1944. Home address: Douglas, Arizona.

REGINALD L CHILDS 34755041, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Home address: Fort Pierce, Florida.

HEROLD D DAVIS 34343936, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Home address: Ripley, Mississippi.

EDWARD G ELMER 02005952, Infantry, First Lieutenant, Company E, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

JESS ENGLE 35800828, Infantry, Sergeant, Company L, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Closplint, Kentucky.

ARTHUR W FAUBLE 35111858, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Maple Heights, Ohio.

WILLIAM B FORRESTER JR 34912407, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 16 March 1945. Home address: High Springs, Florida.

JASPER P GOERKE 20833873, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 23 April 1945. Home address: Blackwell, Oklahoma.

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JOHN J GORSKI 31049999, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 September 1944. Home address: New Haven, Connecticut.

DONALD C HAMMOND 32751452, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Home address: Wilmington, Delaware.

GEORGE V HECZMAN 33812961, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Home address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SIDNEY C HORN 39922872, Infantry, Private First Class, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 November 1944. Home address: Emmett, Idaho.

EDWARD J JANIK 36032716, Infantry, Sergeant, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

ALVA A KEARNS 35292220, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Kenton, Ohio.

IRVING L KINTISCH 12145450, Infantry, Corporal, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM KONSAW 32261463, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 30 April 1945. Home address: Clifton, New Jersey.

IVAN K MELOVANO 31425345, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 December 1944. Home address: Brockton, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH C MIEREK 36346433, Infantry, Private, Company F, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 20 February 1944. Home address: Evanston, Illinois.

MICHAEL PAPPAS 32995017, Infantry, Private, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 March 1944. Home address: Astoria, New York.

PAUL R RINKER 33024246, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 March 1945. Home address: Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

SALVATORE ROMANO 32263324, Field Artillery, Private First Class, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 17 April 1945. Home address: New York, New York.

JOHN W SADLER 36473324, Infantry, Private First Class, Company B, 179th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Home address: Flint, Michigan.

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JOHN E SALOMON 32647626, Infantry, Private First Class, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 November 1944. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN P SCHEER 36761151, Infantry, Private First Class, Company A, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 September 1944. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

THEODORE J SHUTTLEWORTH 33280189, Field Artillery, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 16 April 1945. Home address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS E SWARTZ 35291973, Field Artillery, Sergeant, Company B, 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 7 November 1943. Home address: Harpster, Ohio.

J P WALKER 20827882, Infantry, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 20 December 1943. Home address: Okay, Oklahoma.

RAYMOND E WILE 31369144, Infantry, Technicial Sergeant, Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 October 1944. Home address: Ipswich, Massachusetts.

JAMES C WILSON 35606175, Infantry, Sergeant, Company K, 157th Infantry Regiment, Italy, 9 May 1944. Home address: Youngstown, Ohio.

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Section I

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[illegible]my Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal [illegible] to the following enlisted man:

G[illegible]fantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company b[illegible]for heroic achievement in action from 19 to 24 Decem[illegible]many. Private Hawk, a rifleman in one of the platoons [illegible]denthal, volunteered to accompany a foraging party to [illegible]od. Working in the face of enemy sniper fire, Private [illegible]s of the party were largely responsible for supplying [illegible]th food until they were able to make their way back to [illegible]tered the military service from Vandalia, Illinois. [illegible]ie Hawk (Mother), 325 West St. Clair, Vandalia, Illinois.

Section II

[illegible] of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man, missing in action:

GEORGE T TURNER 35143005, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 19 to 21 December 1944 in Bundenthal, Germany. Private Turner, a rifleman in one of the platoons cut off in the town of Bundenthal, volunteered to accompany a foraging party to explore the village for food. Working in the face of enemy sniper fire, Private Turner and the other members of the party were largely responsible for supplying the isolated platoons with food until they were able to make their way back to friendly territory. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Pearl Turner (Mother), 212 North Fulton Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Section III

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following enlisted men:

BOB B BUNDY 38452775, Infantry, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company I, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 March 1945 near Aschaffenburg, Germany. When the first platoon of a rifle company was leading an attack on the fortified city of Aschaffenburg, it was obliged to attack across an eight hundred yard stretch of open terrain. In the intense mortar, artillery and small arms fire directed upon it, all the platoon's ranking noncommissioned officers were either killed or wounded. Sergeant Bundy took over command of the badly disorganized platoon, reorganized the men and led them forward to the edge of town where the platoon attacked and secured several buildings. Sergeant Bundy then set up a defensive position against which two enemy counterattacks failed to dislodge him. With this opening wedge driven into the town, the remainder of the company was able to enter. Sergeant Bundy's courageous and aggressive leadership aided in the eventual capture of the city. Entered the military service from Hope, Arkansas.

WILLIAM F POWLER 32485689, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 19 to 21 December 1944 near Lindenthal, Germany. When his platoon was cut off by the enemy in the town of Lindenthal and food and water became critically low, Private Powler volunteered to lead a foraging patrol through the town. Operating in the face of heavy sniper fire in the unexplored streets of the town, Private Powler and his men succeeded in retrieving sufficient rations to support the platoon until it reached the safety of friendly lines. Entered the military service from Marion, Virginia.

EDWARD I GOLFAND [illegible], Infantry, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 December 1944 near Rothbach, France. Technician Golfand volunteered to serve as radioman with a combat patrol. As the patrol advanced into enemy territory the enemy subjected the area to heavy artillery and mortar fire and then opened fire with small arms, seriously wounding Technician Golfand and several others and attempted to encircle the patrol. Although seriously wounded, Technician Golfand tore his code sheet so that it would not fall into enemy hands and then began crawling, dragging his radio behind him, until he had worked his way to a point one hundred and fifty yards from the scene of the enemy attack. There, medical aid men who had witnessed the action arrived with a litter and evacuated him to the aid station. Technician Golfand's courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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CURTIS J SELLERS 38484830, Medical Department, Private, Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 and 19 March 1945 near Obergailbach and Backweiler, Germany. During an attack on the Siegfried Line our troops suffered a number of casualties as a result of heavy fire from enemy flak guns. Private Sellers exposed himself to the enemy fire on numerous occasions in order to provide medical aid for the wounded men and assure their evacuation. A few days later the company to which he was attached encountered intense fire from enemy pillboxes and again a number of men were wounded. Private Sellers braved the intense fire once more, moving from man to man in the area, providing prompt and thorough medical attention. He continued at his task until he himself was wounded and evacuated. Private Sellers' courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Abbeville, Louisiana.

ELMER L WHEATCRAFT 35777269, Infantry, Private, Company G, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action from 19 to 24 December 1944 in Bundenthal, Germany. Private Wheatcraft, a rifleman in one of the platoons cut off in the town of Bundenthal, volunteered to accompany a foraging party to explore the village for food. Working in the face of enemy sniper fire, Private Wheatcraft and the other members of the party were largely responsible for supplying the isolated platoons with food until they were able to make their way back to friendly territory. Entered the military service from St. Albans, West Virginia.

Section IV

Award of the Soldier's Medal

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

CHARLES R EDWARDS 01284683, Infantry, Major, Headquarters, First Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 20 March 1945 near Zweibrucken, Germany. Major Edwards with other battalion personnel was investigating an enemy cave unaware of the fact that the cave contained thousands of liters of gasoline. A rifle shot exploded the gasoline and immediately sheets of flame covering a hundred foot area enveloped the group, seriously burning four men. Though injured himself, Major Edwards, fully realizing that at any moment other barrels of gasoline in the area might explode, ran to the screaming men and began to administer aid and reassure them. After assisting the suffering men he quickly organized litter teams and supervised the evacuation of the injured to safety. Major Edwards' personal fortitude and devotion to the men who serve under him reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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EVERETT A FOXX 20859332, Infantry, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 157th Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 20 March 1945 near Zweibrucken, Germany. An enemy bullet fired into a nearby gasoline dump caused a terrific explosion, throwing burning gasoline over a hundred foot area. An officer suffering from concussion and with his clothing ablaze ran by. Acting quickly, Technician Foxx brought him under control and extinguished the officer's burning clothes. On regaining normalcy the lieutenant informed him that there were others who needed medical attention. Technician Foxx, even though he knew that further explosions were imminent, proceeded to give first aid to a seriously burned men, found blankets for other injured soldiers, improvised shelters and directed their evacuation to safety. Technician Foxx's courage and initiative saved several men from serious injury and possible death. Entered the military service from Brush, Colorado.

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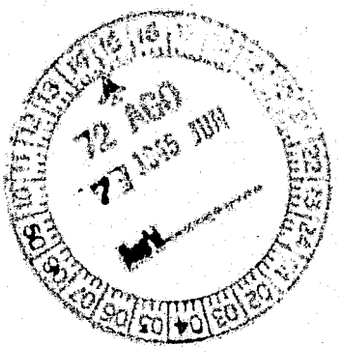

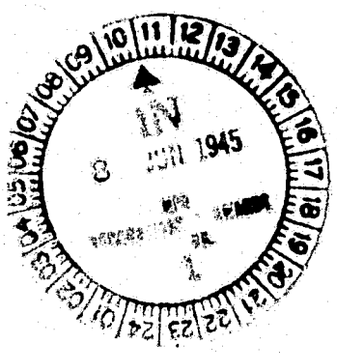

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