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CLARK WIX, 18070552, Staff Sergeant, (then Corporal), Infantry, Anti-tank Company, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, near Baerenthal, France. Staff Sergeant Wix was a member of an anti-tank gun squad which went into position under heavy enemy mortar fire to meet an armored assault of six enemy tanks. When the hostile force drew close, supporting riflemen withdrew, permitting the enemy to open their turrets and subject the squad to intense 88mm and machine gun fire. Servicing the piece when the gunner was blinded by muzzle blast, Staff Sergeant Wix took over the gunner's position and continued firing until two tanks were knocked out and the attack stopped. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

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Award of the Silver Star.....I
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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individual:

EARL D GRANGER, 20944369, Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945. During the attack on Wingen, France, Sergeant Granger, locating an enemy machine gun position, threw a hand grenade into the window from which the hostile fire was coming, and was lightly wounded as he rushed to take the position. With the stock of his rifle shot off, he lay in the street for an hour until supporting tanks came forward. Upon directions from Sergeant Granger, fire from the tanks knocked out the enemy gun position. His gallant action also made possible the evacuation of his company commander, previously wounded. Entered military service from Beach, Washington.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

DONALD E EMERSON, 37340529, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945. When the advance of his company was stopped in the woods near Wingen, France, Sergeant Emerson led a half-squad of men through enemy machine gun fire to knock out with hand grenades the enemy guns which were delaying the company's attack. During the successful action he was seriously wounded and was evacuated by a member of his squad. His leadership inspired the rest of the men and his action permitted the company to advance. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

ROBERT D GRAY, 39206894, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945. While Company L, 274th Infantry, was engaging a strong enemy force in clearing three hills northeast of Rothback, France, Private First Class Gray, under intense enemy machine gun fire, crawled alone to the enemy gun emplacement and with a hand grenade and automatic rifle fire destroyed the enemy position and killed the three occupants. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

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WESLEY P LUCAS, 35076732, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945. During the attack on Hingen, France, Company F, 274th Infantry, was advancing down an open street when it was suddenly fired upon by automatic weapons and sniper fire from cleverly concealed enemy positions in the buildings. The company commander and a messenger were wounded and the balance of the squad were pinned to the road. Private First Class Lucas, on his own initiative and with total disregard for his own safety, courageously crawled alone through observed enemy fire to a position where he put out of action with hand grenades, the automatic weapons which had been firing on his unit. His brave action and initiative removed a dangerous threat to the lives of the men in the squad and permitted them to take cover, reform, and advance. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

THOMAS J MAHER, 32473456, Private First Class, (then Private) Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, at Hingen, France. During the attack on Hingen, when the company to which he was attached suffered heavy casualties, Private First Class Maher, a medical aid man, although repeatedly fired upon by enemy snipers, unhesitatingly continued to care for and evacuate wounded men to cover. His devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety under heavy enemy fire was responsible for saving the lives of many of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

ROBERT L MASTRANGELO, 35912246, Private First Class, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for meritorious service in action on 7 January 1945 near Rothback, France. The 2d Platoon, Company M, 274th Infantry, going to the support of Company L, was ambushed by about 15 enemy riflemen, firing from concealed positions nearly 200 yards away, and suffered heavy casualties. Private First Class Mastrangelo immediately came forward and administered medical aid, in the open under enemy fire, until the wounded could be removed to safety by the rest of the platoon. His courageous action was instrumental in saving the lives of several men. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

DAMON B TAYLOR, 20256589, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, 274th Infantry, for heroism in action on 7 January 1945, near Rothback, France. While going into position to support Company L, 274th Infantry, the second platoon was fired upon by enemy riflemen concealed in positions nearly 200 yards away. Staff Sergeant Taylor was one of the three individuals immediately hit. Although suffering a leg wound, he assisted with the removal of the other wounded men to safety and set up his gun position before allowing himself to be evacuated. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JOSEPH C CLIFFORD, 01 713 458, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945. During a dawn attack on Singen, France, Company F, 274th Infantry, after sustaining heavy casualties, was unable to withdraw owing to intense enemy fire. Attempting to evacuate the wounded across 300 yards of open terrain the "battle-green" litter squad became disorganized when four litter bearers were wounded. Learning of the situation Captain Clifford left the battalion aid station, quickly set up an advance aid station, reorganized the litter squad and successfully led them into the village and evacuated the wounded under concentrated enemy automatic and small arms fire. His courage and decisiveness under fire saved the lives of many wounded men. Entered military service from Gloversville, New York.

FRANCIS T DEVINE, 36 227 565, Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action near Obermuhlthal, France, on 11 January 1945. When a detail carrying hot food to men of Company A, 276th Infantry, was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Devine, acting on his own initiative, crawled to the right flank of the enemy weapon and knocked it out with rifle fire. His prompt and courageous action eliminated possible casualties and permitted the detail to complete its mission. Entered military service from Superior, Wisconsin.

MERRITT I DICK, 37 557 104, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 1 to 15 January 1945 near Baerenthal, France. Under heavy enemy fire which destroyed the battalion aid station, and without regard for his personal safety, Private First Class Dick untiringly and proficiently aided in the treatment and evacuation of casualties. He contributed directly to the saving of at least two lives by driving a jeep loaded with wounded through a concentration of enemy artillery fire. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

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ROBERT L HARRINGTON, 38 466 880, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945. When the advance of Company G, 274th Infantry was stopped in the woods near Wingen, France, Private First Class Harrington was part of a half-squad of men who crawled through heavy enemy machine gun fire and knocked out the enemy guns which were delaying the attack. During this action the squad leader was seriously wounded. Without regard for his own safety, Private First Class Harrington saved his wounded comrade's life by evacuating him to cover, in the face of fire from four enemy machine guns. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES F LAING, 32 342 395, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945. When Philippsbourg, France was surrounded on three sides by enemy forces Private First Class Laing (a truck driver) volunteered to leave the comparative safety of a house to man an armored scout car which was under enemy mortar and artillery fire. When the vehicle was moved into firing position he assisted in delivering machine gun fire on the enemy until the two houses from which the enemy had been firing on the battalion command post were set ablaze. He then assisted the driver in taking the vehicle along a main road under enemy fire to meet expected tank reinforcements, until the vehicle would run no more owing to enemy inflicted fire. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HARRY TAVLINSKY, 37 470 000, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroism in action on 31 January 1945, in the Sarreguemines area, France. Observing two comrades pinned down by hostile fire, one of whom was thought to be wounded, Sergeant Tavlinsky voluntarily moved across open terrain, under enemy fire from a tower across the Saar River, to reach the men and guide them successfully to cover. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

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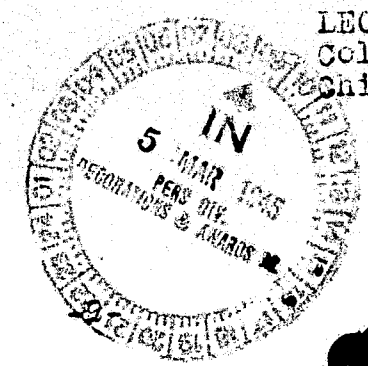

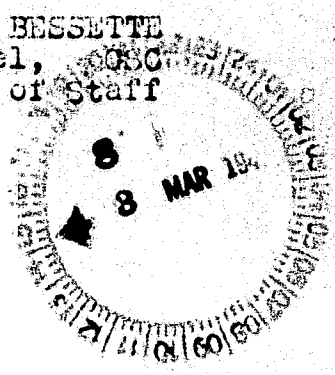

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES M BAXTER, 37204562, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic acheivement in action on 7 January 1945, near Rothback, France. His company ordered to withdraw after an all day engagement with the enemy, Sergeant Baxter, aware that a wounded comrade had not yet been evacuated, remained behind. Without regard for his own safety, and under heavy machine gun fire, he succeeded, with the help of a medical aid man, in evacuating the wounded soldier. While thus engaged, he was instrumental in the capture of one of the enemy who had been observing the withdrawal of the troops. Entered military service from Independence, Missouri.

JAMES BLANKENSHIP, 35213210, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company M, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945. Technician Blankenship, mail clerk for Company M, 275th Infantry, volunteered as a member of a four man patrol with the mission of crossing the village of Philippsbourg, France, to establish the identity of approaching tanks. Exhibiting unusual tenacity in advancing through heavy sniper fire, he obtained and returned with information identifying the tanks as enemy, enabling supporting artillery to drive off the hostile armor. Again, on 5 January 1945, he volunteered for a patrol to serve as flank protection for a friendly tank advancing through Philippsbourg, under heavy enemy 88mm and mortar fire. His determined advance at great personal risk inspired his comrades to similar action and materially aided the tank in clearing remaining enemy from the village. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

ALLAN L PETERS, 6902259, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945. When the coordinated attacks of two supporting companies failed, Company K, 275th Infantry, was isolated in a wooded sector near Lixingen, France. Technical Sergeant Peters, forward observer in the initial attack, at great personal risk and with observation rendered difficult owing to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, directed artillery fire to within 30 yards of his position to drive off enemy attacks from two sides. Supplementing the barrage by adjusting cannon fire on enemy elements to the company's rear, he contributed greatly to the successful withdrawal of the company. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

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OLON G ROBERTSON, 34968244, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945. Private First Class Robertson was a member of a wire team carrying wire for Company G, 275th Infantry, during a raid on Grosbliederstroff, France. In crossing a swollen stream under enemy fire, the wire was lost. Returning to the battalion command post, Private First Class Robertson, with another man, secured a fresh supply, and working forward under heavy enemy machine gun, artillery, and small arms fire, succeeded in bringing the needed wire to Company G in Grosbliederstroff. Entered military service from Troy, Ohio.

JOSEPH P SCHEDA, 36634923, Corporal, Infantry, Cannon Company, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945. When the coordinated attacks of two supporting companies failed, Company K, 275th Infantry, was isolated in a wooded sector near Lixingen, France. Corporal Scheda, forward observer in the initial attack, at great personal risk and with observation rendered difficult owing to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, directed artillery fire to within 30 yards of his position to drive off enemy attacks from two sides. Supplementing the barrage by adjusting cannon fire on enemy elements to the company's rear, he contributed greatly to the successful withdrawal of the company. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

FRANK C SRP, 35521443, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, near Rothback, France. The company to which Private First Class Srp was attached was ordered to withdraw after an all day engagement with the enemy but Private First Class Srp, aware that a wounded soldier had not been evacuated, remained behind. Without regard for his own personal safety and while being subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire, he succeeded, with the aid of a comrade, in evacuating the wounded soldier. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

MELVIN S VUKOVICH, 39418194, Corporal, Infantry, Company H, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. When his mortar section developed communication dificulties during a night attack, Corporal Vukovich went forward in an attempt to reestablish communications. He was laying wire under heavy enemy fire when ordered to return to his unit, and while returning encountered a severely wounded aid man. Despite intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he hoisted the wounded man to his shoulders and, continuing to reel in his wire, carried him 600 yards over rough, mountainous terrain to safety. Entered military service from Richmond, California.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star..... I
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Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... V

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

LEONARD L MARSHALL, 36 274 692, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1945, the the Niederbronn Forest, France. When the advance of his company was stopped by fire from an enemy machine gun, Technical Sergeant Marshall voluntarily opened fire from an exposed position, to distract the enemy fire from the rest of the men and to permit a comrade to flank the enemy position. Just as his comrade moved in to wipe out the entire enemy crew, Sergeant Marshall fell, mortally wounded by fire from the enemy gun. His supreme sacrifice permitted the company to complete its mission and reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary E. Marshall, (mother), Route #3, Box #23, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

LEONARD W SCHOEN, 37 742 876, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Philippsbourg, France. Surrounded on all sides by enemy machine gun emplacements, Company K, 275th Infantry, was harassed in it withdrawal attempt by continuous hostile fire. Private First Class Schoen, in the face of this heavy fire, and without regard for his personal safety, boldly advanced on the flank of the enemy positions and opened fire with an automatic rifle. He had knocked out several enemy guns and killed eleven of the enemy before he was fatally wounded by machine gun fire from another direction. His heroic action made possible the accomplishment of the withdrawal with a minimum of casualties. Next of Kin: Herman Schoen, (father), Lebanon, Kansas.

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HUGH T SHELLEM, 33 793 069, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945. When his company, new to combat, was pinned down by heavy automatic weapons fire while attacking in a wooded sector near Wingen, France, Technical Sergeant Shellem, with total disregard for his own safety, advanced alone against the enemy gun emplacements in an attempt to knock them out with hand grenades. He had silenced one enemy weapon, killed one sniper and wounded another, when he was killed by enemy fire. Roused and inspired by his heroic assault, which had removed a dangerous threat, the company immediately advanced and subsequently accomplished its mission. His action exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Catherine Shellem, (mother), 627 East Penn Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES L VARIER, 36 966 469, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rothback, France. Voluntarily serving as a member of the battalion wire section when communication difficulty developed during an engagement with the enemy, Private First Class Varier was hit and severely wounded by fire from an enemy patrol. Despite his wounds, he covered the withdrawal of the other members of his crew with rifle fire until he died. His courageous action enabled one man to escape and summon aid which subsequently drove off the enemy. Next of kin: Marcile Hass, (mother), 15327 Fairfield, Detroit, Michigan.

II -- AWARD, (MISSING IN ACTION), OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual:

BERNARD BRONS, 01 052 273, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, (missing in action), Company A, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Leading a patrol into enemy territory, Lieutenant Brons was seriously wounded when his group was fired upon by heavy enemy machine gun fire. The position of his patrol having been revealed, Lieutenant Brons ordered it to withdraw. Realizing an attempt to carry him to safety would hamper the withdrawal, he further ordered that he be left behind, and gave his carbine to an unarmed member of his group. He was last seen crawling toward the enemy machine gun position. His gallantry reflects the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Marjorie A. Brons, (wife), 50 Orchard Street, Midland Park, New Jersey.

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III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

RUSSELL C CAVITT, 36 830 195, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Wingen, France. Technical Sergeant Cavitt, disregarding his personal safety, crossed an open field through direct enemy fire, to rescue a wounded member of his unit. Although wounded in the course of this action, he reached his fallen comrade and carried him to safety. Next of kin: Gertrude J. Cavitt, (wife), 123 West Washington Street, Carlinville, Illinois.

WAYNE A MORNINGSTAR, 35077402, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 at Wingen, France. During intense street and house to house fighting, Private First Class Morningstar, operating wireless radio communications for the company commander, sustained a serious leg wound and was asked to remain behind. Courageously declining, he continued his important task through hostile automatic, small arms and sniper fire, until he fell mortally wounded by fire from an enemy sniper. His courageous action inspired the rest of the men and reflects the highest standards of devotion to duty. Next of Kin: Mrs. Salome Morningstar, (mother), Station B, Route #2, Box 357, Toledo, Ohio.

IV -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

RICHARD R ARMSTRONG, 37 573 198, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945, near Obermuhlthal, France. When his unit was pinned down by machine gun and rifle fire from an enemy patrol, Staff Sergeant Armstrong, with total disregard for his own safety, crawled alone to the flank of the enemy patrol and boldly opened fire with his rifle. His action permitted his unit to resume movement, overcome the opposition, and accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

ROBERT J DAVENPORT, 026 089, Captain, Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945. Leading his company in house to house fighting in Wingen, France, Captain Davenport was hit by hostile fire, receiving an arm wound. With total disregard for his own safety, he continued to lead his company in the

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attack through heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire until felled again by a head wound. Despite his painful wounds, he issued detailed instructions for the continuation of the attack before permitting himself to be evacuated. Stirred by his example, the men of his company carried out their wounded commander's orders, thus contributing greatly to the subsequent capture of the village. Entered military service from Valentine, Nebraska.

JOSEPH K DONAHUE, 01 043 317, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945, at Spicherin, France. Stubborn enemy resistance in Spicherin necessitated a call for artillery fire on the town. Lieutenant Donahue volunteered to lead a patrol into town so that enemy strength might first be ascertained. Taking six men, he crossed open terrain under enemy observation, entered Spicherin, and began a house to house search. His aggressive tactics drove the enemy from the town and resulted in the capture of the town and seven prisoners, and without casualties to our forces. Lieutenant Donahue's action obviated necessity for artillery fire on the town. Entered military service from Flushing, New York.

BERNARD L FUELLING, 39 411 585, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945, when Philippsbourg, France, was surrounded on three sides by the enemy, Private First Class Fuelling (a messenger), volunteered to man an armored scout car which was under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Leaving the comparative safety of a house, he maneuvered the vehicle across the village, and after facing it into frontal fire assisted the gunner until the two enemy positions which were firing on the battalion command post were knocked out. Then, to provide a guide for requested tank reinforcements, he drove the vehicle along the main roads, under hostile fire, until it would run no more owing to enemy inflicted damage. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

GEORGE W KRUMME, 02 0Co 372, 2d Lieutenant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945. During the assault on Wingen, France, the enemy counter attacked Company G, 274th Infantry, on the front and left flank with such force that they were forced to withdraw. Without regard for his own personal safety, 2d Lieutenant Krumme ran from a covered position, manned a machine gun, all the while being subjected to murderous enemy fire, to cover the withdrawal of the company. He later showed remarkable leadership in organizing for defense, the house in which the squad had taken cover, and in taking care of the wounded until relief arrived. His brave action was instrumental in enabling the company to reorganize, attack and capture the village. Entered military service from Bristow, Oklahoma.

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HOWARD L LEONARD, 39 379 577, Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3, 4, and 20 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. On 3 January, with the assistance of a medical aid man, Sergeant Leonard successfully evacuated a wounded comrade under dangerous enemy fire. On 4 January, when working from house to house through the village, he cleared a basement with a hand grenade and captured four prisoners. Immediately afterward he attached himself to a volunteer group to drive the remainder of the enemy from Philippsbourg. On 20 January, when the platoon was out on night patrol with the mission of capturing prisoners, Sergeant Leonard knocked out an enemy machine gun with two hand grenades thereby allowing the patrol to proceed to the edge of Lixingen, France. From this location, he and 12 other men kept the enemy occupied with rifle fire while the remainder of the patrol entered the village to capture prisoners. Entered military service from Ritzville, Washington.

WILLARD MIDDLETON, 17 029 642, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. When his company was cut off by a crossfire of heavy enemy machine guns and small arms fire while attempting a withdrawal, Private First Class Middleton advanced alone through the hostile fire, knocked out three enemy machine gun positions, and killed several enemy riflemen. This accomplishment enabled the company to make a successful withdrawal. Entered military service from Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

LEE R WILSON, 34 435 817, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company C, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945. While his company was occupying a defensive position in Philippsbourg, France, Sergeant Wilson, in the face of an enemy attack on the village from the south, fought his way with elements of his squad from house to house until an enemy encircling movement forced the men to take cover within a building. In the ensuing action, Sergeant Wilson maintained a four hour vigil at a window, from an extremely cramped position, accounting for twelve enemy casualties. His coolheaded and determined leadership stimulated the morale of the men and contributed greatly to the successes of his company during the battle. Entered military service from Brevard, North Carolina.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

EDWARD A CROWSON, O 553 668, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 10 to 17 January 1945 in the Niederbronn Forest, France. Displaying excellent leadership, Lieutenant Crowson maintained a position with his platoon 1200 yards in front of his company's lines for a seven

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day period despite extreme cold, deep snow, and intense enemy artillery fire. His platoon nightly repelled enemy attempts to infiltrate and he led them on many patrols into enemy lines, successfully deceiving the opposing forces as to the actual location of the main line of resistance. Entered military service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

WILLIAM W KENYON, 37 572 368, Technician Grade Three, (then Technician Grade Four), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. In an open field under constant enemy observation and heavy enemy machine gun fire, Technician Kenyon, a medical aid man, attended his wounded comrades with utter disregard for his own safety. Using makeshift litters, he was instrumental in accomplishing the evacuation of three wounded men through harassing mortar fire over rough mountainous terrain. Entered military service from Sauk Center, Minnesota.

JACOB P MEYERS, 02 006 424, 2d Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945, in the Niederbronn Forest, France. With his patrol laying its own communication wire as it reconnoitered close to enemy lines, Lieutenant Meyers observed a concentration of enemy soldiers nearby, and immediately telephoned in data by which friendly artillery fire routed the group, killing and wounding many. In return, his patrol was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire and although two casualties were sustained, the patrol accomplished its mission. Entered military service from Stony Creek Mills, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD R RAMIREZ, 36 127 491, Technician Grade Three, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 to 13 January 1945, in the vicinity of Baerenthal, France. Under heavy enemy fire, with the battalion aid station destroyed by enemy action, Technician Ramirez, without regard for his personal safety, unceasingly and proficiently aided in the treatment and evacuation of casualties. Displaying courage and determination in the face of enemy machine gun and small arms fire, he was responsible for saving the lives of many wounded men. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

EVERETT L RICE, 35 077 110, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945. While laying wire communications for Company G, 275th Infantry, Private First Class Rice and another soldier lost the wire when crossing a swollen stream through intense enemy fire. Securing a fresh supply of wire from the battalion command post he bravely succeeded in working his way across open terrain through observed enemy machine gun and artillery fire to establish communications with Company G, thereby contributing to the company's successful raid on Grosbliederstroff, France. Entered military service from Troy, Ohio.

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

JOHN R CHILDS, 17 067 922, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945, near Wingen, France. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Childs courageously attacked a reinforced enemy machine gun position which was hampering his platoon's advance. After throwing all his hand grenades into the position, he was brought under direct machine gun fire by the enemy but undaunted, continued his assault by hurling rifle grenades until mortally wounded by the enemy fire. His action in drawing the enemy fire to himself enabled others of his platoon to move up and destroy the enemy emplacement. His brave sacrifice exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Ralph Childs, (father), Route #2, Manchester, Iowa.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

ELMO L CHAPPELL, 34 824 497, Technical Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. While busy organizing positions recently taken from the enemy, Technical Sergeant Chappell and two comrades found that their rifles failed to function semi-automatically when the enemy counter attacked. Utterly disregarding his own safety, Technical Sergeant Chappell quickly pushed his comrades under cover where they could reload the rifles. Remaining in a hazardous exposed position he alternately fired the three rifles, killing eight of the enemy. His prompt and gallant action was in large measure responsible for repulsing the counter attack. Entered military service from Marietta, Georgia.

PHILIP P GMASZEWSKI, 37 437 000, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945, near Philippsburg, France. With defensive positions only partially organized, Company B, 274th Infantry was counter attacked in strong force by the enemy. One machine gun crew, in an exposed position, was being driven back by enemy fire when Technical Ser-

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geant Ignaszewski took the gun and firing from the hip, advanced against the enemy, killing an undetermined number and driving the remainder off. His brave initiative under fire was in large measure responsible for repulsing the counter attack. Entered military service from Albert Lea, Minnesota.

ROBERT F KELLOGG, 19 049 404, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on the night of 20 January 1945, near Kleinblittersdorf, Germany. When the night patrol of which he was a member was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Kellogg, though wounded, crawled through enemy fire to put the hostile machine gun out of action with a hand grenade. Ignoring his painful wounds he then moved forward along the route covering the patrol with protective rifle fire until the objective was reached. Entered military service from Atascadero, California.

HAROLD F MAY, 31 380 897, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 16 February 1945, near Behren, France. During the attack of Company L, 274th Infantry, on Behren, Staff Sergeant May's platoon was pinned down by heavy fire directed from a well covered enemy position. Without regard for his own safety and entirely on his own initiative, Staff Sergeant May assaulted the enemy position, firing his rifle as he advanced. He killed one of the enemy gun crew and two others held up their hands and surrendered. This single handed act in the face of heavy machine gun fire resulted in the capture of the enemy position and allowed the company to advance and accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

ROBERT F WEEKS, 39 150 011, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 7 February 1945, near Oetingen, France. Sergeant Weeks, a machine gunner, was occupying a defensive position with eight riflemen and one BAR man when a strong enemy attack was launched against his position. When all but two of the riflemen found their weapons would not fire due to their muddy condition, they withdrew from the emplacement, leaving only four men to meet the attack. Sergeant Weeks opened fire with his machine gun, drawing heavy mortar fire on his emplacement. Fragments from a nearby mortar burst rendered his gun mount useless, threw him away from his position, and the enemy upon seeing this, rushed his position. Recovering quickly, Sergeant Weeks reached the machine gun again and holding it against his hip, fired on the advancing enemy until he drove them back to their trenches, repulsing the attack. Entered military service from Wilmette, Illinois.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION). By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

GEORGE J BUNCIC, 37 537 669, Technician Grade Four, (then Technician Grade Five), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 to 6 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. While attempting to reach a wounded soldier on 3 January 1945, Technician Buncic, a medical aid man, was cut off by attacking enemy troops, and forced to take cover in the cellar of a house. There he remained for three days, without food

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or water, until the enemy operated machine gun position on the floor above was demolished by friendly artillery. He escaped through the lines to the battalion aid station where he was found to be suffering from severe exposure and extreme exhaustion. He was ordered to the rear for rest and treatment but disregarding his personal welfare he insisted on returning to duty immediately. He remained on duty in spite of his exhausted condition until all available wounded had been treated and evacuated. Next of Kin: Frank R. Buncic, (father), 510 Sandusky Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

HAROLD D WILSON, 01 326 437, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Behren, France. While delivering supplies to his front line platoons, Lieutenant Wilson observed that the first platoon had become disorganized due to the loss of its leaders. Without regard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant Wilson went forward through enemy artillery and small arms fire to reorganize the men into a fighting force. By talking to the men and encouraging them to fire on the enemy, a base of fire was established which enabled an adjacent platoon to maneuver and successfully capture the company objective. Next of Kin: Charles W. Wilson, (father), Route #2, Rushville, Missouri.

IV -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

NATHAN COOPER, 36 111 111, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 276th Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 19 December 1944, at Command Post #2, Delta Base Section, France. When a cook on duty in the regimental headquarters company kitchen was suddenly engulfed in flames while he was lighting the fire unit from a field stove, Private First Class Cooper rushed to his rescue and with utter disregard for his own safety, threw the victim, whose clothing was ablaze, to the floor. Using a blanket and his own body he succeeded in smothering the flames, thereby saving his comrade from severe burns and possible loss of life. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

V -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action on 17 February 1945, in France:

THEODORE G THOMASSEN, 01 535 543, 1st Lieutenant, Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOHN B ANDEL, 38 2 1 446, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945, in the hills near Oetingen, France. After cutting through three rolls of concertina wire during a night attack to gain the high ground held by the enemy, Company E, 276th Infantry, was pinned down by intense machine gun, rifle fire, and grenades. Knowing that two comrades had been killed or seriously wounded by fire from a nearby dugout, Private First Class Andel voluntarily accompanied two other soldiers as ammunition bearer and rifle support and while his comrades were blasting out the enemy position with bazooka fire, killed one of the enemy. His brave action resulted in the capture of three prisoners and the subsequent accomplishment of the company mission. Entered military service from Rosenberg, Texas.

ANGELO A ARCURI, 20 544 329, First Sergeant, Infantry, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, at Forbach, France. During the attack on Forbach, when the riflemen were pinned down by enemy sniper fire, First Sergeant Arcuri, with bold initiative, ran through hostile fire to knock out the snipers with hand grenades. Although lightly wounded, he then successfully spurred his men forward and the advance resumed. Entered military service from Fairmont, West Virginia.

GERALD A BALES, 37 527 140, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 to 13 January 1945, in the vicinity of Obermuhlthal, France. For thirteen consecutive days of front line duty, Private First Class Bales not only accomplished his assignments as machine gunner with Company G, 275th Infantry, but performed numerous deeds beyond the call of duty. In one instance, on 11 January, in the absence of a medical aid man, he left cover during intensive action and exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire to remove and treat several wounded men. Again, on 13 January, he helped to bring needed ammunition and supplies through extremely heavy artillery fire to an isolated unit. Entered military service from Herrington, Kansas.

LLOYD G BARHAM, 38 515 076, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945, in the hills near Oetingen, France. After cutting through three rolls of concertina wire during a night attack to gain the high ground held by the enemy, Company E, 276th Infantry, was pinned down by intense machine gun, rifle fire, and grenades, just

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as it reached the strong enemy emplacements. Knowing that two comrades had been killed or seriously wounded by fire from an enemy dugout, Technical Sergeant Barham voluntarily accompanying two other soldiers, crawled forward, threw an illuminating white phosphorous grenade, and assisted in firing the bazooka which blasted out the enemy position. His courageous action resulted in the capture of three prisoners and enabled the company to advance and gain its objective. Entered military service from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

GEORGE H BARRITT, 20 720 982, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January and 20 February 1945, at Wintersberg and Forbach, France. On 15 January, during the assault made by the third platoon, Company I, 274th Infantry, Sergeant Barritt advanced over the open terrain and by continually firing his BAR, forced the enemy to keep well under cover. This did much to demoralize the enemy and made it possible for the platoon to continue the attack. Again on 20 February, although wounded by shrapnel during the action, Sergeant Barritt displayed outstanding leadership by taking his squad across 500 yards of open terrain through an enemy artillery barrage to successfully occupy the objective - a new section of Forbach. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

CLAUDE E BARTHOLOMEW, 6 263 004, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer (C) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Forbach, France. While engaged in mine detecting reconnaissance with a patrol, Corporal Bartholomew heard the cries for assistance of two infantrymen who had been severely wounded by an enemy anti-personnel mine located near a concertina obstacle. Although live enemy mines were scattered throughout the area and enemy snipers were known to be in the immediate vicinity, Corporal Bartholomew, on his own initiative, immediately cleared a path through the minefield and aided medical men in the evacuation of the wounded. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

WILLIAM C BECK III, O 555 939, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945, in the Niederbronn Forest, France. Lieutenant Beck was leading his patrol up "Wurtzelkopf" hill in the Niederbronn Forest when it was pinned down by enemy fire. Lieutenant Beck then took four men and without regard for his own safety, led them through enemy observation and fire to the top of the hill without sustaining any casualties. His brave action resulted in killing one of the enemy, wounding two, capturing one, and obtaining information of great value to ensuing operations. Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia.

RICHARD A BEYER, O 551 899, First Lieutenant, (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 to 28 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Taking over command of Company A, 274th Infantry, on 3 January 1945, during intensive action, First Lieutenant Beyer displayed outstanding leadership and ability in accomplishing all assigned missions until the engagements were concluded on 28 January 1945. Occupying critical high ground, the company repulsed a strong counter attack on 4 January and until ordered to advance on 16 January, successfully stopped enemy patrols from infiltrating friendly territory. On 16 January the company accomplished the difficult mission of advancing and taking prominent ground, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and keeping company casualties at a minimum. Entered military service from Shawano, Wisconsin.

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ALVIN G BOELTER, 37 572 963, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in Philippsbourg, France. Completely disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Boelter crawled along a railroad track through heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire to administer first aid to wounded men. His brave action resulted in the successful evacuation of eight wounded men. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

ARTHUR A BROWN, 39 455 837, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the periods 9 to 21 January and 15 to 21 February at Niederbronn and Behren, France. During these two periods of intense fighting, Private First Class Brown displayed outstanding courage in steadfastly manning his observation post, although hampered by extreme cold, heavy snow, and under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. On several occasions he left his observation post and crawled under heavy enemy shell fire to repair communication lines knocked out by enemy action. His untiring and prompt transmission of accurate data by which friendly artillery and mortar fire could adjust on enemy positions contributed greatly to the success of the company mission. Entered military service from Grangeville, Idaho.

FRED J CASSIDY, O 553 863, First Lieutenant, (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 4 to 7 January 1945, at Wingen, France. During four days of critical engagements with the enemy Lieutenant Cassidy achieved excellent results by making a personal reconnaissance of the enemy before deploying his men for each attack. By careful planning and courageous leadership, he inspired the confidence and respect of his men. On 6 January, the enemy launched a counter attack against the left flank of his company with such force that it was forced to withdraw. Without regard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant Cassidy manned a machine gun while being subjected to withering enemy fire to cover the withdrawal of the first and third platoons. Some time later, Lieutenant Cassidy rallied his men together and again attacked this time successfully evicting the enemy and capturing the town. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

LEWIS A DOUGHERTY, 02 048 896, First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 to 6 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. After giving first aid to two soldiers while under enemy fire, Lieutenant Dougherty moved them into a pillbox and left to get his jeep to evacuate them to the aid station. Finding his jeep captured, he returned to the wounded men only to find their pillbox occupied by the enemy. With another soldier he took cover in the cellar of a house for three days, until the enemy operated machine gun position on the floor above was demolished by friendly artillery. He escaped through the lines to the battalion aid station where he was found to be suffering from severe exposure and extreme exhaustion. He was ordered to the rear for rest and treatment but disregarding his personal welfare, insisted on returning to duty immediately. He remained on duty in spite of his exhausted condition until all available wounded had been treated and evacuated. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

ADRON O GATELY, 38 563 867, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 to 21 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Private First Class

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Gateley, acting as a litter bearer, volunteered on many occasions to go on litter hauls through heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, even when it was not his turn to go. His devotion to duty and courage meant the speedy evacuation of casualties, with the probable saving of many lives. Entered military service from Altua, Oklahoma.

HERBERT H HAHN, 37 477 009, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 and 7 February 1945, in the hills north of Gaubivingen, France. For forty four continuous hours of intense engagements with the enemy, Private First Class Hahn, a company messenger, maintained vital communications for three companies with the CP, 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry. Although lacking experience, he successfully operated an SCR-300 radio and assisted in operating and maintaining an EE-8-A telephone. His requests for counter-battery mortar and artillery fire assisted in checking or stopping enemy barrages. When the companies withdrew, he was one of the last to leave and abandoned his communications equipment only when it became entangled in concertina wire. His bravery under fire and his successful handling of vital work beyond his assigned duty contributed materially to the success of the engagements. Entered military service from Fort Crook, Nebraska.

PAUL C JEHL, 35 557 200, Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. Company A, 274th Infantry, was ordered to withdraw from its position during the night of 16 January, but Sergeant Jehl decided to stay with his light machine gun and cover the company withdrawal. The enemy, sensing the company movement, attacked and dropped a grenade into the machine gun emplacement with no damage. Sergeant Jehl went into action with his machine gun and with the aid of one rifleman, stopped the counter attack and drove the enemy back. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

WAYNE D LAYNE, 33 655 242, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January and 20 February 1945, at Wintersberg and Forbach, France. His company about to launch an attack on enemy held high ground near Wintersberg, Staff Sergeant Layne, after a personal reconnaissance to determine the exact enemy location, led his men in a bold assault on the enemy positions, and was among the first to reach his company's objective. At Forbach, on 20 January, he displayed outstanding leadership in urging a platoon forward through artillery and small arms fire to capture the platoon objective but was stopped short of his goal by shell fire which broke his leg. His brave action enabled the platoon to advance and accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Adington, Virginia.

MARVIN G MYRVOLD, 36 227 093, Private, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Acting under orders, Private Myrvold organized a patrol and moved out into enemy territory. On running into enemy strong points, he maneuvered the patrol around these positions and, without the loss of personnel, moved on to accomplish his mission. On the basis of information gained by the patrol, enemy strong points were knocked out, allowing another company to move forward. Entered military service from Hudson, Wisconsin.

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JOHN NIETO JR, 37 708 562, Sergeant, (then Private) Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 8 to 21 January 1945 near Philippsbourg, France. Sergeant Nieto deployed his squad on the open right flank of Company A, 274th Infantry when it occupied defensive positions near Philipsbourg. Sergeant Nieto was instrumental in beating back three counterattacks while being subjected to constant observation and sniper fire in his exposed position. The devotion to duty and the utter disregard for his own safety in holding his position gave the company time to effect a safe withdrawal, and the safe evacuation of the wounded. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

WILLARD F ORR, 39 026 616, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. Serving as the lead scout for a six man patrol, Private First Class Orr encountered an enemy patrol of 25--two of whom he killed immediately with rifle fire. After signaling his patrol into better positions he accounted for two more of the enemy, and then the combined power of the six man patrol dispersed the hostile patrol. By his alertness and prompt action his patrol was saved from ambush was able to accomplish its mission to get information and to destroy enemy communication lines. Entered military service from Libby, Montana.

FRANK P PARIS, 32 676 152, Sergeant, (then Private First Class) Infantry Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Behren, France. During an attack near Behren, the second and part of the first platoons, Company F, 274th Infantry, were pinned down by enemy fire. This enemy fire caught one squad leader on open terrain where he was unable to gain cover or protection. Seeing that the squad leader was severely injured, Sergeant Paris rushed forward in the face of enemy fire and dragged the squad leader to safety. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

DAVID T PARKER, 39 210 517, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 13 to 18 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Private First Class Parker, company messenger, displayed outstanding valor during the attack on Philippsbourg, in maintaining the sole communication between the company command post and platoon locations. For five days, though subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire, he accomplished approximately six trips each day, over hilly and wooded terrain, to successfully maintain the vital communication. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

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JOHN D PITTMAN, 38 497 434, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 to 21 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Private First Class Pittman volunteered to go on litter cases through heavy concentrations of enemy fire, in many instances, even when it was not his team's turn to go. His courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in the rapid evacuation of casualties for medical care, and contributed to the possible saving of many lives. Entered military service from Bogalosa, Louisiana.

WILLIAM F RILEY, O 354 533, Captain, Infantry, Company E, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 6 to 8 February 1945 in the vicinity of Gaubivingen, France. Attacking at night over open terrain against an enemy network of trenches studded with automatic weapons and protected by barbed wire and mines, Captain Riley maintained excellent control of his company to successfully reach his objective. An adjacent company considerably disrupted by similar opposition was completely disorganized when the enemy counter-attacked the following night. Captain Riley organized what elements of the beleagured company he could contact and attached them to Company E. Ordered to withdraw under cover of darkness, Captain Riley maintained control and contact so well that the company sustained only minimum casualties. Captain Riley also commanded a similar withdrawal of an adjacent heavy weapons platoon that had lost its leader. By his coolness and courage, he led his company to a successful completion of its mission and as a result, was a major factor in the successful battalion attack. Entered military service from Lineville, Alabama.

KENNETH E ROBINSON, 36 010 018, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. During the attack on Philippsbourg, Company A, 274th Infantry while crossing an open field was pinned down by artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Three men were wounded during the company advance and because of the enemy fire, aid men were unable to proceed into the area. Sergeant Robinson, without regard for his own safety, went to the aid of the wounded and evacuated them to cover where first aid was administered. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

OLIVER E ROSTAIN, 39 550 848, Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 4 to 5 January 1945. During a fire fight in the vicinity of Philippsbourg, France, Sergeant Rostain, communications Sergeant, disregarded his own personal safety while being subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to maintain signal communications with Battalion Headquarters and other companies. His devotion to duty greatly aided the success of battalion operations. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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WILLIAM W TUCKER, 34 435 400, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action in the hills north of Gaubivingen, France. Following the connecting file between Companies E and F, 274th Infantry, during a night attack of the 2d Battalion on strongly held enemy positions, Staff Sergeant Tucker, while laying wire to a proposed 81mm mortar OP, found that contact had been lost between the two companies. Quickly realizing that the attack required coordination, he immediately moved at great personal risk through intense enemy fire, to establish vital contact between the companies. Succeeding, he and his wireman, continued, despite hostile machine gun and artillery fire, to advance and set up his mortar OP. Finding his OP the only one successfully established, he observed and adjusted mortar and artillery fire for the entire battalion--all the while subjected to enemy shelling. His quick awareness of the importance of his position and his ability to overcome difficult obstacles facilitated the battalion's success in gaining and holding its objective. Entered military service from Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

CHARLES D WOODS, 02 006 154, 2d Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. With several men of his squad wounded, one unable to move, Lieutenant Woods guided to safety those wounded who were able to walk. Then, courageously returning, under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he picked up the helplessly wounded soldier and, without regard for his own personl safety, carried him to cover--thereby saving his comrade's life. Entered military service from Burley, Idaho.

ROBERT L ZASS, 36 982 720, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. While guarding an approach to the positions of Company A, 274th Infantry, Private First Class Zass observed the approach of an enemy patrol of one officer and seven soldiers. Patiently permitting the patrol to advance to within 35 yards of his position he opened fire and killed the entire group. Entered military service from West Allis, Wisconsin.

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

WILLIAM C MEARSE, 36 977 620, Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1945, near Lixingen, France. When a night raiding patrol, assigned the mission of capturing prisoners, was pinned down by hostile machine gun fire, Sergeant Mearse volunteered to accompany an officer on the hazardous task of continuing the mission. Accompanied by the officer, he crawled 300 yards down an observed snow covered slope, under machine gun and mortar fire. Eluding a sentinel, the two men stealthily entered Lixingen and effected the capture of two sentries who were guarding a roadblock. Disarming the prisoners, Sergeant Mearse and the officer brought them to the waiting patrol without drawing enemy fire along the dangerous route. Sergeant Mearse's gallant action was instrumental in the success of the mission and reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mary L Mearse, (mother), Route #1, Flintville, Tennessee.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the first Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

JACK E SKINNER, 6 285 557, Sergeant, (then Corporal), Infantry, Company G, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945, at Grosbliederstroff, France. Displaying outstanding leadership in keeping his battle green platoon in fighting formation, Sergeant Skinner led his men to the successful completion of their mission during the company raid on Grosbliederstroff. When two of his comrades were wounded in the fighting and lay in the open exposed to further enemy fire, Sergeant Skinner, with total disregard for his own safety, went to their rescue and effected their evacuation under full observation and heavy machine gun fire from the enemy. Next of Kin: Lora Bowles, (mother), 1217 North Boston Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

CLARENCE BENTLEY, 35 769 048, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 18 February 1945, at Kerbach, France. Amid a hail of artillery fire, with infiltrating enemy on three sides of his machine gun position, Private First Class Bentley stuck to his post, throwing

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fire into the advancing enemy. His coolness and exceptional skill were proven when daylight revealed the extent of his night action: 17 enemy dead littered the area immediately in front of and around his machine gun. Private First Class Bentley's action stopped a determined enemy drive which, had it succeeded, would have jeopardized the position of the entire battalion. Entered military service from Etty, Kentucky.

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ELMO L CHAPPELL, 34 824 497, Technical Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, in the Sangen Wald Forest, France. His platoon held close to the ground by intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire, Technical Sergeant Chappell, valiantly leaping to his feet and urging his men to follow, charged across open terrain to attack enemy pillboxes defended by about 100 men. Inspired, his platoon overran the enemy positions and captured 70 prisoners. His gallant leadership was instrumental in the success of his company in gaining its objectives. Entered military service from Dickson, Tennessee.

RALPH W TENNEY, 20 748 814, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1945, in the Niederbronn Forest, France. The advance of Company I, 274th Infantry, being stopped by hostile machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Tenney, aided by cover from a comrade's automatic rifle, took advantage of a slight ground fold to crawl under the hazardous fire and flank the enemy position. As he approached the position, the enemy crew threw two potato mashers within a few feet of him. These failed to explode, and taking advantage of the situation he fired several rapid shots and killed the hostile crew. His gallant action at great personal risk permitted his platoon to advance and his company to secure an initial objective. Entered military service from Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

WILLIS T WALHOOD, O 549 516, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 February 1945, near Forbach, France. Company I, 274th Infantry, was occupying a defensive position on a hill near Forbach when the enemy, about to launch a night counter attack, fired a heavy artiller barrage. Lieutenant Walhood, though wounded by the artillery fire, led his platoon in a bold charge through the enemy barrage and personally killed the officer leading the enemy counter attack. Inspired by the intrepidity of their leader, the men of his platoon contributed materially toward repelling the hostile attack. Entered military service from Leonard, North Dakota.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JOHN E BARRETT, O 331 771, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 276th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 29 December 1944 to 17 January 1945 in the vicinity of Wingen, France. During this period, Captain Barrett provided constant communications throughout his regiment despite seven moves in five different battle sectors, by efficiently keeping the regimental radio, wire, and messenger facilities functioning effectively at all times. In one instance, when the enemy overran Wingen and the principal lines were lost, Captain Barrett displayed exceptional resourcefulness in restoring vital communications with a minimum loss of time. Entered military service from New London, Connecticut

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JOHN BACHE-WIIG, JR, 31 351 620, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. While crossing an open field, Company A, 274th Infantry, was pinned down by enemy fire, sustaining several casualties. Hearing the cries of the wounded, Private First Class Bache-Wiig dashed into the dangerous open terrain twice and, utterly disregarding his own safety, aided in the evacuation of seriously wounded men under enemy observation and fire. His selfless action was directly responsible for saving the lives of the wounded men. Entered military service from Augusta, Maine.

PATRICK J BARRY, 39 212 736, 1st Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. While crossing an open field, Company A, 274th Infantry, was pinned down by enemy fire, sustaining several casualties. Hearing the cries of the wounded, 1st Sergeant Barry dashed into the dangerous open terrain twice and, disregarding his own safety, aided in the evacuation of seriously wounded men under enemy observation and fire. His selfless action was directly responsible for saving the lives of the wounded men. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

WILLIAM F BUBECK, 36 377 833, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, at Wingen, France. When the advance of supporting tanks was stopped by enemy anti-tank mines during the battle for Wingen, Private First Class Bubeck and a group of four proceeded ahead of the tanks seeking to clear the mine field. Completely unarmed, in order to successfully operate a mine detector, he advanced through heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire and completed his hazardous mission, permitting the armor to advance. His action contributed greatly to the subsequent capture of the village. Entered military service from Marshall, Illinois.

JOHN W CATHEY, 20 832 098, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Behren, France. When Company L, 274th Infantry, was pinned down by heavy fire from two enemy machine guns, Sergeant Cathey, exhibiting unusual bravery and ability, led his squad to the enemy's flank where he killed one of the enemy and captured the remaining three along with the two guns. The success of the mission enabled the company to advance and gain its objective. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

WALLACE R CHEVES, O 362 598, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters 274th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 to 31 January 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Cheves commanded a unit new to combat when it was committed to assist in stopping a major enemy drive into the Hardt mountains of Alsace, France. In a rapidly changing situation, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves maneuvered his battalion quickly and smoothly to points where his troops were promptly committed. By his careful planning and personal supervision his battalion contributed materially to the failure of the enemy offensive. Entered military service from Anderson, South Carolina.

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JOSEPH E CZUBAN, 36 967 859, Private First Class, (then Private), Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, at Wingen, France. When the advance of supporting tanks was stopped by enemy anti-tank mines, Private First Class Czuban, with four other men, proceeded to clear a path for the tanks. He advanced at the head of the mine clearing crew under continuous machine gun and sniper fire, affording them protection and enabling them to clear the mines. His courageous action also aided the tanks to spot and bring fire on the hostile positions. Entered military service from Oak Lawn, Illinois.

ELLSWORTH R EIDENMULLER, 39 041 159, Technician Grade Five, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 648th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, near Forbach, France. When he noticed a group of wounded infantrymen nearby, Technician Eidenmuller left the comparative safety of his position to go to their assistance. In the face of intense mortar and artillery fire, he courageously made his way to their position and though wounded by shrapnel in the action, succeeded in administering first aid to the men. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

JIM C FRANKLIN, 38 699 841, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. When a friendly tank was hit and set afire by enemy action, Staff Sergeant Franklin, aware that the operator was trapped inside, left his covered position and dashed to the blazing tank. Without regard for his own safety, he courageously assisted in the rescue of the operator under enemy observation and small arms fire. Entered military service from San Angelo, Texas.

WALTER W GREENHALGH, O 297 810, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 274th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 to 31 January 1945. Major Greenhalgh was operations officer of a unit new to combat when it was committed to assist in stopping a major enemy drive into the Hardt mountains of Alsace, France. In the bitter fighting which occurred during this period, the rapid shifting of units to meet new threats was many times required. Major Greenhalgh met each threat or attack with a prompt and carefully planned maneuver or counter measure. By his prompt and energetic action, careful and timely coordination and personal supervision of all operations, Major Greenhalgh contributed materially to the failure of the enemy offensive. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

IRA C HATCH, 6 152 591, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945. When the advance of supporting tanks was stopped by anti-tank mines, Private First Class Hatch, with four other men, went ahead to clear a path for the tanks. Working while exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, he detonated the mines which had been spotted by other men of the crew. His action enabled the armor to move forward and contributed greatly to the capture of Wingen, France. Entered military service from Hampton, New Hampshire.

KARL S LANDSTROM, O 270 342, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 to 31 January 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Landstrom commanded a unit new to combat when it was committed to assist in stopping a major enemy drive into the Hardt mountains of Alsace, France. In a rapidly changing situation, Lieutenant Colonel Landstrom maneuvered his battalion quickly and smoothly to points

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where his troops were promptly committed. By his careful planning and personal supervision his battalion contributed materially to the failure of the enemy offensive. Entered military service from Albany, Oregon.

WOODROW W LATHAM, 01 318 451, Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 276th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action from 26 December 1944 to 17 January 1945, in Alsace, France. During this period, Captain Latham was regimental motor officer of the 276th Infantry. His skillful use of available transportation and excellent routing of movements involving the entire personnel of the regiment brought the unit into position on schedule to engage the enemy in five different battle sectors. In spite of adverse conditions, repair and maintenance of vehicles was carried on and the motor transportation of the regiment kept in a high state of operating efficiency. Entered military service from Maplesville, Alabama.

HERMAN M LEVINSON, O 311 313, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 276th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action from 26 December 1944 to 4 February 1945 in Alsace, France. During this period, Major Levinson, through exceptional resourcefulness, supplied his regiment with adequate amounts of rations, ammunition, and fuel, and maintained the unit's vehicles in the highest possible state of usefulness and availability. His outstanding service was rendered at a time when the regiment was attached to another division, functioning at times virtually as a separate unit, and without the services normally furnished by a G-4 section. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

JAMES C MARTENS, 13 103 992, Sergeant, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 14 January 1945, near Niederbronn, France. Sergeant Martens displayed outstanding courage in crawling through heavy enemy artillery and automatic weapons fire to evacuate a seriously wounded comrade. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM J McCUNE, 37 666 609, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. When his company was ordered to withdraw from its positions during the night, Sergeant McCune with a comrade, elected to stay with his light machine gun and cover the withdrawal. Sensing the movement, the enemy attacked and dropped a grenade into his gun emplacement, shaking up the men. Sergeant McCune then went into action with his machine gun and, alternating with M-1 rifle fire, stopped the counter attack. Entered military service from Eagle Grove, Iowa.

MYRON B MEEHAN, 39 321 587, Technician Grade Four, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 3 to 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of Philippsbourg, France. During this period of intensive fighting, Technician Meehan, with utter disregard for his personal safety, repeatedly exposed himself to enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to attend wounded men. His courageous action saved the lives of many of his comrades. Entered military service from Medford, Oregon.

HENRY L NORTON, 37 234 961, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. During a night engagement with the enemy, the radio and phone communications for the 1st Battalion, 274th Infantry, were disrupted. Completely disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Norton,

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messenger for the battalion commander, successfully ran vital messages across exposed terrain, under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, until he received a leg wound. His courageous acts established battalion contacts that otherwise could not have been made. Entered military service from Larned, Kansas.

JOHN J PASSANISI, 02 048 443, 1st Lieutenant, (then 2d Lieutenant), Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action on 11 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. When a basement CP was directly hit by an enemy artillery shell, great devastation resulted and several casualties were sustained. Immediately upon receiving a call for help, Lieutenant Passanisi with all available litter teams moved into the village through the concentrated enemy artillery and mortar barrage, and with speed and dexterity evacuated the wounded. His expert supervision of the operation was instrumental in saving the lives of at least seven men. Entered military service from Boston, Massachussetts.

WILLIAM P REED, 33 730 959, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Behren, France. When his company launched an attack, Staff Sergeant Reed was called upon to assume command of his platoon. Encountering heavy fire from two enemy machine guns, an adjacent platoon was pinned down. Acting under orders, Staff Sergeant Reed led a squad through heavily wooded terrain, outflanked the enemy positions, and effectively silenced the two guns, killing one and capturing three of the crew members. His prompt action permitted the attack to resume and enabled the company to gain its objective. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

CARL R RHODES, 14 070 113, Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 14 January 1945, near Niederbronn, France. Sergeant Rhodes displayed outstanding courage in crawling through heavy enemy artillery and automatic weapons fire to direct a mortar barrage on enemy positions. During this action he also assisted in the successful evacuation of a seriously wounded comrade. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

BEN P RYBICKI, 32 993 356, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, at Wingen, France. During the attack on Wingen, when the advance of supporting tanks was stopped by enemy anti-tank mines, Sergeant Rybicki, with four other men, proceeded in front of the tanks, seeking to clear the mine field. Completely unarmed, in order to successfully operate a mine detector, he advanced through heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire to accomplish the hazardous mission, permitting the armor to move forward. His action contributed greatly to the subsequent capture of the village. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

NEAL R STUBBS, 34 477 713, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, in the vicinity of Forbach, France. During a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Private First Class Stubbs, while assisting in the evacuation of wounded men, sustained a back wound when hit by a shell fragment. Appreciating the urgent need for first aid for other casualties in the field, he refused medical attention and on his own initiative continued to attend his wounded comrades under constant enemy fire. His devotion to duty provided medical aid to many wounded who otherwise would have been neglected. Entered military service from Learned, Mississippi.

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FRANCIS L THOMPSON, 01 310 652, Captain, Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945, in the Niederbronn Forest, France. While visiting a platoon of his company, Captain Thompson heard an enemy patrol of about twenty men attempting to infiltrate the left flank. Quickly organizing a combat patrol he led a vigorous attack, routing the enemy. Boldly seizing the opportunity to develop the enemy situation on the left flank, Captain Thompson, using one squad as a base of fire, led two squads on a flanking movement, where he encountered about thirty enemy in dug in positions. In the action, Captain Thompson was seriously wounded by enemy fire and the movement prevented from continuing. His display of personal courage and initiative was an inspiration to all men of his company. Entered military service from Helena, Arkansas.

JOHN WOYCHIO, 7 024 539, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, at Wingen, France. When the advance of supporting tanks was stopped by enemy anti-tank mines, Private First Class Woychio, with four other men, proceeded to clear a path for the tanks. He advanced at the head of the mine clearing crew under continuous machine gun and sniper fire, affording them protection and enabling them to clear the mines. His courageous action also aided the tanks to spot and bring fire on the hostile positions. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

JOHN S ZYNSKY, 31 310 064, Corporal, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. While crossing an open field, Company A, 274th Infantry, was pinned down by enemy fire, sustaining several casualties. Corporal Zynsky, company aid man, dashed into the open terrain twice and, utterly disregarding his own safety, aided the evacuation of seriously wounded men, under enemy observation and fire. His selfless action was directly responsible for saving the lives of wounded men. Entered military service from Medford, Massachussetts.

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following individual:

ROBERT H WARDELL, O 551 903, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945, near Wingen, France. Assigned the dangerous mission of taking a fortified enemy machine gun position, Lieutenant Wardell maneuvered his platoon into attack, only to be thrown back by heavy machine gun fire. Utterly disregarding his own safety, Lieutenant Wardell bravely moved alone to within ten feet of the enemy emplacement and while attempting to knock out the position with hand grenades, was mortally wounded by machine gun fire. His gallant action, by diverting the enemy fire, permitted the platoon to advance and take the enemy position. His sacrifice reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Claude R Wardell (father), 500 West Walnut, Arcadia, California.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individuals:

PHILIP F KEEFE, 31 310 118, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. When the advance of two attacking squads was held up by enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Keefe, exposing himself to the hostile fire, moved to a position from which he was able to deliver rifle fire upon the enemy. His fire killed one enemy gunner and forced the remainder to withdraw. His action relieved the pressure on the two squads and permitted the attack to resume. Next of Kin: Mrs. Helen Keefe, (mother), 195½ Newton Street, Waltham, Massachussetts.

JACK B WALLACE, 01 312 763, Captain, Infantry, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945. Having the mission of attacking enemy held positions located on the high ground north of Philippsbourg, France, Captain Wallace displayed outstanding courage in leading his company through heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire to take the objective. Captain Wallace's coolness, determination, and excellent leadership made it possible for the company to accomplish its mission. Next of Kin: Mary J. Wallace, (wife), 427 Jackson Street, Sandusky, Ohio.

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III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individual:

COLLIN W COX, 34 664 022, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company L, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, at Wingen, France. When his platoon and supporting tanks were stopped by sniper and bazooka fire in the attack on Wingen, Technician Cox, in his first combat experience, courageously rushed into the enemy fire and with two bazooka shells knocked out a nearby sniper and a hostile bazooka man. Although wounded in the action, he crawled back to his unit carrying his weapons with him. His gallantry and prompt action under fire saved his platoon and the tanks from ravaging enemy fire. Entered military service from Fienton, North Carolina.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

ROGER L CONARTY, 026 067, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 276th Infantry for meritorious achievement in action from 17 to 23 February 1945, in the vicinity of Oeting and Forbach, France. Entered United States Military Academy from Carlsbad, New Mexico.

EDWIN G EVANS, 36 683 183, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 270th Engineer (c) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Kerbach, France. When friendly tanks and supporting infantry were held up by an enemy mine field, Sergeant Evans, despite a heavy fog, courageously crawled under intense enemy small arms and mortar fire to remove sufficient mines to permit the tanks and infantry to advance and assault the village. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DENO A GAFFI, 39 337 447, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 270th Engineer (c) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945 at Etzling, France. In order that friendly tanks might move up to support pinned down Infantry, Private First Class Gaffi courageously disregarded the heavy hostile fire which was directed at him to successfully clear the enemy mines from the path of the advancing armor. His brave action permitted the tanks to move into attack, and the Infantry to advance to its objective. Entered military service from Kelso, Washington.

RALPH N MacNAUGHTON, 32 917 548, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, at Oeting, France. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and 88mm fire, Private First Class MacNaughton noticed a comrade nearby who had been severely wounded. Leaving his covered position, he bravely disregarded the dangerous enemy fire to move to the wounded man and drag him to cover, where he administered first aid. His prompt action in all probability saved his wounded comrades life and was an inspiration to the rest of the men. Entered military service from Dover, New Jersey.

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IRVING SCHULTZ, 32 214 344, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945 and 22 February 1945, at Philippsbourg and Spicheren, France. During an enemy attack, Technician Schultz, without regard for his personal safety, braved heavy enemy shell fire to treat wounded men. On 22 February 1945, at Spicheren, he repeatedly crawled under spraying machine gun fire to give aid to wounded comrades until wounded by the enemy fire. Entered military service from Queens, New York.

So much of Paragraph III, General Orders Number 16, this Headquarters, dated 11 March 1945, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Elmo L Chappell, 34 824 497, Company B, 274th Infantry, which reads "the Silver Star", is amended to read "the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star".

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following individual:

LEE ROY G FULCHER, 33 731 054, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. Following preparation artillery fire by fifty yards, Company I, 275th Infantry, crossed 600 yards of open terrain and was closing with the enemy when hostile machine guns opened up on the flank. Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant Fulcher with three comrades, charged the enemy position, firing as they ran. Their bullets spent, they continued on and completed the attack with bayonets, killing three and capturing six enemy. In the action Staff Sergeant Fulcher sustained wounds which later proved fatal. His gallantry exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Naomi Fulcher (mother), 303 E Street, Sparrow Point, Baltimore, Maryland.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individuals:

LOUIS M AMBROSE, 31 467 259, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 January 1945, at Lixing, France. Accompanying a combat patrol Private First Class Ambrose volunteered to lead a five man squad in a house to house search for the enemy. In pursuing his mission he was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire and rather than further endanger his comrades, he ordered them to abandon their efforts to evacuate him and to take cover. Subsequently, several attempts were made to reach Private First Class Ambrose, but observed enemy fire denied the efforts. His gallant action and concern for his comrades exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Celia Ambrose, (mother), 433 Winthrop Street, Winthrop, Massachussetts.

JOHN W GRUN, 36 682 005, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Philippsbourg, France. Given the task of clearing enemy forces from a position in front of his company, Technical Sergeant Grun valiantly led a combat patrol in a frontal assault. Although exposed to murderous artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, he pressed forward unflinchingly until the overwhelming enemy fire

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power forced him to withdraw. Ignoring the curtain of shell fragments which surrounded him, Sergeant Grun displayed outstanding courage and unselfishness in skillfully herding his patrol to safety. Just prior to reaching the safe confines of his company, he fell to the ground mortally wounded by an enemy mortar shell burst. His gallantry exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mildred J Grun, (wife), 185 South Dennis Street, Decatur, Illinois.

WILLIAM T LINDENZWEIG, 34 657 464, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 8 to 14 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. For eight days of intensive engagements with the enemy, Private First Class Lindenzweig successfully protected the left flank of his company with BAR fire. To accomplish this hazardous job he frequently had to expose himself to hostile rifle and machine gun fire, to bring fire on the enemy. Private First Class Lindenzweig killed at least five of the enemy before he fell mortally wounded by opposing fire. His heroic devotion to duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Carl R Lindenzweig, (father), Kershaw, South Carolina.

GERALD G LUTHER, 19 095 159, Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. Assigned the hazardous task of clearing enemy from several houses, Sergeant Luther, utterly disregarding the hazard of exposing himself to heavy enemy 88mm and small arms fire, skillfully led his squad from house to house, pushing forward until his mission was successfully completed. His excellent leadership under fire was largely responsible for the success of an important attack made by Company B, 274th Infantry. His gallantry exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs Madelin [illegible] (mother), 3824 34th Street SW, Seattle, Washington.

JOHN A THEOBALD, 36 982 802, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945, near Forbach, France. While covering the advance of riflemen with his machine gun, Private First Class Theobald saw a soldier fall wounded by surprise fire from enemy snipers and automatic weapons. Abandoning concern for his own safety, he left his covered position, and in successfully dragging the wounded comrade to safety was mortally wounded. His heroic action and noble sacrifice for a fellow soldier exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Helen I Theobald, (wife), 15144 Breast Road, Lincoln Park, Michigan.

XII - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

GEORGE H BARRITT, 20 720 982, Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Despite heavy enemy artillery fire and intensive automatic and small arms fire, Sergeant Barritt, with great daring, led his squad toward a proposed location for the battalion outpost. While he was crossing a field, a close burst threw him to the

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ground and wounded him internally. Disregarding his painful wounds, Sergeant Barritt rallied his squad, advanced, and completed the mission. His gallant action was a great inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

IVAN J BURKET, 02 006 351, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. While at an 81mm mortar OP, Lieutenant Burket, observing an enemy counter attack, attempted to fight it off with hand grenades. When the enemy closed in, making his position untenable, he grabbed an arm load of hand grenades and ran to a pillbox twenty yards away. During this action an enemy rifle shot pierced both forearms, forcing him to drop the grenades. Inside the pillbox, he directed the bracketing in of approximately 400 rounds of mortar shells on the enemy all around the pillbox. Directly as a result of his gallant actions, the counter attack was stopped. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

OLLIE DAVIS, 38 656 201, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, in the vicinity of Forbach, France. Advancing elements of two companies were held up by machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox. Staff Sergeant Davis and two others volunteered to assault the occupants of the pillbox. Exposed to enemy mortar, artillery, sniper and machine gun fire, he skillfully led his two men to a position where they effectively wiped out the enemy resistance by accurate rifle fire and the use of hand grenades. His courageous action made it possible for the two elements to advance and gain their objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Istrouma, Louisiana.

JOHN A FERRERA, 32 611 351, Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 24 February 1945, near Alsting, France. Sergeant Ferrera was in charge of a heavy machine gun section during a strong enemy counter attack. Continuously exposing himself to enemy fire, he moved from one gun position to another, keeping his machine guns in action even after supporting riflemen had withdrawn. Though he was wounded in the action, his section killed twenty-five of the enemy and, against overwhelming odds, prevented a breakthrough. His gallant behaviour throughout the engagement was a source of great inspiration and encouragement to his men. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

MARION McDOWELL, 36 049 932, Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, in the Pfaffen Wald Forest, France. After he had courageously moved his bazooka team into position to attack approaching enemy tanks, a direct hit from an enemy tank instantly killed the two bazooka men and shattered Sergeant McDowell's left arm. He had withdrawn to cover and was working his way to the rear when he observed a wounded comrade who lay still exposed to the murderous tank fire. Hampered by his wounds, which had rendered his left arm completely useless, he braved direct fire from the tanks to move to the wounded man and drag him to safety. Later, his shattered arm still unattended, he assisted a group of walking wounded to the aid station. Entered military service from Barnhill, Illinois.

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ROY L VAUGHT, 01 307 889, Captain, (then 1st Lieutenant), Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action during the period 5 to 6 February 1945, in the vicinity of Philippsbourg, France. Upon receiving instructions to take high ground in a heavily wooded sector, Captain Vaught rallied his company and moved to clear the enemy from the hill. Continuously exposing himself to intensive enemy small arms fire, he moved about his platoons, superbly controlling the attack and successfully accomplishing the mission with a minimum of casualties. After dark, Captain Vaught fell, fracturing two ribs, but knowing the enemy was preparing a counter attack, he refused evacuation. The next day the enemy's counter attack was met and repulsed, owing largely to Captain Vaught's skillful preparation of defensive positions. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

IV -- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following individual:

ROY L VAUGHT, 01 307 889, Captain, (then 1st Lieutenant), Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945, in the vicinity of Spicheren, France. Ordered to take heavily fortified bunkers in which the enemy was firmly entrenched on the strategic Spicheren Heights, Captain Vaught skillfully and courageously led his company through a blistering hail of enemy small arms, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to accomplish the hazardous mission. Despite three determined enemy counter attacks, the company, under Captain Vaught's superb leadership, held the heights and repelled the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties. The victory, which secured territory commanding important approaches to the Saar Basin, was a severe psychological as well as military blow to the enemy. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JOHN L BAILEY, 13 108 313, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company B, 270th Engineer (c) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Grosbliederstroff, France. While on a bridge and road reconnaissance near an enemy held town, Corporal Bailey and a comrade were fired upon from a house at the edge of the town. Ducking into a ditch and then courageously moving up to the enemy position, they effected the capture of sixteen prisoners without another shot being fired. Turning the prisoners over to the stockade, Corporal Bailey then resumed and successfully accomplished his assigned mission. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

MILO BOWEN, 39 175 755, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 17 to 23 February 1945 near Saarbrucken, Germany. For seven days, Corporal Bowen, with courageous determination, installed and kept in constant repair vital interbattalion communication under enemy mortar and artillery fire varying from sporadic rounds to concentrated barrages. Although seriously wounded on 23 February, Corporal Bowen refused evacuation, and despite his pain, continued operations until all communications were satisfactorily installed. Entered military service from Kootenai County, Idaho.

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OLIVER A BROWN, 37 535 516, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers Company B, 270th Engineer (c) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Grosbliederstroff, France. While on a bridge and road reconnaissance near an enemy held village, Technician Brown and a comrade were fired upon from a house at the edge of the village. Ducking into a ditch, and then courageously moving up to the enemy position, they effected the capture of sixteen prisoners without another shot being fired. Turning the prisoners over to the stockade, Technician Brown then resumed and successfully completed his assigned mission. Entered military service from Independence, Missouri.

FRANCIS J CUFFARO, 33 514 027, Private First Class, Armored Force, Company B, 749th Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945. Encountering entrenched enemy resistance, an infantry attack was stopped in the woods north of Etzling, France, and in moving up for support, a tank platoon was practically stopped by heavy mud. Sensing the situation, Private First Class Cuffaro and his tank commander dismounted, and by strenuous effort freed their tank, and then skillfully moved it into an effective position. Courageously firing a 75mm cannon and a 30mm machine gun, Private First Class Cuffaro broke the enemy resistance and rescued the Infantry from a difficult position, enabling it to advance and gain its objective. In the action twenty-one prisoners were captured. Entered military service from York, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM W GEIER, 32 925 161, Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class) Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 to 6 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. Third Battalion, 275th Infantry, experienced great difficulty in maintaining wire communications owing to the effectiveness of enemy fire. Technician Geier, (company messenger), volunteering as battalion runner, exhibited outstanding courage in successfully delivering vital communications, despite concentrations of mortar and artillery fire and the hazard of running under observation of enemy snipers. On one occasion he daringly delivered a message up a street covered by an active 88mm gun. Entered military service from Paterson, New Jersey.

SHELDON L HARRIMAN, 36 468 411, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. When an enemy mortar shell hit a company listening post, Private First Class Harriman, dazed but uninjured, found two of his comrades wounded and one dead. Realizing that the wounded men needed prompt medical attention, he courageously half-carried, half walked them under a hail of enemy fire to another listening post from which they were evacuated. Again, disregarding the hostile fire, he returned to his post and remained there until relieved. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

DAVID L HELM, JR, 36 867 701, Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945. During the attack on Forbach France, Sergeant Helm, turning his gun squad over to his assistant, voluntarily cut his way through barbed wire to reach a wounded comrade, and under observed enemy fire, dragged him thirty yards to safety. His daring action enabled the wounded man to receive prompt medical attention. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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JACK J HUNTLEY, 01 180 553, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, near Etzling, France. Courageously disregarding heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire, Lieutenant Huntley successfully repaired 1000 yards of wire communication and then observed and adjusted friendly artillery on the enemy with such deadly effect that the counter attack was repelled. Entered military service from Summer, Oregon.

ROBERT S JENNESS, 16 126 951, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. After braving a terrific enemy preparation shelling, Technician Jenness, with his damaged radio, coolly maintained communications with friendly artillery, until the counter attack came within thirty yards of his position. Then, serving as a rifleman, he helped repulse the enemy. His courage and efficiency were largely responsible for turning back the counter-attack. Entered military service from Chrisman, Illinois.

ALFRED M MEJIA, 39 577 709, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 275th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Lixing, France. His company being held down by enemy machine gun fire and facing a probable failure to take important high ground on schedule, Private First Class Mejia jumped to his feet and firing his Browning Automatic Rifle from his hip valiantly walked into the enemy fire, forcing the machine gun crew to surrender. As a result of his heroism the rest of the men were inspired to advance and the company's objective was reached on schedule with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

DELFINO S MERAZ, 39 291 729, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. In the darkness of night, Staff Sergeant Meraz noticed that an enemy machine gun nest had been established off the flank of friendly defensive positions. Carefully stalking for two hours, he worked around to the rear of the enemy and by surprise forced five men and one officer to surrender. Full value of his skillful and courageous work was appreciated the following day, when a strong enemy counter-attack was repelled owing primarily to the enemy's lack of support from the captured machine gun position. Entered military service from San Pedro, California.

ROBERT W MYERS, 39 464 594, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 21 to 24 February 1945, in the vicinity of Alsting and Gifert Wald, France. For three days of agressive engagement with the enemy, Technician Myers, despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, maintained communication lines between the assault units and the battalion command post, through rough and heavily wooded terrain. When it was imperative to set up an OP for registering defensive fire, he unhesitatingly laid wire into hazardous territory, under heavy enemy fire. Technician Myers refused to be relieved of his constant duties until two secondary wire routes had been established on the fourth day. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

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HAROLD E SAMUEL, 17 142 346, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945 in the vicinity of Forbach, France. During the intensive attack on Forbach, when it became impracticable to run communications wire from battalion headquarters to the company command posts, Technician Samuel was assigned the task of setting up a battalion switchboard inside the city. Courageously moving through a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, he gained his objective and manned the switchboard for a three day period, coordinating all wire communications. His actions were instrumental in the success of the attack. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MARTIN J SCHWERTHOEFFER, Jr., 35 913 199, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company E, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945 near Lixing, France. Given the mission of clearing a path through an enemy anti-tank mine field, Technician Schwerthoeffer braved murderous enemy machine gun and small arms fire to blast out the mines with TNT. by his courageous action friendly tanks advanced and neutralized the hazardous enemy fire that was being put on the infantry. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

HARVEY SHIRLEY, 36 763 968, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. During a strong attack by a superior enemy force, Technical Sergeant Shirley took charge of his platoon when the platoon leader was wounded. Repeatedly exposing himself to the intense enemy fire, he vigorously moved among his men, distributing ammunition and grenades and giving his men encouragement. As the enemy began to withdraw, Technical Sergeant Shirley, with a comrade, left the trench and killed eight enemy soldiers who had been isolated in a draw. His inspiring leadership and courageous action were instrumental in breaking the enemy attack. Entered military service from Seymour, Illinois.

TRUDEAU J VILLARS, Jr., O 557 862, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, at Forbach, France. When the advance of two companies was held up by several enemy strong-points in a group of houses, Lieutenant Villars' platoon was assigned the mission of clearing the houses. Alone, he made a detailed reconnaissance of the territory through intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Returning to his unit, he rapidly consolidated his plans for attack and without regard for his own safety led his men through the concentrated enemy fire in a house to house assault on the hostile positions. Inspired by his daring leadership, his platoon drove the enemy from their strong-points and enabled the companies to advance toward their objectives. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following individuals:

JOHN W CONNELL, JR, 39 336 594, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 16 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. While making a reconnaissance for new gun positions, one member of the three man patrol struck and became entangled in the trip wire of an enemy booby trap. Quickly analyzing the situation, Staff Sergeant Connell, at great personal risk, unhesitatingly clutched the enemy grenade, secured the pin and disarmed the booby trap. His alertness saved the patrol from serious injury and probable death. Next of Kin: John W Connell, (father) Reedville, Oregon.

ROBERT J KOLB, 32 736 795, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945, near Forbach, France. Observing that the company aid men were prevented by intense enemy small arms fire from evacuating seriously wounded comrades, Private First Class Kolb, on his own initiative, set his machine gun in an exposed position in order to bring fire on the enemy. Although his gallant action permitted the wounded to be removed to safety, Private First Class Kolb sustained mortal wounds from the enemy fire. His supreme sacrifice for his fellow men exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs Mary A Kolb, (mother) 318 West Yates Street, East Syracuse, New York.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individual:

JOSEPH A SWAGEL, 3c 844 970, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945. Preparatory to an attack, Private First Class Swagel, with three comrades, moved forward to determine the location of enemy strong points in Etzling, France. Reaching a vantage point, the patrol discovered a group of enemy soldiers and, in the fierce engagement that followed, four enemy were killed and six others routed. By elimination of this strong point, which included two enemy machine guns, the main contribution was made to the successful attack on the village. His heroism against a superior force exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Anton A Swagel, (grandfather), Route #2, Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

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III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 60 -45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

EARL COLLINS, 34 937 445, Staff Sergeant, (then Private), Infantry, Company B. 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 23 February 1945, in the vicinity of Alsting, France. During a skirmish with the enemy, Staff Sergeant Collins, when surrounded twice by hostile forces, fought his way free with the use of his rifle and hand grenades. Locating an unmanned machine gun, he turned it loose on the enemy, then, when the ammunition was expended, he picked up a BAR and continued his assault killing several of the enemy. Three days later, when the enemy again infiltrated within fifty feet of his position, Staff Sergeant Collins forced them to flee, with the use of his rifle and hand grenades. Entered military service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

WAYNE H HAAN, 17 050 267, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Defying a concentrated enemy preparation artillery and mortar barrage, Sergeant Haan, with his platoon, under enemy observation cleared enemy mines, laid mines in front of his unit's MLR, and constructed wire entanglements and other phases of defense which enabled frienaly troops to repel the strong enemy counterattack which followed. At one point during the counterattack, Sergeant Haan, recognizing the need for tank support, voluntarily moved into open terrain and under observed enemy fire successfully directed the action of the tanks against the enemy until the counterattack was broken. In large part, Sergeant Haan's actions were responsible for the success of the battalion operations. Entered military service from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

THEODORE G HECK, O 554 720, 1st Lieutenant, (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945. With his company assigned to clear the enemy from strong positions in Philippsbourg, France Lieutenant Heck, armed with a light machine gun, courageously led the hazardous attack, pouring concentrated fire into each position, throwing hand grenades and covering resistance points so his men could move in for knockout blows. His leadership and clear thinking under fire inspired his men to such heights that the mission was successfully accomplished with surprisingly light casualties. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

JOHN F RANKIN, 17 016 096, Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, in the Pfaffen Wald Forest, France. Attempting to free his company from the fire of two enemy tanks and an 88mm gun, Sergeant Rankin had skillfully led a bazooka team into firing position, when an 88mm shell hit and killed his two men. Courageously determined to destroy the tanks, Sergeant Rankin grabbed the bazooka and fired into the tank. Before he could fire again, fragments from a tank shell ripped into his side and arm, forcing him to withdraw. Only after assuring himself that his platoon was satisfactorily fortified in good defensive positions, did he accept medical aid. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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IV -- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the Provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individual:

ERNEST HUMPHRIES, 35 682 641, Sergeant, Armored Force, Company C, 749th Tank Battalion. for heroic achievement in action on 22 and 23 February 1945, in the Pfaffen Wald Forest, France. When their efforts failed to free their immobilized tank from a bed of mud, Sergeant Humphries, with other members of the crew, elected to remain with the tank to protect the right flank of friendly lines. During the night the enemy infiltrated and the Infantry withdrew, leaving the tank, at daybreak, 300 yards in front of friendly lines. Although subjected to hostile bazooka fire, Sergeant Humphries courageously held his position and by aggressive fire prevented the enemy from overrunning the right flank. It was not until all fire power was expended that the crew withdrew to safety. Entered military service from Cincinatti, Ohio.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

HARRY L BARBER, 37 435 752, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in action on 22 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Entered military service from DeWitt, Iowa.

FLORENTINE J BROWN, 01 320 301, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, in the Pfaffen Wald Forest, France. While leading his company into attack in a heavily wooded area, Lieutenant Brown maintained complete control of his unit when it was attacked by enemy small arms and artillery fire. When the volume of hostile fire increased, Lieutenant Brown, exposing himself constantly to enemy observation, skillfully withdrew and established complete defensive positions with a minimum of casualties He then supervised the evacuation of the wounded and prisoners. Entered military service from Stacyville, Iowa.

JOHN C CARLO, 42 087 203, Private First Class, Armored Force, Company C, 749th Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Watervliet, New York.

VINCENT L DWYER, 32 713 181, Corporal, Armored Force, Company C, 749th Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Woodside, New York.

JOHN O KAISER, 35 693 580, Technician Fourth Grade, Armored Force, Company C, 749th Tank Battalion. Entered military service from Jeffersonville, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action on 22 and 23 February 1945, in the Pfaffen Wald Forest, France. When their efforts failed to free their immobilized tank from a bed of mud, these soldiers elected to remain with the tank to protect the right flank of friendly lines. During the night, the enemy infiltrated and the Infantry withdrew, leaving the tank, at daybreak, 300 yards in front of friendly lines. Although subjected to hostile bazooka fire, they courageously held their position and by aggressive fire prevented the enemy from overrunning the right flank. It was not until all fire power was expended that the crew withdrew to safety.

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JOHN J DOWD, O1 822 381, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 648th Tank Destroyer Battalion (T), for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, at Forbach, France. In supporting the 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry, it became necessary for Lieutenant Dowd to lead his tank platoon to the forwardmost infantry positions to cover the battalion's vulnerable right flank. Subjected to heavy hostile machine gun and artillery fire and threatened by mechanized enemy armor, Lieutenant Dowd personally made a night reconnaissance of the forward area, judiciously located his gun positions, and led his platoon forward. His action under heavy fire brought the necessary protection for the battalion's flank. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

FRED HARTMAN, O1 183 531, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Military Intelligence Service, ETOUSA, for meritorious service on 22 February 1945, in the Kreutzberg Forest, France. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

THEODORE G HECK, O 554 720, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945 in the vicinity of Etzling, France. In a house to house search for the enemy, Lieutenant Heck, S-2 for the Third Battalion, 275th Infantry, was advised by a French native that ten of the enemy were lodged in the Frenchman's basement. Lieutenant Heck displayed outstanding courage against overwhelming odds, by entering the house alone and disarming and taking the enemy prisoners. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

RALPH C HOLLSTEIN, 026 856, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. With his platoon meeting the brunt of a strong enemy counterattack, Lieutenant Hollstein, despite heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire, daringly moved among his men shouting instructions, offering assistance, and so inspiring his men that the enemy was repelled. Greatly outnumbered in the second counterattack, Lieutenant Hollstein, utilizing good tactics and leadership, effected a withdrawal of his platoon with the loss of only one man and one weapon. Entered United States Military Academy from Spring Lake, New Jersey.

JUAN L MONTIEL, 39 858 061, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, at Oeting, France. When the advance of Company B, 276th Infantry, had been impeded by hostile machine gun fire, Private First Class Montiel, with no hesitation or concern for his personal safety, though exposed to the enemy and subject to heavy fire, crawled through a wire concertina to a favorable position where he directed effective rifle fire upon the enemy, neutralizing the gun position. His prompt action allowed his company safe movement to positions from which they subsequently forced the enemy to withdraw. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

GEORGE L MUNDELL, O1 291 678, Captain, Infantry, Company E, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 to 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of Baerenthal, France. With the morale of his men low due to extreme cold weather, Captain Mundell was directed to maintain defensive positions against determined enemy attacks. Repeatedly he exposed himself to enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire in order to detect the direction of the hostile attacks. The display of amazing courage and superb leadership inspired Captain Mundell's men to hold positions which had been considered almost untenable. Entered military service from Tucumcari, New Mexico.

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MARIO A SEROCCO, 32 734 769, Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry. Entered military service from Geneva, New York.

JOHN J STEINER, 37 096 812, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry. Entered military service from Amidon, North Dakota.

For heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, near Forbach, France. With elements of two companies held down by automatic fire from an enemy pillbox, these soldiers voluntarily made their way forward under heavy mortar, artillery, sniper, and automatic weapons fire to knock out the fortified position with hand grenades and accurate rifle fire. Their courageous action permitted the elements to advance and gain their objective.

FRANCIS J SCHWAN, 42 141 451, Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, in the vicinity of Spicheren France. In the midst of a strong enemy counterattack, Sergeant Schwan displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty by repeatedly exposing himself to enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in order to maintain control of his men. When the tempo of the enemy attack mounted to a point where it threatened to overwhelm his men, Sergeant Schwan's valiant leadership so inpired them that they successfully repelled the attack. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

CLINTON G SPRADLING, 35 115 739, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 21 to 24 February 1945, in the vicinity of Alsting, France. Entered military service from Wellington, Kentucky.

CHARLES F STENDER, 35 087 355, Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

DONALD M VORCE, 36 844 761, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, at Etzling, France. Preparatory to an attack, these soldiers moved forward to determine the location of enemy strong points. Reaching a vantage point, the patrol discovered a group of enemy soldiers and, in the fierce engagement that followed, four enemy were killed and six others routed. By the elimination of this strong point, which included two enemy machine guns, the main contribution was made to the successfull attack on the village.

JOSEPH A WALKER, O 450 331, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 274th Infantry, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 4 January to 27 February 1945, in and around Philippsbourg, Behren, Spicheren, and Styring Wendel, France. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

MARION WILLIAMSON, JR, 34 977 167, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Forbach France. Twice endangering his life by exposing himself to heavy enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Williamson left his foxhole and carried a wounded officer and later a wounded enlisted man to cover. His courageous action permitted the men to be evacuated in time for needed medical care. Entered military service from Fayette, Alabama.

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I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following individuals:

JAMES O FOUTS, 35 275 246, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, at Styring Wendel, France. Despite exposure to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire throughout his action, Private First Class Fouts, with outstanding courage, crept out across a tanker beyond the front lines, with no friendly rifle fire in support, to care for a wounded comrade. Though clearly in sight of the enemy so that his medical insignia was plainly visible, he was shot and killed while treating the disabled soldier. His prompt, unhesitating action, however, made possible the safe evacuation of the wounded man. This valor and devotion to the wounded were qualities Private First Class Fouts had consistently displayed, credits which reflect the highest standards of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Esther Fouts (mother), 745 Noble Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

CLYDE L RYTTING, 02 006 150, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Leading his light machine gun section into fierce engagements with the enemy, Lieutenant Rytting exercised such aggressive leadership and expert tactical judgement that the rifle platoons they were supporting were able, with minimum casualties, to pass around neutralized enemy strong points and destroy them from the flank. His outstanding contributions to the successful attack were stopped when he was mortally wounded by an exploding Schu mine. His fearless and competent leadership inspired the entire company and exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Delma L Rytting (wife), 415 South Grant Street, Pocatello, Idaho.

II --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individual:

GEORGE J BUNCIC, 37 537 669, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. Although temporarily knocked unconscious and suffering from shock caused by a near burst of an enemy artillery shell on the previous day, Technician Fourth Grade Buncic disregarded advice to remain inactive and with

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a supreme sense of loyalty to his comrades joined his company when it attacked the following morning. He worked hard and continuously administering medical aid under hazardous enemy fire until late in the afternoon. While moving the wounded, he was fatally injured during a concentrated enemy artillery barrage. His selfless devotion to his wounded comrades won the respect and admiration of all the men. His gallant sacrifice exemplified the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Frank R Buncic (father),510 Sanausky Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individuals:

KIETH V HARRISON, 39 338 183, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, near Forbach, France. Although constantly exposed to observed fire from enemy riflemen, Staff Sergeant Harrison deliberately remained with his heavy machine gun, covering the successful withdrawal of a wounded soldier to safety. In the action of saving his comrade's life he sustained wounds which later proved fatal. His valiant sacrifice for a fellow soldier exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Alice P Harrison (mother), Box 1064, Roseburg, Oregon.

ARTHUR H MOWER, 32 551 211, Private, Infantry, Company B, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, near Forbach, France. After his company had taken an important hill, Private Mower, skillfully placing his machine gun in an effective position, courageously covered the advance of a comrade through hazardous territory to eliminate successfully an enemy tank which was spearheading a forceful counterattack. The tank neutralized, he then bravely poured a continuous stream of fire into hostile riflemen, contributing immensurably to the shattering of the enemy counterattack. His efficient and heroic actions reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Next of Kin: Maude Mower (mother)Box 175 Portland,Ore.

CLIFFORD L SHAFFER, 20 943 526, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Spicheren,France. When elements of two infantry regiments were poised for attack, Staff Sergeant Shaffer, volunteering with four comrades, skillfully made his way into the village and completed a methodical house to house search to determine whether an artillery preparation barrage was needed. As a result of this courageous patrol, seven prisoners were taken and the remainder of the enemy forced to withdraw, clearing the village for occupation by the infantry without a single casualty. Next of Kin: Edith Shaffer (mother), 955 Cedar Street, Potlach, Idaho.

ROBERT WILLIAMS, 39 268 144, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. While crossing an open field, Company A, 274th Infantry, was pinned down by enemy fire, sustaining several casualties. Hearing the cries of the wounded, Private First Class Williams dashed into the dangerous open terrain twice and, utterly disregarding his own safety, aided in the evacuation of seriously wounded men under enemy observation and fire. His selfless action was directly responsible for saving the lives of the wounded men. Next of Kin: Irene Williams (mother), 1030 Broadway, San Diego, California.

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IV -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

PAUL A BROWN, O 453 730, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945, near Grosbliederstroff, France. Lieutenant Brown, with two other officers, was reconnoitering for a forward OP, when an enemy bunker was observed near an important road intetsection. After a brief engagement, Lieutenant Brown moved to the rear and brought up three enlisted men and personally led a flanking movement which resulted in killing or wounding eight enemy and taking three prisoners. His aggressive leadership removed an enemy tarent to an important road intersection. Entered military service from Galveston, Texas.

GERALD A GRIMES, 37 537 930, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 1 March 1945, near Spicheren, France. With coolness, bravery and utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Grimes repeatedly moved forward from the company's position to give prompt medical aid to wounded comrades, under extemely heavy enemy artillery and mortar shelling. Later the same day, the crew moving an anti-tank gun, under the cover of darkness, were subjected to direct enemy fire and sustained two casualties. Technician Grimes rushed forward but this time was wounded by fragments from the hail of bursting shells. Despite his wounds Technician Grimes gallantly completed his mission, giving aid to the wounded man. Entered military service from Manhattan, Kansas.

JACOB P MEYERS JR, 02 006 424, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 23 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. An enemy tank, supported by hostile riflemen firing from the cover of a house, seriously threatened the right flank of Lieutenant Meyer's company. Exposing himself to hostile rifle fire, he aggressively led his platoon in an assault upon the occupants of the house, which was climaxed by the capture of the position with enemy losses of two dead and three prisoners. His gallant action made secure the company's right flank and freed two wounded comrades who had been held captive for twenty four hours. Entered military service from Stony Creek Mills, Pennsylvania.

WALTER H SNELLING, 026 752, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945, near Grosbliederstroff, France. Lieutenant Snelling was reconnoitering, with two other officers, for a forward OP, when an enemy bunker was observed near an important road junction. With one of the officers, he brought fire upon the enemy, killing two and wounding one. Disregarding hostile machine gun fire, the two officers kept the bunker covered while the third officer brought up three enlisted men who then flanked the position and killed or wounded eight of the enemy as they attempted to leave the strongpoint. Lieutenant Snelling and one officer then moved up and completed the operation, taking three enemy machine guns. His gallant action was instrumental in removing an enemy threat to an important road intersection. Entered United States Military Academy from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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ALFRED G ULRICH, 36 844 927, Private, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lixing-es-Rouhling, France. When the first squad of the first platoon, Company I, attacked enemy positions which had been strongly fortified in a group of houses at the northwest edge of the town, Private Ulrich, a member of the squad, succeeded in reaching the first house and in killing two German soldiers at close range with his rifle. With a comrade, he continued to hold the house for the remainder of the day despite intense enemy resistance, and to bring fire on an enemy strong point located in a house directly across the street. During the fire fight both Private Ulrich and his comrade sustained wounds, but continued to hold their positions. In accordance with a pre-arranged plan, when darkness began to fall, Private Ulrich, ignoring his own wound, assisted his more seriously wounded comrade and withdrew to the assembly point. In the absence of his platoon leader and his squad leader both of whom had been captured by the enemy during the action, Private Ulrich assumed command of the remainder of the squad and led them over rough and hazardous terrain back into friendly lines. Entered military service from Juneau, Wisconsin.

V ---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

ROBERT R BLISS, 36 507 697, Technician Third Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 and 22 February 1945. When three infantry companies attacked the enemy in the wooded hills north of Altzing, France, Technician Bliss, a medical aid man, voluntarily drove a jeep, under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, to evacuate numerous casualties, including 15 jeep loads of seriously wounded men. Accomplishing his superb service, Technician Bliss drove over roads not yet swept of mines; scouted and pioneered new roads over obstacles in rough terrain, cutting trees and filling trenches; and was on the job when casualties were heaviest. His proficiency and ingenuity saved the life and limb of many soldiers. Entered military service from Royal Oak, Michigan.

JULIUS CHESNA, 32 235 140, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, at Spicheren, France. When elements of two infantry regiments were poised for attack on Spicheren, Sergeant Chesna, volunteering with four comrades, skillfully made his way into the village and completed a methodical house to house search to determine whether an artillery preparation barrage was needed. As a result of this courageous patrol, seven prisoners were taken and the remainder of the enemy withdrew, clearing the village for occupation by the Infantry without a single casualty. Entered military service from Harrison, New Jersey.

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FRANK P COLLO, 32 870 820, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York.

ERNEST DAY, 36 908 103, Private, Infantry, Company G, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 25 February 1945 near Grosbliederstroff, France. In an operation to capture an enemy bunker these men served as a point of fire for the attack. Despite small arms and automatic fire they courageously advanced and took a position to the rear of the bunker, aiding to flush the enemy out into the open where eight were either killed or wounded and three prisoners taken. Their courageous action removed an enemy threat to an important road junction.

EDWARD J DRYDEN, 18 179 833, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 275th Infantry for heroic achievement in action from 28 February 1945 to 3 March 1945 in the vicinity of Saarbrucken, Germany. During a prolonged infantry attack, and despite a heavy, hostile mortar and artillery shelling of his immediate area, Technician Dryden - radio operator at a regimental OP - persisted throughout the action as an artillery observer. Disregarding the imminent and continuous danger, he directed cannon and artillery fire with a close accuracy, so that it caused serious damage and many casualties to the enemy. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

ROBERT L DURRETT, 37 748 619, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 March 1945, near Spicheren, France. During a night artillery and mortar barrage enemy shells wounded two men and set a mortar ammunition dump on fire. While one soldier sent for medical aid, Private First Class Durrett left his foxhole and with utter disregard for his own safety, courageously fought the fire for 10 minutes, beating it out with his raincoat. His prompt and heroic action, accomplished under the continued shelling and constant danger of the ammunition blowing up, probably saved the lives of the wounded men and other comrades in the area. Entered military service from Warrensburg, Missouri.

DAVID H FIELD, 36 977 699, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Holly, Michigan.

JOHN V SKEEN, 35 204 812, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

JESUS Y VALENZUELA, 39 131 792, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, at Spicheren, France. The movement of their company suddenly menaced by enemy machine gun fire, these men charged the gun position, firing on the run. Their rifles emptied, they closed upon the enemy emplacement and forced its submission with their bayonets, killing three and capturing six prisoners, one an officer.

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COY D HUTTON, JR, 38 693 915, Corporal, Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry, Entered military service from Frederick, Oklahoma.

THOMAS E STANLEY, 15 316 443, Corporal (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. With enemy armor, small arms and mortars firing at their position, these men kept their 81mm mortar in operation against a strong enemy counterattack. Their courageous action and effective fire contributed materially in repelling the counterattack and constituted an inspiration to the rest of the men.

EDWARD J KELLEY, 38 068 739, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

PAUL T ZEFF, 15 [illegible]61 775, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Clarksburg, West Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945 near Forbach, France. During heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, these men five times endangered their lives to litter-carry seriously wounded soldiers from the battlefield to a point of safety where medical aid could be given. Their heroic actions contributed to the saving of life and limb of several soldiers.

ROY N MAHAFFEY, 38 016 834, Sergeant, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945 near Forbach, France. Seeing three soldiers wounded in the cross fire from enemy snipers and automatic weapons Sergeant Mahaffey, immediately and without regard for his own safety crept over exposed terrain through the hostile fire to the three men and treated their wounds. Without assistance he brought the two more seriously wounded men to cover. Later, he selected a route over dangerous terrain to a litter bearer who had been pinned down for four hours and skillfully led him back to safety. Entered military service from Logan, Oklahoma.

HOWARD W McKEAN, 13 043 317, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES F STENDER, 35 087 355, Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. — Cole to Bn Hq

J. L. REID, 34 945 708, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Trafford, Alabama.

For heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. With elements of two infantry regiments poised for attack, these men skillfully made their way into Spicheren, France, to determine whether an artillery preparation barrage was necessary. As a result of this courageous patrol, seven prisoners were taken and the remainder of the enemy forced to withdraw, clearing the village for occupation without a single casualty.

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JOHN J MORGAN, O 408 801, Captain, Infantry, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 and 22 February 1945, at Spicheren, France. Throughout the attack begun by the 1st Battalion, 274th Infantry, the tireless and courageous service of Captain Morgan as commanding officer of a heavy weapons company, under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, was outstanding. His constant initiative and superior tactical intelligence were instrumental in the success of the battalion's mission. Entered military service from Miami, Florida.

JAMES F MURRAY, 36 131 306, Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 25 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. With the enemy counterattacking, superior in force, and with one machine gun squad neutralized by hostile fire, Sergeant Murray, realizing the importance of support from his gun, poured a withering fire into the advancing enemy, despite a barrage of artillery and mortar shells lanaing all around him. Owing to his outstanding bravery and effective fire the counterattack was delayed long enough to permit reinforcements to arrive and drive the enemy back. Entered military service from Garden City, Michigan.

HERMAN J OSTENDORF, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 and 23 February 1945, in the vicinities of Brandenbusch and Gifert Wald Forest, France. On 6 February, when Company K, 275th Infantry, attacked the enemy through a heavily wooded area, one soldier was seriously injured when he stepped on a Schu mine. Learning of the injury, Private First Class Ostendorf, a truck driver, courageously exposing himself to bursting enemy artillery and mortar shells, led a litter squad 500 yards over open terrain in a successful search for the wounded man. Cooly he checked the wounds and supervised evacuation of the man. On 23 February he again displayed outstanding valor by repeatedly driving his jeep through a murderous spray of interdictory fire to safely evacuate casualties to an aid station in Spicheren, France. Entered military service from Melrose, Minnesota.

HAROLD TEPPER, 42 135 933, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, at Forbach, France. Despite the extreme danger occasioned by heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, and without regard for his own safety, Private First Class Tepper went intrepidly forward in the face of the bursting shells and effected the evacuation of a wounded comrade. On other occasions during the same action, Private First Class Tepper displayed outstanding devotion to duty in removing wounded men from the battlefield for medical aid and treatment. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

ERVIN A THOMAS, 37 354 928, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company M, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945, at Forbach, France. When an enemy shell knocked over a 250 gallon gasoline trailer, setting it on fire, Technician Thomas unhesitatingly dashed into the burning building and despite the continuation of enemy shelling and the danger that the tank might momentarily explode, drove his vehicle through the flames to safety. Entered military service from Rocky Ford, Colorado.

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I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following individuals:

HAROLD E BUSH, 35 647 184, Staff Sergeant, Armored Force, Company B, 749th Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 19 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. While the infantry was reorganizing its positions a strong enemy force occupied a key hill nearby. Arriving ahead of foot troops to repel the enemy, Staff Sergeant Bush, realizing the situation required prompt action, immediately moved his tank platoon into attack. When the other tanks bogged in the mud, Staff Sergeant Bush, at great personal risk, even though slow progess through the mud increased his vulnerability to anti-tank fire, attacked the enemy. With his assault implemented later by the infantry soldiers the hostile troops were driven from the key position. Next of kin: Ann L Bush (wife), 930 Eunice Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.

GOMEZ B CAHOON, O 398 851, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945, in the vicinity of Stiftswald, France. His battalion repeatedly subjected to severe enemy counter-attacks, and despite the imminent peril of bursting artillery and mortar fire, Major Cahoon, Battalion Commander, was tireless through the critical night. He skillfully directed the battalion's defenses, insured measures of security, determined that the men were properly dug in and that their fields of fire were most effectively grouped. Attacked by hostile tanks, he personally directed the battalion's fire, knocking out one, forcing the others to withdraw. Still vigorously in action with daylight, he was killed while probing enemy positions. His vital, valorous and inspirational leadership were the decisive elements which held the troops in a seemingly untenable position, were the backbone of the battalion's resistance, and exemplify the highest qualities of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Maxine D Cahoon (wife), Route 1, Box 299, Arlington, Texas.

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II --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individuals:

IRWIN EPSTEIN, 42 135 153, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945, near Brandenbusch, France. Accompanying the advance elements of Company K, 275th Infantry, into attack, Private First Class Epstein promptly went to the aid of a soldier who had been seriously wounded after stepping into an enemy mine. When an enemy machine gun opened fire upon him, Private First Class Epstein was forced to remain in a prone position but steadfastly continued to administer first aid to his helpless comrade by crawling around him. While thus engaged, he struck another mine concealed in the snow and was mortally wounded. Private First Class Epstein's noble sacrifice reflects the highest standards of devotion to duty. Next of kin: Fannie P Epstein, (mother) 1936 75th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES G TILLEY, 35 077 321, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, near Forbach, France. When an enemy force of about fifty men attacked an adjacent company position, Staff Sergeant Tilley, a platoon guide, led one half of his platoon in a frontal assault on the hostile group, which had penetrated friendly lines. Though he was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire as he neared the enemy position, his demonstration of courage and leadership so stirred his men that they continued to press forward and successfully repelled the enemy attack. Next of kin: Juanita R Tilley (wife), Lookout, West Virginia.

XII -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following indiviauals:

J W BLACKWELL, 38 667 100, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 and 22 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. After he administered aid to a wounded comrade and while waiting for litter bearers, Private First Class Blackwell found it necessary to leave the man in order to attend other casualties, sustained when the enemy counterattacked and overran the OPLR. The following day he voluntarily made his way across no man's land seeking to effect his comrade's evacuation, only to find enemy troops where he had left the wounded soldier. He was subjected to questioning by an enemy officer but steadfastly refused to divulge any information. When the interrogation was concluded, he made an unsuccessful attempt to persuade the officer to surrender his unit. He then evacuated his wounded comrade to friendly lines. His gallantry beyond the call of duty undoubtedly saved the wounded soldiers life. Entered military service from Pocohontas, Arkansas.

CHARLES E MAYNARD, 35 077 013, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 February 1945, at Spicheren, France. During a fierce counterattack by three enemy companies, his platoon leader wounded, Staff Sergeant Maynard held the unit firmly in position. Upon the final

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withdrawal of the hostile forces, he, and a comrade, broke forth from the defensive position and charged after the enemy with submachine-guns firing, killing eight. Staff Sergeant Maynard's vigorous prosecution of the successful operation was further evident in the 28 enemy dead which littered the platoon area. Entered military service from Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

LAMBERT N WEST, 13 097 029, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1945, at Forbach, France. When the advance of attacking rifle troops was suddenly halted by heavy enemy automatic weapons and sniper fire from concealed positions, Private First Class West, with the assistance of a comrade, courageously set up his heavy machine gun in an exposed position and boldly opened fire on the enemy positions. Ordering his comrade back to safety, he so harrassed the enemy with heavy fire that the riflemen were able to take safe cover for a renewed assault upon the enemy. Further endangering his life, he then assisted a wounded rifleman to safety, returning later to recover his weapon. His prompt and gallant action prevented many casualties and permitted the troops to regroup at a moment when disorganization seemed imminent. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvani

IV --- AWARD OF THE FIRST-OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JOHN W CATHEY, 20 832 093, Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, at Spicheren, France. On a voluntary mission to silence a hostile tank which had been firing on his company, Sergeant Cathey, with his bazooka team, firing and moving from tree to tree, skillfully eluded intensive small arms fire to gain a firing position. Almost simultaneously, the enemy tank crew and the attacking bazooka men spotted each other, and only one bazooka shell could be fired before machine gun and cannon fire forced the trio to withdraw. Although failing to knockout the tank, Sergeant Cathey aided in the capture of two prisoners while retracing the hazardous return route to friendly lines. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

So much of General Order Number 20, this headquarters, dated 20 March 1945, as pertains to Sergeant Charles F Stender, 35 087 355, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, which reads "the Bronze Star Medal", is amended to read "the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal."

V ---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

EVERETT W ARNDT, 39 472 471, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Latah County, Idaho.

OWEN C FIKE, 35 224 350, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Bucyrus, Ohio.

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ALBERT C HUTTON, 37 743 801, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Albany, Missouri.

WILLIAM E POWELL, JR, 15 312 609, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from West Lafayette, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action on 25 February 1945 near Spicheren, France. Under direct enemy observation, these soldiers courageously moved forward of the front lines to lay necessary defensive mines and succeeded despite concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire directed at them. Displaying outstanding devotion to duty under hazardous conditions, these men materially aided the securing of an important objective.

ROBERT C BARKER, 33 408 878, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Emporium, Pennsylvania.

EARL H KING, 38 571 974, Private, Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Chester, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, at Spicheren, France. On a voluntary mission to silence a hostile tank which had been firing on their company, these men, firing and moving from tree to tree, skillfully eluded intensive small arms fire to gain a firing position. Almost simultaneously, the enemy tank crew and the attacking bazooka men spotted each other, and only one bazooka shell could be fired before machine gun and cannon fire forced them to withdraw. Although failing to knockout the tank, they succeeded in the capture of two prisoners while retracing the hazardous return route to friendly lines.

ADEN H BRADY, 34 363 685, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, in the vicinity of Philippsbourg, France. With aid men unavailable because of heavy casualties, Private First Class Brady voluntarily braved heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to several of his wounded comrades. His prompt action made possible their subsequent evacuation without loss of life. Entered military service from Morristown, Tennessee.

PASQUALE CESINO, 31 383 701, Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, near Baerenthal, France. During an engagement with heavy enemy forces a soldier was seriously wounded and could not be evacuated because of the intense enemy fire. Courageously disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Cesino crawled forward 40 yards from his foxhole under hostile machine gun and mortar fire, and administered first aid. Later he again made the hazardous trip to take water to his wounded comrade. His great concern for his fellow soldier probably saved the man's life and was a profound inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

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WILLIAM C DODD, 01 312 523, Captain, Infantry, Company K, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 17 to 23 February 1945, near Forbach, France. During six days of intensive attack, Captain Dodd displayed outstanding leadership by frequently covering his company area, by making daring reconnaissance, and by competently directing the company toward its mission. His courageous actions inspired confidence in his men and markedly contributed to the successes of his company, battalion, and regiment. Entered military service from Carrington, North Dakota.

ROBERT A FEHRMAN, 39 550 670, Technician Grade 5, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945 in the vicinity of Baerenthal, France. While assaulting enemy positions in the Baerenthal area, an infantry battalion was subjected to an enemy aerial bombardment which inflicted several casualties. Courageously disregarding warnings to take cover, Technician Fifth Grade Fehrman exposed himself to flying fragments of bursting bombs to safely evacuate five wounded comrades. Entered military service from Monrovia, California.

WILLIAM E FOGG, 19 187 077, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company C, 370th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Forbach, France. While acting as a litter bearer, Private First Class Fogg repeatedly volunteered to aid in the evacuation of casualties from wooded hills one and a half miles from his battalion aid station, under heavy artillery fire. Disregarding enemy sniper fire, he delivered supplies to a hospital where many wounded men were temporarily confined. When these casualties were later evacuated, Private First Class Fogg, exposing himself to enemy fire, acted as road guide for the vehicles, contributing greatly to the successful evacuation of 30 wounded men. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

PAUL C GUILLORY, 34 005 123, Technician Third Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945, in the vicinity of Dambach, France. When the company to which he was attached suffered casualties from enemy sniper fire, Technician Third Grade Guillory left the comparative safety of his position at the rear of the company and, in the face of the heavy enemy fire moved up to give first aid to the wounded, who otherwise would have been unattended. His brave action resulted in the saving of life. Entered military service from Manou, Louisiana.

JOHN F HAMMOND, 37 537 584, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945. After an infantry company had successfully taken important high ground outside Alsting, France, it was attacked by a strong force of enemy tanks before contact could be established with adjacent companies. Surrounded by the enemy, the beleaguered company began to suffer heavy casualties. Technical Sergeant Hammond, aware that the commanding officer himself was wounded and that disorganization was imminent, aggresively took command and with sound tactical judgement organized the remaining men and effected a successful withdrawal through enemy lines and joined friendly troops. His courageous leadership prevented the highly possible annihilation of his unit. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

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EDWARD J KELSEY, 39 337 447, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. Displaying sound tactical judgement and cool determination, Technical Sergeant Kelsey led his platoon through a hail of lead and fragments from hostile artillery and mortar shelling, to clear the enemy from several houses in Philippsbourg. His successful mission inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy, contributed toward the swift clearing of the village, and permitted the attack of another company to proceed unhampered. Entered military service from Chester, South Carolina.

JAMES J OWENS, 38 479 604, Technician Grade Five, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945, near Niederbronn, France. During the heavy enemy artillery barrage which preceded an enemy attack, Technician Owens left his covered position to administer first aid to a wounded comrade. During the attack which followed, although repeatedly fired upon by the enemy and twice knocked down by nearby artillery bursts, he continued at great personal hazard to administer to the wounded until the attack was repulsed and all casualties had been treated.

KURT P H PFORTNER, 32 713 354, Sergeant, Armored Force, Company B, 749th Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, at Etzling, France. Encountering entrenched enemy resistance, an infantry attack was stopped in the woods north of Etzling and, in moving up for support, a tank platoon was practically stopped by heavy mud. Seasing the situation, Sergeant Pfortner, tank commander, and a comrade, dismounted, and by strenuous effort freed their tank. By skillfull and shrewd maneuvering, he brought his tank into a position from which an effective fire broke the enemy resistance and rescued the Infantry from a difficult position, enabling it to advance and gain its objective. In the action 21 prisoners were taken. Entered military service from York, Pennsylvania.

AMERICO D C RIBEIRO, 33 535 314, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 and 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Grosbliederstroff, France. Private First Class Ribeiro, a radio operator, disregarding his personal safety in the face of enemy fire, performed his duties faithfully and unflinchingly, frequently covering fifteen miles per day over hilly, difficult terrain. On 17 February 1945, after being wounded by fire from an enemy 88mm gun, he displayed outstanding valor and tenacity in remaining actively on duty the full day amidst the hazard of enemy fire. Entered military service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

DONALD L SHIRK, 33 802 527, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945, near Forbach, France. During an attack the communication line between battalion headquarters and a rifle company was broken by enemy action. Fully aware of the hazards involved, Private First Class Shirk, volunteering to cross an open draw under a constant spray of enemy machine gun fire, successfully repaired the wire and reestablished vital communications. Entered military service fr[illegible] Schoeneck, Pennsylvania.

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GEORGE A SIKES, 38 225 434, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, at Forbach, France. During an attack the 2d platoon of an infantry company was pinned down by hostile machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. One man was wounded by an enemy sniper and received additional wounds each time he attempted to move to cover. Realizing his wounded comrade's precarious situation, Private First Class Sikes, the company aid man, moved to the soldier at great personal risk, under merciless enemy fire. He treated his wounds, and effected his safe evacuation. Entered military service from Winnsboro, Louisiana.

MICHAEL VIGLIONE, 33 682 568, Corporal (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945 and 19 February 1945, in the vicinities of Baerenthal and Zinzingen, France. As a result of an enemy aerial attack on 3 January 1945, the aid station of the 2d battalion, 275th Infantry was destroyed. Corporal Viglione, injured by fragments of a bomb burst, refused medical attention until after he treated and assisted in the evacuation of several wounded comrades. In an attack by the battalion in Zinzingen on 19 February, seven men from an infantry company suffered wounds from enemy fire. Calmly Corporal Viglione moved about the casualties administering first aid, defiantly risking the hazard of enemy fire. Entered military service from Ridgway, Pennsylvania.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 23)

28 March 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Silver Star I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal II
Award of the Purple Heart III

I ---- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

CHARLES B BLACKMAR, 01 183 815, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1945, near Verbach, France. When, in the darkness of night, the enemy launched a strong counterattack against his company, Lieutenant Blackmar, without regard for his personal safety, boldly went forward to an exposed position, and using an M-9 projector, ordinarily inadequate for this purpose, he shrewdly improvised effective artificial light and trained it on the enemy. The observation thus gained of the enemy's positions, permitted the accurate placing of heavy machine gun fire upon the enemy, and resulted in the repelling of the counterattack with casualties approximated at 65 enemy dead or wounded. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

JAMES D KIDDER, 026 227, Captain, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945, During the battle for wooded terrain south of Styring Wendel, France, an enemy counterattack cut off one company from the battalion and regained a strong fortified position. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, Captain Kidder, organizing a group of men from three separate tactical units, led them with such skill and agressiveness that they drove the enemy back, inflicting heavy casualties and reestablishing contact with the company which had been cut off. After quickly establishing defensive positions he went to the rear and, despite hazardous enemy artillery fire, brought up a HMG to a strategic position in time to aid in beating back another enemy counterattack, accounting for 15 known dead. Throughout the action Captain Kidder displayed such outstanding leadership and courage that all the men were inspired to greater efforts and finally drove the enemy from the fortified positions. Entered United States Military Academy from Sederna Park, Maryland.

EVERETT G SHERMAN, 01156 373, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters 883d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 and 23 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. Braving a terrific enemy preparation shelling on 20 February, Captain Sherman remained at his post, adjusting friendly artillery on the enemy, until the counterattack came within 25 yards of his position. His action resulted in heavy enemy casualties and was largely responsible for repelling the counterattack. On 23 February, under heavy enemy fire, Captain Sherman, even after being wounded, observed and adjusted friendly artillery on the enemy to cover an infantry attack, inflicting heavy casualties and driving 30 enemy into pillboxes from which they all surrendered. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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II --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

DEAN W CLARK, 39 918 549, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945. With enemy snipers active, Sergeant Clark, with a comrade, courageously removed five 100 pound enemy demolition bombs and 12 anti-tank mines from focal positions in Forbach, France and, at great personal risk, carried them three miles to a place where they would not endanger the lives of others. His heroic actions prevented these missiles from causing devastation which might have impeded the capture of the city. Entered military service from Boise, Idaho.

ISAAC W DIAL, 38 038 467, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 270th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Oetingen, France. During an attack by Company B, 276th Infantry, Private First Class Dial's platoon with other leading elements of the company were seriously harrassed by frontal enemy machine gun fire. Although wounded in the action, Private First Class Dial kept his BAR in action, and without regard for his personal safety, directed effective fire upon the enemy positions until his company reached its objective. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

EARLE F GOODWIN, 31 352 630, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 and 21 February 1945 at Forbach, France. When the evacuation of 30 wounded from a castle in Forbach was impossible because of the intense enemy fire, Private First Class Goodwin, braving the hostile fire, made his way to the wounded. Through the night he administered medical aid and, in the morning, assisted their evacuation. Later, though endangered by the enemy fire which had already caused heavy casualties within an Infantry company, he gave untiring medical treatment to each of the wounded. At nightfall he slipped back to the aid station for two litter squads and a medical officer, and his service as a guide effected the removal of the wounded by midnight. The hazards and fatigue of two days and nights unbroken, Private First Class Goodwin continued nevertheless throughout the following day as a litter-bearer. His persistent, determined devotion to his comrades and his valor under fire were instrumental in saving many lives. Entered military service from Ellsworth, Maine.

WALTER HESS, O 557 691, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Etzling, France. During a strong enemy counterattack and an intense artillery preparation barrage, Lieutenant Hess voluntarily left cover to check the ammunition supply. Finding the supply nearly depleted he obtained, at great personal risk, additional supplies so that the men could continue intensive fire upon the enemy. His courageous action contributed greatly in breaking the counterattack and permitted his company to move forward and take its objective the following day. Entered military service from Washington, D C.

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WAGNER D HOWARD, 38 541 492, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945. With enemy snipers active, Technician Howard, with a comrade, courageously removed five 100 pound enemy demolition bombs and 12 anti-tank mines from focal positions in Forbach, France, and, at great personal risk, carried them three miles to a place where they would not endanger the lives of others. His heroic actions prevented these missiles from causing devastation which might have impeded the capture of the city. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

HAROLD J JAROS, 36 023 160, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945 at Forbach, France. His platoon held up by a hostile machine gun, while moving toward its objective of clearing a strong enemy position, Staff Sergeant Jaros took his squad and outmaneuvering the gun crew, forced it to withdraw. Then, after repelling a small enemy counterattack, he mounted a moving tank and from his precarious position directed the tank's fire so accurately that the enemy position was neutralized permitting another squad to move in and complete the platoon's mission. By his courageous initiative, Staff Sergeant Jaros' actions also secured his company's left flank. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN J KELLY, 12 226 738, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, at Styring Wendel, France. With his company pinned down by hostile machine gun fire, Private First Class Kelly, valiantly exposing himself, boldly advanced on the hostile position, firing his rifle steadily at the enemy machine gunners. Although severely wounded in the action, his assault diverted the enemy fire from his company permitting it to maneuver to a better position. Entered military service from Flushing, New York.

RUDOLPH B PITTERLE, JR, 36 982 694, Corporal, Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. During a strong enemy counterattack by infantry and armor heavily supported by artillery and mortar barrage, Corporal Pitterle kept his 81mm mortar in effective operation against the enemy though exposed to continuous enemy small arms, mortar, artillery and tank fire. His outstanding courage and persistence under hazardous fire was instrumental in repelling the counterattack. Entered military service from Jefferson, Wisconsin.

ANTHONY P VAN de WEGE, 39 104 467, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action 24 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. When his company was subjected to an enemy counterattack and his machine gun platoon harrassed by a hostile sniper, Technical Sergeant Van de Wege, courageously exposing himself to enemy observation, crept forward to the sniper's position and killed him. His brave action was an inspiration to his men who were finally instrumental in repulsing the enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

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III — AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following individuals for wounds received in action:

BRUCE M CAMPBELL, 01 032 693, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 70th Infantry Division, 14 February 1945, France. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

WILLIAM J MINIHAN, 01 032 164, 2d Lieutenant, Cavalry, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 20 March 1945, France. Entered military service from Casper, Wyoming.

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Award Posthumous of the Silver Star..... I
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Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... V

I --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following individual:

DEMMER G WELCH, 37 061 347, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 24 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Staff Sergeant Welch commanded a rifle squad when a strong enemy counterattack was launched against his position. When his BAR men became casualties, Staff Sergeant Welch, appreciating the necessity for immediate fire power, picked up the BAR and, utterly disregarding his own safety in the face of continuous enemy fire, moved forward firing from the hip until he knocked out an enemy machine gun which had been firing upon his squad. Though he was killed by enemy fire shortly thereafter, Staff Sergeant Welch's gallant action had saved his squad from possibl annihilation, and had helped immensurably in repelling the enemy attack. Next of kin: Florence Welch (mother), Route 2, Junction City, Arkansas.

II --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individual:

VERNON R WILLIAMS SR, 35 077 244, Private, Corps of Engineers, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945. With enemy snipers active, Private Williams, with two comrades, courageously removed 26 155mm artillery shell duds and 12 anti-tank mines from a sewer in Forbach, France, where they had been placed by the enemy, and at great personal risk, carried the explosives three miles to a place where they would not endanger the lives of others. His heroic actions prevented these missiles from creating devastation which would have seriously hampered operations and delayed the capture of the city. This action by Private Williams exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Margaret A Williams (wife), 4209 Leeper Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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III -- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following individual:

JAMES C HOLT, 34 970 670, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 275th Infant for gallantry in action on 24 February 1945 near Saarbrucken, Germany. When the battalion defenses were being overrun by a powerful enemy night counterattack, Staff Sergeant Holt, deploying his squad for security, heroically operated his 81r mortar + having at times five rounds on the way at once - even though he was subjected to direct small arms and tank fire. His courageous leadership kept the squad morale high enabling them to assist in the hazardous operations. The mortar being ordered to the rear, Staff Sergeant Holt remained as the forward observer and from an exposed position directed deadly fire upon the enemy. Sustaining a wound, he remained at his post until relieved, despite the loss of blood and the danger to his life. Entered military service from Holly Springs, North Carolina.

IV --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individual:

RAYMOND E EVANS, 37 068 907, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February and 3 March 1945, near Etzling and Styring Wendel, France. During an attack on 21 February, the first platoon of Company G was attached to Company E, 274th Infantry, as protection for the latter's right flank. When his squad was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Evans exhibited outstanding bravery by exposing himself to hostile fire in order to make a personal reconaissance of the situation. Having discovered a comparatively safe route, he skillfully led his squad to a position where they fired upon the enemy machine gunners, forcing them to withdraw and abandon their guns. Demoralized, 32 of the enemy surrendered immediately thereafter. On 3 March, to guarantee the security of his company's right flank, Staff Sergeant Evans again displayed superior courage and leadership by first crossing 100 yards of open terrain alone, to a house from which he skillfully placed his men 150 yards into enemy territory where their line of fire was sufficiently forceful to safely secure the company's flank. Entered military service from Shelby, Mississippi.

V ----- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

ARTHUR F De KOKER, 35 150 583, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. During a strong enemy counterattack by infantry and armor heavily supported by concentrated artillery and mortar barrages, Sergeant DeKoker, from an extremely exposed and forward position, adjusted effective 81mm mortar fire on enemy tanks and personnel. Despite great danger from hostile fire, his courageous and untiring efforts were an inspiration to his men, and were instrumental in neutralizing the counterattack. Entered military service from De Motte, Indiana.

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ALFRED J DINCO, 36 403 000, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Iron River, Michigan.

DONALD B QUINTON, 39 337 582, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Strayton, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945. With enemy snipers active, these men courageously removed 26 155mm artillery shell duds and 12 anti-tank mines from a sewer in Forbach, France, where they had been placed by the enemy and, at great personal risk, carried the explosives three miles to a place where they would not endanger the lives of others. Their heroic actions prevented these missiles from creating devastation which would have seriously hampered operations and delayed the capture of the city.

LOUIS A HOGER, 36 981 516, Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near St Arnual, France. Given the task of running wire from his company CP to a platoon which was within 100 yards of the enemy, Sergeant Hoger, because of a shortage of wire, found it necessary to cross an open draw which was subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Disdaining the hazard, he crossed the draw and successfully established communications with the platoon. When the wire was repeatedly broken during fierce enemy artillery barrages that night, Sergeant Hoger displayed outstanding devotion to duty in making five trips to and from the platoon insuring satisfactory communications for a period of several days. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT N KIRK, 37 536 253, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February and 3 March 1945. When his company advanced on Styring Wendel, France, Technical Sergeant Kirk took command of the platoon during the absence of the platoon leader who was out trying to contact an adjacent company. Exposing himself to hostile fire, he moved to each squad making certain that every man was in a covered position. In this manner the platoon was able to maneuver to a better position with a minimum of casualties. Again on 3 March, Technical Sergeant Kirk subjected himself to heavy artillery shelling to urge his men forward through heavy enemy fire to accomplish their mission. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

EDWARD L LETZ, 38 693 881, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. During a strong enemy counterattack by infantry and armor heavily supported by concentrated artillery and mortar barrages, Staff Sergeant Letz, from an extremely exposed and forward position, adjusted effective 81mm mortar fire on enemy tanks and personnel. Despite great danger from hostile fire, his courageous and untiring efforts were an inspiration to his men, and were instrumental in neutralizing the counterattack. Entered military service from Rule, Texas.

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LEROY C MAYER, 37 572 974, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Ashley, North Dakota.

WILLIAM C Mc CREARY, Jr, 39212881, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Union, Washington.

ANDREW PETERSON, 39 903 063, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Declo, Idaho.

LEONARD D WILLIAMS, 38 695 062, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Anadarko, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945. During a strong enemy attack, the company covering an observation post over-looking Styring Wendel, France, was committed elsewhere, leaving the OP crew without protection far ahead of friendly lines. These men volunteered to remain at their post, though under extremely heavy mortar and artillery fire, and continued to direct accurate artillery fire on the enemy and to give timely reports about the strength and location of enemy forces. Their heroic devotion to duty while endangered constantly by the possibility that the enemy might overrun their position assisted greatly in reducing the effectiveness of the hostile attack.

EUGENE P PALMER, 024 245, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B, 433d Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AW) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945, near Klarenthal, Germany. His unit given the assignment of supporting infantry troops when they attempted a crossing of the Saar River, Captain Palmer, commanding officer, personally conducted a hazardous daylight reconnaissance, exposed to enemy observation, to site several direct-fire automatic weapons. Although subjected to hostile mortar and small arms fire, he persisted in his self-assigned task until he was seriously wounded as a result of hostile mortar fire. His dauntless devotion to duty was an inspiration to his men, who later aided materially in the successful crossing of the river. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

JOSEPH B PHELPS, O 451 142, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 23 and 24 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. During a strong three-day enemy counterattack to regain important high ground, Captain Phelps, refusing to take cover, repeatedly drew hostile small arms fire getting through to positions where by good observation he could bring effective artillery fire on the counterattacking forces. On one occasion he aggressively performed the hazardous duties of two missing forward observers in addition to his vital duties as battalion Liaison Officer, inspiring all the men with his courage. His missions were accomplished despite heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire and were highly instrumental in breaking the counterattack. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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JOSEPH SOUZA, 39 101 736, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945 in the Meker-Busch Wald. When his platoon strength was cut in half by casualties sustained under a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Staff Sergeant Souza, employing outstanding and courageous leadership, moved daringly along the platoon front, assuring that coordinated fire was continued, replacing wounded automatic riflemen, reorganizing the remaining elements of the platoon, and insuring that his wounded men were receiving necessary medical treatment. Entered military service from Fort Bragg, California.

HENRY J TERRY, 6 949 371, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. After being informed that a combat patrol from his company was subjected to heavy mobile machine gun fire, and that a man was seriously wounded, Staff Sergeant Terry, exhibiting outstanding bravery and a personal interest in the welfare of a wounded comrade, improvised a litter made of blankets and organized a volunteer litter squad. In the face of the enemy fire, he moved forward, secured cover for the litter team and then crawled 50 yards to the wounded man, where he dressed the wounds while exposed to hostile small arms fire. He then carried the man to the waiting litter squad to effect the evacuation. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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ORIGINAL ORDER - 1

Award of the Silver Star..... I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... II

I ---- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

CLANTON T BENNETT, 42 185 786, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 5 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader were rendered casualties, Private First Class Bennett, a reinforcement with two days' battle experience, exhibited outstanding courage and leadership by assuming command of his squad. Twice he exposed himself to draw enemy fire and, upon locating the source of the hostile fire, distracted the enemy and skillfully manuevered his squad to a position from which they knocked out the hostile positions. His gallant action was a valuable contribution to the successful attack made by his platoon. Entered military service from Orange, New Jersey.

WARREN H HATHAWAY, 01 172 060, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Battery C, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Having furnished effective supporting artillery fire, Lieutenant Hathaway, forward observer, securing a rifle from a fallen soldier, went forward with the infantry assault wave and, when the platoon leader was wounded, personally led the unit up the hill to its objective. Then, rejoining the company commander, he adjusted artillery fire on the enemy, assisting the unit to hold its newly gained ground. Prefering to remain where he could render the greatest service, he refused relief and continued his superb work as forward observer. His gallant action beyond the call of duty not only inspired the entire company but was a material contribution to its successes. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

BUD KEYES, 34 722 247, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire coming from a fortified position in a house, Private First Class Keyes, volunteering alone, courageously crept into the house, captured the three man machine gun crew. His brave action was instrumental in aiding his platoon to reach its objective. Entered military service from Creston, Tennessee.

ANDREW H TIMCHUK, 16 010 857, Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, near Baerenthal, France. With his company pinned to its defensive positions by a heavy enemy artillery barrage and seriously threatened by approaching tanks, Sergeant Timchuk obtained a bazooka and exposing himself to tank and small arms fire, promptly moved forward to attack the enemy armor. Closing to within 150 yards of a tank harrassing the flank, he put

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it out of action with two well placed bazooka shells. His courageous iniative inspired his men to engage the enemy and was largely responsible for breaking the hostile attack. Entered military service from Roseville, Michigan.

II --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

CLIFFORD R BROWN, 02 007 101, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Kerbach, France. Protected only by friendly machine gun fire, Lieutenant Brown skillfully and courageously led his platoon, in broad daylight, across open terrain, through wire fences, and concertina wire to assault enemy positions. His brave actions contributed materially toward his company's attaining its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT E LEE, 39 603 306, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 25 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. While on a reconnoitering mission to locate a battalion OP, Private First Class Lee and four other soldiers were subjected to hostile artillery fire forcing them to scatter. Hearing a wounded comrade call for help, Private First Class Lee, exposing himself to enemy observation and artillery fire, ran across 50 yards of open terrain to the wounded man, administered first aid and then assisted in his safe evacuation. Entered military service from Missoula, Montana.

JAMES L MYLER, O 349 812, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 18 to 19 February 1945, near Behren, France. During the attack on Kreutzberg ridge, Captain Myler, without regard for his personal safety, moved forward over open terrain under observed machine gun fire and heavy mortar and artillery fire to establish a new Battalion CP. After leading a wire party to the position, he relayed information which was of major value in the conduct of the attack. On 19 February, Captain Myler led an OP group which accompanied a leading company forward during the attack through Kreutzberg Wald. At several times he moved through heavy artillery fire to make personal reconnaissance and coordinate plans between the leading companies. His bold aggressive action greatly assisted in the capture and clearing of the Kreutzberg area. Entered military service from Davis, California.

JOSEPH F WOJEWODZIC, 32 741 311, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 276th Infantry. Entered military service from Port Henry, New York.

CHARLES H SCHARF, 33 745 593, Corporal, Infantry, Company D, 276th Infantry. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

For heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Oetingen, France. When the positions of the rifle platoon they were supporting became precarious before heavy fire from enemy automatic weapons, these machine gunners, seizing the initiative, crept through fog, mud, and concertina wire, braved enemy machine gun fire to throw hand grenades at the enemy gunners, wounding them and silencing the hostile machine gun. Their courageous and successful assault enabled the rifle platoon to move rapidly forward its objective.

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CHARLES A SCHULMAN, 19 131 933, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 1 to 5 March 1945, near Forbach, France. While serving as interpreter for two tank crews attached to a French company, Sergeant Schulman rode outside one tank relaying orders to the tank crews as received from the French commander. He remained in his exposed position as the tanks rode into the heart of enemy resistance, directing tank fire that eventually knocked out two enemy machine gun nests. On several occasions, Sergeant Schulman moved from the company CP to French forward positions, despite hostile mortar and machine gun fire, relaying instructions to the platoon leader. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

FRANCIS L TICE, 39 052 130, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 17 February to 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his company was in the midst of an attack on Styring Wendel, Private First Class Tice several times exposed himself to hostile fire in an effort to maintain successful communications between his platoon and the company CP. On one occasion, when his platoon was isolated from the remainder of the company, he moved forward 200 yards in front of the advanced echelon, subjecting himself to murderous fire from enemy pillboxes, to deliver a message. His brave action was instrumental in his company's successfully coordinated attack which resulted in the crossing of the Metz Highway. Entered military service from Greenfield, California.

BENITO G URQUIZA, 39 698 230, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company A, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945 at Lixing, France. Leading his squad in an attack across an enemy mine field, Staff Sergeant Urquiza skillfully maintained control of his men when they drew intensive enemy small arms and sporadic mortar fire. After crossing the field, Sergeant Urquiza displaced his men and went forward with two comrades, knocking out two hostile pillboxes. Reorganizing his squad he continued on, clearing the opposition from all assigned houses in the village. His aggresive leadership resulted in the killing of six and capture of four enemy and the successful accomplishment of the assigned mission. Entered military service from Tulare, California.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal..... I
Award of the Silver Star..... II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal.....III

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individual:

ROBERT BOHN, 36 836 494, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, at Etzling, France. When his company was attacking enemy troops entrenched in strongly fortified positions, Private First Class Bohn, exposing himself to intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, moved forward at great personal risk to a position from which he, with four comrades, successfully pinned down the enemy with such a volume of rifle fire that the balance of the company was enabled to outflank and take the important enemy positions. His valor and devotion to duty are consistent with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Bertha Bohn, (mother), 112 East Brown Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individual:

JOHN E SIMS, 02 006 373, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action from 18 to 26 February 1945. During intensive engagements with the enemy near Etzling, and on the approaches to Styring Wendel, France, Lieutenant Sims repeatedly led his platoon forward to its objectives in the face of heavy enemy artillery fire and intensive small arms fire from bunkers, pillboxes, and trenches. On one occasion, when his men were pinned down by hostile mortar and machine gun fire and reluctant to move forward, he fearlessly walked erect among them, urging them on and inspiring them so with his bravery that they successfully resumed the attack. In another instance, Lieutenant Sims and one of his men skillfully maneuvered 300 yards over hazardous terrain to knock out with bazooka fire an enemy strong point that had been harrassing the platoon. Entered military service from Acree, Georgia.

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III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

WILLIAM ALVARO, 6 846 908, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Hackensack, New Jersey.

WILLIAM E FRANKEL, 36 823 224, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PARK J KROESEN, 32 231 926, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

WALTER C ROGNER, 33 146 290, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Zelienople, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945 at Etzling, France. When their company was attacking enemy troops entrenched in strongly fortified positions, these men, exposing themselves to intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, moved forward at great personal risk to positions from which they successfully pinned the enemy down with such a volume of rifle fire that the balance of the company was enabled to outflank and take the important enemy positions.

FRED H CANTRELL, 025 295, Major, Infantry, Service Company, 274th Infantry, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations during the period 30 December 1944 to 27 February 1945, in and around Wingen, Philippsbourg, Behren, and Styring Wendel, France. Entered military service from Gainesville, Florida.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal..... I
Award of the Silver Star..... II
Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal..... III
Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... IV

I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as ammended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individual:

LUDWIG L LEITER, 39 301 021, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. After crossing barbed wire entanglements and an anti-personnel mine field at night, during a fog near Oetingen, France, Staff Sergeant Leiter returned through the mine field to bring to safety a member of his squad wounded by a schu mine. While attempting to remove the wounded soldier from the mine field, he stepped on another schu mine and was killed. Staff Sergeant Leiter's concern for the welfare of his men exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Elise Leiter (mother), Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America.

II --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

FRED H CANTRELL, 025 295, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945. During the attack on Saarbrucken, Germany, when the leading elements of his battalion were being held up by stiff enemy resistance, Major Cantrell, battalion commander, went forward and, despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, moved from unit to unit, issuing orders and encouraging the men to engage the enemy. His unflinching courage and inspiring leadership were in large measure responsible for forcing the enemy to withdraw from its heavily fortified positions and for the battalion's success in reaching its objective. Entered military service from Gainesville, Florida.

THOMAS F FLYNN, 026 646, 2d Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 19 and 21 February 1945, at Alsting, France. When Company B, 275th Infantry sustained heavy casualties from enemy mortar fire while preparing defensive emplacements, Lieutenant Flynn crawled through heavy shelling to an extreme forward position and silenced the hostile mortar by adjusting artillery fire. Two days later he crept beyond the front lines and again directed accurate artillery fire which neutralized an enemy battery that had been inflicting casualties among the company's men. Later, while still effectively performing his duties, Lieutenant Flynn was wounded by hostile mortar fire. Entered United States Military Academy from Gardner, Massachusetts.

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DONALD F HUFFMAN, 15 401 665, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. During a fierce enemy counterattack, Private First Class Huffman, a messenger, repeatedly delivered vital messages across a wooded area subjected to heavy enemy fire with frequent "tree bursts". During the barrage, he sustained painful hand injuries from an exploding tank shell which killed the company commander and seriously wounded a radioman. Despite his injuries, he carried a wounded comrade 100 yards to safety. His company's position becoming untenable, he voluntarily took command of a rifle squad, assisting his company in moving to a prepared defensive position. His gallant actions beyond the call of duty contributed materially to repelling the heavy counterattack. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

WILLIAM R HUGHES, 024 802, Captain, Field Artillery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action from 21 to 25 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. Throughout an intensive five-day engagement, Captain Hughes, as forward observer, designated targets and planned defensive artillery fires. On 21 February, while the troops were pinned down, he courageously went forward under direct hostile observation through heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to an unprotected observation post, where he directed an effective artillery concentration on the enemy fortifications. His cool and precise observation for the adjustment of artillery, without regard to personal risk, enabled the infantry battalion to resume its attack, rout the enemy, and capture its important high ground objective. Entered United States Military Academy from Youngstown, Ohio.

JOHN V HUTCHISON, 33 698 196, Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 and 22 February 1945, near Gifort Wald, France. When his attacking company had sustained numerous casualties and was pinned down by heavy enemy tank and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Hutchison summoned a medical aid man for a wounded member of his squad. When the aid man in turn was wounded by a burst from hostile guns, Sergeant Hutchison twice crawled forward under direct enemy machine gun fire and dragged each of the men to a trench where he administered first aid. During the ensuing night counterattack, his control of his men was a material factor in repelling the enemy. The following day, when the company's attack was resumed, he was injured by the concussion of an exploding shell and had to be removed from the battlefield. His courage and leadership materially aided his company to gain its objective and probably saved the lives of two comrades. Entered military service from Butler, Pennsylvania.

GLENDON C LONGWORTH, 37 619 884, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, near Aleting, France. After leading his platoon through heavy enemy artillery fire, Technical Sergeant Longworth and his men were subjected to such intensive shelling that 18 casualties were sustained. Cut off from the remainder of the company by the enemy fire, Technical Sergeant Longworth, disregarding his own safety, moved among his men, caring for the wounded and skillfully directing the platoon's operations through the night and the following day. During the entire operation, he kept his company commander informed of the developments of the engagement. His superb leadership and skill in holding the almost untenable position with only 12 men enabled the company to advance to its important objective. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

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ERNEST C MURPHY JR, O 447 535, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action during the period of 21 to 23 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. In the battalion's advance toward Saarbrucken, Captain Murphy often exposed himself to heavy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire under direct observation of the enemy, in order to carry out his duties as operations officer in coordinating the battalion attack. During the frequent counterattacks against the battalion positions, he repeatedly ran a gauntlet of heavy fire to contact and personally lead supporting tanks to positions from which they could best halt the enemy action. The coordination, team work, and spirit resulting from Captain Murphy's inspiring actions were of utmost importance in the ultimate accomplishment of the battalion's mission. Entered military service from Eugene, Oregon.

ERNEST J WANDLING, 35 759 052, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, in the Gifert Wald, France. When his company launched an attack on enemy fortifications, Private First Class Wandling charged through intensive hostile small arms and artillery fire to an enemy dugout. Vigorously assaulting the position with hand grenades, he succeeded in stunning and capturing its seven defenders. By his aggressive action Private First Class Wandling eliminated an important enemy strong point confronting the advance elements of the attacking company. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

III -- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individual.

DAVID K LUNSFORD, 18 017 177, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company C, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Oetingen, France. After moving through barbed wire entanglements and an anti-personnel mine field at night, Technical Sergeant Lunsford found that his men were unable to cross the mined area safely by themselves. He, therefore, made four trips back through the mines and barbed wire to lead his squad forward. His disregard for his own safety and his concern for the welfare of his men reflects the highest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

IV --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JOHN T CRAIG, O 545 956, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company F, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945. Acting under orders to capture important enemy fortified buildings in the Oberst Ohlugumhl, Lieutenant Craig, with skill and courage, successfully led his platoon under cover of darkness through a hostile mine field and barbed wire entanglements to accomplish his mission. Lieutenant Craig's outstanding leadership was responsible for securing his regiment's right flank and materially aided the further advance of his battalion Entered military service from Winslow, Indiana.

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ABRAHAM KLITZNER, 31 247 865, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945. During a very heavy mortar and artillery barrage supporting an enemy counter-attack on high ground overlooking Saarbrucken, Germany, Staff Sergeant Klitzner observed that one of his platoon's mortars had ceased firing. Disregarding the enemy fire, he left his own mortar and voluntarily moved across exposed ground to the other gun position, where he found the gunner seriously wounded. Staff Sergeant Klitzner immediately called the nearest medical aid man and assited in the evacuation of the soldier. Thereafter, he took the wounded gunner's place at the mortar, and resumed fire, at the same time supervising the fire of his own gun. His courageous efforts beyond the call of duty probably saved his comrade's life and were instrumental in repelling the enemy's counterattack. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

GEORGE W KREILING, 42 179 353, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during 4 to 6 March 1945. While his company was engaged in a fierce three day attack on Styring Wendel, France, Private First Class Kreiling kept vital communication wire to the front lines in constant repair despite the danger of working in a heavily mined area and of exposure to enemy artillery and small arms fire. His courageous actions materially aided his company's attack. Entered military service from Kew Gardens, Queens, New York.

KENNETH V MALMBERG, 36 682 829, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, in the vicinity of Etzling, France. For over 20 hours of steady work, during a heavy engagement with the enemy, Technician Malmberg drove vital ammunition supplies to the front line troops, over open roads constantly subjected to observed enemy small arms and artillery fire. Although his jeep was hit several times by shell fragments and his own life closely endangered by sniper fire, he unhesitatingly continued his hazardous mission. His heroic action provided not only the day's needs, but supplied all the ammunition required for the company's successful advance the following day. Entered military service from Rockford City, Illinois.

MAURICE J POLTACK, 42 140 635, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 and 4 March 1945, near Forbac France. After his company had attacked enemy forces, Private First Class Poltack, a rifleman, voluntarily stayed in an area continuously subjected to concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire and gave urgently needed medical aid to 16 seriously wounded comrades. Throughout the night he moved among the wounded, comforting and cheering them, until the medical aid men arrived in the early morning. He remained under fire until he had personally assisted in the safe evacuation of each of the wounded. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

LAWRENCE T WEBER, 20 753 541, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. After crossing barbed wire entanglements and an anti-personnel mine field at night, during a heavy fog near Oetingen, France, Private First Class Weber returned to bring to safety a member of his squad wounded by a schu mine. While heroically

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attempting to reach the soldier, he stepped on another schu mine, sustaining serious injuries. Entered military service from Long Prairie, Minnesota.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star..... I
Award of the Silver Star..... II
Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal..... III
Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... IV

I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

ADRIAN S BIEKER, 01 313 506, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 4 March 1945, near Forbach, France. After adjusting artillery fire on enemy positions across a deep anti-tank ditch, Lieutenant Bieker led his company successfully across the ditch and seized the high ground on the other side. He and several of his men were wounded by artillery fire during this crossing. Refusing to leave the battlefield, he remained in command, organizing his position, caring for the wounded, and directing artillery fire. Although he was killed shortly afterwards by the explosion of an enemy shell, the company was so thoroughly prepared for the counterattack which followed that the enemy was unable to dislodge it from its position. His gallant actions, culminating with the sacrifice of his life, exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mary Bieker (mother), 231 Cleveland Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio.

VIRGIL W ELDER, 37 696 794, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry. Next of kin: Gertrude Elder (mother), Conrad, Iowa.

CARL W SHIELDS, 37 742 915, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry. Next of kin: Carl B Shields, Sr., (Father), Route 1, Pineville, Missouri.

For gallantry in action on 20 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When the attack of the first platoon was stopped by intense enemy machine gun fire from the front and right flank, these men, disregarding their own safety, crept from the extreme right of their unit to a position from which they could fire upon the machine gun in front of their platoon. Firing their rifles at close range, they engaged the hostile gun, and, although killed during the engagement, their heroic efforts enabled their unit to withdraw and later outflank the enemy positions with a minimum of casualties. The gallant sacrifice and devotion to duty of these men exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

VINCENT D ROBEL, 19 112 135, Sergeant, Company F, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945. When his company withdrew under pressure of a strong night counterattack on Spicheren Heights, France, Sergeant Robel, with his first gunner, remained with his LMG to cover the withdrawal. Although he was killed during the action, Sergeant Robel's effective handling of the gun was the

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deciding factor in repelling the enemy attack and enabling his company to regain its position. His gallant sacrifice exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Martha Robel (mother), Snoqualmie, Washington.

II --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

PAUL CONNELL, O 498 228, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action from 17 February to 6 March 1945, near Oetingen and Forbach, France. When the assault of Company B, 276th Infantry, was seriously threatened by attacking enemy tanks, Lieutenant Connell, disregarding the heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, moved to the open crest of a hill from where he adjusted the fire of three artillery battalions. The barrage thus laid upon the enemy stopped the attack and knocked out the tank. Despite wounds sustained on 3 March, Lieutenant Connell continued on duty and, on 6 March, when the company had moved up to fill a gap in the front lines, he made his way through hostile mortar, artillery and small arms fire to a forward observation post, from which he directed an effective artillery barrage against the enemy until he was seriously wounded. His gallant action through the entire period was an inspiration to all and was a substantial contribution to the company's success. Entered militatry service from Trenton, New Jersey.

WILLIAM E SIMON, 36 982 859, Private First Class, Company D, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 24 February 1945. During a strong counterattack by enemy infantry, armor, and heavy weapons in the wooded hills facing Saarbrucken, Germany, Private Simon remained at his HMG position after the riflemen had withdrawn. He continued to fire upon the hostile forces until the attack was stopped. By remaining at his post, he not only inspired the men behind him to hold their positions, but he also assisted in killing 25 of the enemy. His courageous action materially aided in repelling the attack. Entered military service from Hart, Michigan.

III — AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

IRA C HATCH, 6 152 591, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Northfield, Vermont.

BEN P RYBICKI, 32 993 356, Sergeant, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

For meritorious service in action on 19 February 1945, at Spicheren Heights, France.

IV --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals.

KENNETH G CLARK, 37 621 709, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February and 8 March 1945.

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On 20 February 1945, near Forbach, France, Private First Class Clark ran across an open field, under heavy sniper fire, gave medical attention to three wounded soldiers and carried them to safety. On 8 March, at Imbruch, France, an enemy mortar shell struck a foxhole, wounding a soldier inside and igniting a white phosphorous grenade. Disregarding the burning grenade, Private First Class Clark immediately entered the shelter and, although severely burned about the hands and face, continued rendering first aid to his wounded comrade. His total disregard for his personal safety under fire was an inspiration to the troops about him. Entered military service from Hillsboro, Missouri.

ALBERT N CRUM, 02 010 760, 2d Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company M, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945. During the attack on Forbach, France, Lieutenant Crum (then a squad leader) established his 81mm mortar OP approximately 150 yards in front of a rifle company occupying a castle on the crest of a hill. When during darkness, about 50 enemy troops infiltrated behind his OP, he accurately adjusted fire upon them by sound, thus breaking up an enemy counterattack, and probably saving the lives of many of his comrades. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

WILLIAM C DYE, 35 891 788, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945. When his company was forced to withdraw under cover in a nearby woods after an unsuccessful attempt to cross a clearing near Spicheren, France, Staff Sergeant Dye noticed that a comrade had fallen under direct fire from enemy pillboxes on the side of the clearing towards the enemy. Disregarding enemy machine gun and shellfire, he ran into the open and carried the seriously wounded men back to safety. His courageous act beyond the call of duty was responsible for saving his comrade's life. Entered military service from Richmond, Indiana.

LESTER R GANRADT, 01 166 268, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on the night of 18 February 1945, near Etzling, France. During an enemy counterattack on the important high ground held by Company G, 274th Infantry, Lieutenant Ganradt, although exposed to night enemy small arms fire and endangered by air bursts from his own close barrage, cooly remained at his forward observation post and adjusted fire on the approaching enemy. His efficient and courageous action was instrumental in repelling the enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Princeton, Minnesota.

FRANK A MC CLENAGHAN JR, 33 810 591, Technician Fourth Grade, Company M, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945, at Forbach, France. When an enemy shell struck a 250 gallon trailer, setting it and an adjacent garage on fire, Technician Mc Clenaghan unhesitatingly dashed into the burning building to save his own truck which had been parked inside. Despite enemy shelling and the danger that the gasoline trailer might momentarily explode, he drove his vehicle through the flames to safety. Entered military service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

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JOHN D Mc LEES, 36 842 620, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. When his platoon, pinned down by machine gun and small arms fire, was unable to move, an enemy tank, surrounded by riflemen, suddenly appeared. Sergeant Mc Lees, then a messenger, unhesitatingly crept fifty yards across open ground, under hostile fire, to locate a friendly rocket-launcher team. Returning, he guided the team to a position from which it disabled the tank. Sergeant Mc Lees then joined in the action with the enemy riflemen around the tank. As a result of his courageous action, his platoon repelled the attack, thereby securing the company's right flank. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

EUGENE E OVERMYER, 36 982 904, Private First Class, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Alsting, France. At the height of a fierce encounter with the enemy, the company's one remaining radio went dead just as hostile tanks were seen approaching. Immediately responding to the critical situation, Private First Class Overmyer, assistant radio operator, voluntarily left cover and proceeded through a heavy concentration of artillery fire to obtain the extra batteries which he had previously cached in a rear position. Returning with these, he began operation of his radio by which effective artillery fire was adjusted on enemy armor and pillboxes, enabling his company to maneuver into a more favorable position and establish a defense for the night. Entered military service from Evart, Michigan.

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~~HERBERT A SIEGRIST, O 325 002, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Company C,~~ 270th Engineer (C) Battalion. Entered military service from Meadville, Missouri.

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~~JOHN D PEARSON, 01 114 264, 1st Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company C,~~ 270th Engineer (C) Battalion. Entered military service from La Porte, Indiana.

For heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945. While attacking the city of Forbach, France, the advance of an infantry battalion was halted by heavy automatic weapons fire from a blockhouse and supporting stone buildings. Since swampy ground and a ten foot wall, two feet thick, prevented the use of tanks, the combat engineers were directed to breach a path through the wall for the tanks. Tunneling fifteen feet to the base of the wall under direct fire from 88mm, 75mm, mortar and heavy machine guns, Captain Siegrist and Lieutenant Pearson personally supervised the blasting of an entrance in this obstacle in less than 90 minutes. This courageous achievement in the face of the enemy enabled tanks and infantry to advance, reduce the hostile strong point, and, subsequently, to capture the city of Forbach.

CALVIN P POND, 37 567 277, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic acheivement in action on 5 and 6 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. After evacuating three wounded soldiers in his jeep through heavy artillery fire on the night of 5 March, Private First Class Pond volunteered, on the following night, to take two more casualties through a heavy concentration of mortar fire to a point where they could receive

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medical attention. Although the heavy shelling prevented him on his first two attempts from getting through, he was successful on his third try, and despite aimed hostile small arms fire along the route, he completed his mission. Entered military service from Mankato, Minnesota.

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I ----- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

EDWARD J FERRARI, 39 112 022, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945, at Wingen, France. When his platoon was pinned down by grazing fire from an enemy machine gun, Staff Sergeant Ferrari, without regard for his own safety, moved to a position within a few yards of the hostile gun and neutralized it with hand grenades. By his gallant action several prisoners were taken and the platoon was enabled to continue to its objective. In a subsequent action Staff Sergeant Ferrari gave his life in the performance of his duties. Next of kin: Mary Donardi (aunt), 1049 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.

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GETHYN M RUDE, 01 182 696, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945, in the vicinity of Saarbrucken, Germany. During the attack on Sulftman Woods, Lieutenant Rude was serving as a forward observer with Company G, 275th Infantry, when the enemy counterattacked with infantry and tanks. He remained at his forward post and effectively adjusted artillery fire by sound. His last report warned that an enemy tank was only 50 yards from his position. The valor and courage of this action deeply inspired all the men and reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Patricia A Rude (wife), Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

ROGER P WAGNER, 37 595 004, Private First Class, Company L, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. While operating his radio in a culvert under artillery fire, Private First Class Wagner discovered that he could not properly receive or transmit from this position. Knowing that it was essential to maintain contact with his company commander and the supporting artillery, he crawled into the open under heavy mortar and machine gun fire to an exposed position from which his radio could operate efficiently. Remaining there, he transmitted until he was fatally wounded by enemy shell fire. His gallant action exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mary Wagner (mother), 2111 East 22d Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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CHARLES H KRIMMER, 36 982 612, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 March 1945. Assigned to lay 500 yards of communication wire between anti-tank guns in a wooded area overlooking Saarbrucken, Germany, Private First Class Krimmer, under heavy mortar and rifle fire, unhesitatingly proceeded on his mission. Just as he had completed this mission, he was killed by a sniper. His gallant sacrifice in the performance of duty is symbolic of the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mary Krimmer (mother), 3447 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

JAMES W ABSHIRE, 17 147 436, Private First Class, Company K, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945. On 6 March, in the vicinity of Styring Wendel, France, Private First Class Abshire voluntarily attacked an enemy pillbox. When only 25 yards from the hostile emplacement, he threw a grenade at an aperture. At the same instant, an enemy soldier tossed out a grenade which lacerated Private First Class Abshire's neck and shoulder. Disregarding his injuries, he pressed on with the troops in a successful effort to isolate the fortification. Shortly thereafter he received a second wound from shell fragments and was ordered evacuated by litter bearers. He refused their help, requesting the medical aid men to take care of other casualties, and though in considerable pain, he walked as far as he could toward the battalion aid station. His conduct throughout the action was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers, and a material contribution toward his platoon's success in capturing the pillbox. Entered military service from Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

CLARENCE F ANDERSON, 20 949 797, Sergeant, Company I. 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his weapons platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded, Sergeant Anderson assumed command of the platoon. Reorganizing the scattered LMG section, he led his men forward in an attempt to rejoin his company in the attack. Encountering a pillbox which had been bypassed, Sergeant Anderson successfully assaulted the strong point and captured 14 prisoners. His courageous initiative removed a serious threat to the rear of the company. Entered military service from Lander, Wyoming.

DONALD L BABER, 01 055 521, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945. During the assault on Forbach, France, 1st Lieutenant Baber's company was halted by machine gun fire from a group of factory buildings, whose high concrete walls provided the enemy with an almost impregnable position. Lieutenant Baber, armed with a rocket launcher, crawled forward under severe automatic weapons and small arms fire to an alley from which he silenced two hostile machine guns. He then personally led his platoon in a charge

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which destroyed four more machine gun positions and captured 15 desperate enemy soldiers. Lieutenant Baber's gallantry and courageous leadership under fire were the decisive factors in the successful accomplishment of his company's mission. Entered military service from Plainview, Nebraska.

CHESTER E CURTIS, 36 616 974, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company C, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 28 February 1945, near Forbach, France. When his company was counterattacked while defending a road block on the Metz Highway, Technical Sergeant Curtis established an artillery observation post in the face of heavy enemy fire. He directed concentrations on the enemy and caused heavy casualties. Forced to withdraw from his post by an enemy tank, he placed artillery smoke shells on the tank which cut off its observation of his platoon's position. He later returned to the observation post and harrassed the enemy's withdrawal by effective direction of supporting artillery. Technical Sergeant Curtis gallant action and professional skill were decisive factors in his company's success in repelling this counterattack. Entered military service from Waukegan, Illinois.

KENNETH A FLETTER, 35 172 040, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company K, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 23 February 1945, in the Gifert Wald, France. During his company's attack on a wooded hill which was strongly fortified, Staff Sergeant Fletter led his squad with such aggressiveness that he was constantly ahead of the company. In the capture of four pillboxes, he was in each case the first man to neutralize the enemy fire by firing rifle grenades into the apertures and tossing hand grenades down stove pipes and doorways. In one instance, his rifle was hit by fire from a pillbox just as he threw a hand grenade into its entrance. His heroic and inspiring leadership throughout the assault was a major contribution to the successful accomplishment of his company's mission. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

CARL G HUTCHERSON, 36 750 871, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 26 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. When his platoon's advance was halted by machine gun fire from a wooded area to its front, Private First Class Hutcherson crossed 150 yards of open terrain under heavy machine gun and mortar fire, searching for the enemy position. Finding it, he fired directly into the machine gun nest, killing several and forcing the remainder to withdraw. Although seriously wounded, Private First Class Hutcherson stayed at his post until ordered to the rear for evacuation. His gallant action and high devotion to duty enabled his platoon to advance across the open terrain and gain its objective. Entered military service from Urbana, Illinois.

JOSEPH J SPIEGLAN, 36 757 505, Private First Class, Company B, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945. Private First Class Spieglan, machine gunner, was struck by a shell fragment and painfully wounded in the action near Philippsbourg, France. Nevertheless, he remained with his gun for 24 hours thereafter, firing many times at the enemy, and carrying his machine gun himself when his platoon moved forward to attack. Only when his company had established strong defensive positions, and he had assisted in repelling several enemy counterattacks, did he leave his gun to be evacuated. Private First Class Spieglan's courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and his company. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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IV --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

LEO S DAY, 37 535 691, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 276th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 5 and 6 March 1945, near Forbach, France. On 5 March, Private First Class Day single-handed tended many wounded despite heavy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire. Because normal evacuation could not function over the hilly wooded terrain under incessant mortar and artillery fire, he improvised an aid station 60 yards behind the front lines and cared for the wounded throughout the night. During an enemy counterattack the following afternoon, he again repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire to care for the casualties. His devotion to duty and cool initiative during 48 hours of unrelenting service inspired the troops among whom he worked and unquestionably saved the lives of several men. Entered military service from Hutchinson, Kansas.

CLIFFORD E DYKES, O 300 531, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action from 24 February to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

MARK W EVERETT JR, 18 232 372, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Etzling, France. When his company was attacked by the enemy at night, Staff Sergeant Everett located hostile automatic weapons fire in a draw about 100 yards to his right rear. Disregarding heavy small arms and artillery fire, he crawled through the darkness, located the enemy and neutralized the fire with hand grenades. A threat to his company's right flank was thus eliminated. Entered military service from Conroe, Texas.

CHARLES E GARLAND, 39 346 089, Private, Company B, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945. After days of hard fighting in the Stiftswald Forest, France, the enemy attacked the right flank of Company B with a tank and infantry. During the attack, Private Garland moved from tree to tree, through heavy small arms fire, repeatedly firing on the attacking troops. He deceived the enemy as to the number of men in action on that flank, thus causing them to deploy, slowing the counterattack which was later repelled. His courageous initiative was an important factor in enabling his company to hold its positions. Entered military service from Lakeview, Oregon.

WILLIAM F GASSAWAY, O 422 730, Major, Medical Corps, Medical Department, 274th Infantry, for meritorious service from 25 December 1944 to 19 March 1945, near Wingen, Philippsbourg, Behren, Styring Wendel and Forbach, France. Entered military service from Petersburg, Virginia.

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HARVEY H KARNITZ, 36 252 160, Private First Class, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Guiding a litter team to a group of casualties, Private First Class Karnitz was halted by a German officer and two enemy soldiers armed with automatic weapons. Private First Class Karnitz persuaded the German officer to permit the litter team to continue on its mission. He then guided the litter bearers to the wounded soldie but discovered that enemy fire made evacuation impossible at that time. He therefore sent the litter squad back and remained with his wounded comrades under severe artillery and mortar fire without sleep, food, or water for nine hours until medica aid arrived. His courageous action beyond the call of duty probably saved the lives of the casualties he tended. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

JOHN J MALLOY, 20 119 436, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945, near Forbach, France. When six of the eight machine gunners, including both squad leaders, of a platoon protecting the left flank of his company were wounded, Private First Class Malloy, a rifleman, helped obtain other riflemen to man the guns. Since there were no remaining non-commissioned officers, he unhesitatingly assumed command and instructed the inexperienced men in handling the guns. His initiative under fire insured an uninterrupted defense of the company's left flank. Entered military service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM G MYERS, 33 926 969, Corporal (then Private First Class), Headquarter Company, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 28 February to 3 March 1945. Corporal Myers, for four consecutive days, ably adjusted infantry, cannon and artillery fire from his exposed observation post despite the incessant enemy mortar fire. At the conclusion of one fire mission in the St Arnual District, France, an estimated 14 enemy casualties were observed. As a result of Corporal Myer's accurate reports, the enemy suffered heavy casualties and damage to materiel. Entered military service from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

LAWRENCE D OFTEDAHL, 37 572 376, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. After his company had taken a section of Styring Wendel, France, ammunition and medical supplies were seriously depleted. Private First Class Oftedahl drove his truck at night through an enemy mine field following a single guide on foot and successfully delivered needed supplies and a group of litter bearers. During his first trip he also helped evacuate the company's casualties. His safe accomplishment of this mission assisted his unit in holding its positions. Entered military service from Pemberton, Minnesota.

JOHN D RANEY, 35 897 269, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. After his company had taken a section of Styring Wendel, France, Technician Fourth Grade Raney, a cook, and two other men drove in blackout through streets known to be mined and successfully delivered rations to the company. While at the front he voluntarily assisted in evacuating the wounded. Returning to the rear, he came upon a jeep wrecked by a mine. He immediately gave first aid to the casualties and assisted in moving them to the nearest aid station. His courageous initiative was an inspiration to the men of his company. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

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DAVID P SHOTKOSKI, 37 266 327, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. After his company captured a section of Styring Wendel, France, Staff Sergeant Shotkoski, supply sergeant, twice guided a truck through an enemy mine field at night to deliver supplies and litter bearers. While returning after his first trip, he came upon a quarter ton truck which had been wrecked by a mine while transporting personnel. He immediately assisted in rendering first aid and evacuated the casualties to the rear. His initiative and courage beyond the call of duty resulted in saving several lives and contributed greatly to the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from Silver Creek, Michigan.

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I —— AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

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THEODORE J DU BOIS, 01 054 968, 1st Lieutenant, ~~Field~~ COAST Artillery, CORPS Battery B, 483d AAA (AW) Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1945. While on reconnaissance near Oetingen, France, Lieutenant Du Bois was pinned down on a slope approximately 400 yards from the enemy by heavy fire from an 88mm self-propelled gun. At the height of the shelling, Lieutenant Du Bois left cover to give aid to a wounded soldier 25 yards away in full sight of the enemy. Disregarding his own safety, he administered first aid and greatly eased the pain of the wounded infantryman. As he prepared to carry the wounded man to safety, Lieutenant Du Bois was killed by a shell fragment. His sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Angelina Du Bois (mother), 157 Spruce Street, Watertown, Massachusetts.

JOHN A HUDAK, 32 973 042, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 4 March 1945. While advancing toward high ground southeast of Styring Wendel, France, Private First Class Hudak's scouts were suddenly pinned down by machine gun fire. Creeping up a wooded hill, he expertly maneuvered his squad to a position where flanking fire could be delivered on the enemy. Then, alone, he crawled to the hostile gun position and threw a hand grenade. A burst of machine gun fire instantly killed him. His gallant actions and high devotion to duty so inspired his men that they advanced and silenced the enemy guns. Next of kin: Yolanda M Hudak (wife), 342 East 81st Street, New York City, New York.

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GEORGE S BLANCHARD, 026 737, Captain (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company C, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When a hostile counterattack cut off one company from the rest of the attacking forces, Captain Blanchard moved forward alone to determine the situation from friendly units who were reorganizing to restore contact with the isolated company. In the assault which followed, the flank of the reorganized attacking elements faltered. Captain Blanchard, on his own initiative,

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personally took command and led a coordinated infantry-tank assault which secured the exposed flank and reestablished contact. The success of this action was primarily due to his outstanding gallantry and professional skill. Entered United States Military academy from Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM L CARSON, 33 734 261, Private First Class, Company F, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945, at Spicheren Heights, France. When his company withdrew under pressure of a strong night counterattack, Private First Class Carson and his squad leader remained with their LMG to cover the withdrawal. Although his comrade was killed and he was seriously wounded in this action, Private First Class Carson courageously continued to man his gun alone. His fire was so effective that the enemy forces were repelled and his company was enabled to regain its positions. Entered military service from North Linthicum, Maryland.

ROBERT D GRAY, 39 206 894, Sergeant, Company L, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his company's advance was held up by a strongly fortified enemy position, Sergeant Gray volunteered to ride the back of a tank, pointing out targets and directing its maneuvers. He successfully guided the tank forward under direct fire from enemy snipers and machine guns. His courageous action was instrumental in enabling the company to continue its advance. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JOE W CHERRY, 39 866 236, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945. When friendly troops sustained many casualties from an artillery concentration on a wooded hill near Spicheren Heights, France, Technician Cherry remained in the open giving medical aid to the wounded. Then, after establishing an aid station in a pillbox, he made four trips into the shelled area to give first aid and help carry the men to cover. Later, he constructed a foot bridge over a deep ditch in order to evacuate 10 seriously wounded comrades. His gallantry and resourcefulness were instrumental in saving the lives of several men. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

EARL T COGAN, 35 794 669, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945. During an attack across open terrain near Philippsbourg, France, an advancing company was pinned down by mortar, artillery, and small arms fire. Private First Class Cogan left his cover and gave first aid to two wounded men. Then, while crawling toward a third casualty, he was severely wounded by an enemy sniper. His courageous devotion to duty under fire inspired the attacking troops and probably saved the lives of the wounded men whom he tended. Entered military service from Cincinatti, Ohio.

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ARTHUR C FERREE, 01 785 697, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 1 January to 5 April 1945, in Alsace-Lorraine, France. Entered military service from Brea, California.

THOMAS GREEN, 34 165 988, Private, Company B, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. In the early morning, during a strong enemy counterattack, Private Green observed a tank supported by infantry attempting to outflank his company's positions. Recognizing the critical situation, he voluntarily left his foxhole and crossed open terrain to a position from which he could fire on the enemy riflemen. Then, moving from tree to tree, Private Green fired with such accuracy and volume that the hostile forces withdrew, deceived as to the number of men deployed in the area. His initiative was a major factor in repelling the counterattack. Entered military service from Brewton, Alabama.

VERNON A HUEPENBECKER, 35 542 350, Private, Company C, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Oetingen, France. After crossing enemy barbed wire entanglements and an anti-personnel mine field during a dark, foggy night, Private Heupenbecker learned that a comrade had been blinded as a result of a schu mine explosion and was helplessly stranded in the mine field. He voluntarily returned through the wire and mines and evacuated the blinded soldier safely. His courageous action was largely responsible for saving the injured man's life. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

JOHN LEPORE, 20 220 221, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, near Baerenthal, France. When Company E encountered a large enemy force, Staff Sergeant Lepore, with a comrade, moved forward to ascertain the type of armanent and location of the hostile troops. Coming upon an enemy wire laying detail, he and his comrade, by carbine fire, killed the entire detail. Continuing the reconnaissance, he discovered the main body of the enemy, and ascertaining their deployment, returned to direct effective artillery fire, which inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. His reconnaissance enabled his company to crush the hostile resistance and advance to its objective. Entered military service from Orange, New Jersey.

CARL R LEPPANEN, 36 985 385, Private First Class, Company A, 276th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945. During the attack on Forbac France, Private First Class Leppanan saw a rifleman seriously wounded in an assaul on an enemy emplacement. Voluntarily leaving cover under intense automatic weapon mortar and artillery fire, he carried the wounded soldier to a protected position where medical aid was available. His courageous action beyond the call of duty inspired the troops and probably saved the wounded comrade's life. Entered military service from Ironwood, Michigan.

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ARCHIE D SMITH, 36 291 017, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945. During the assault on enemy strong points in Styring Wendel, France, Technical Sergeant Smith saw one of his men wounded by artillery fire. He immediately left cover and, disregarding the mortar and artillery concentrations falling about him, crossed 250 yards of open ground, gave first aid, and then carried the casualty to safety. His fearless act reflects the highest standards of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

JUNIOR L TOMS, 35 924 618, Private First Class, Company F, 274th Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 8 to 10 March 1945, in Styring Wendel, France. Entered military service from Mentor-on-Lake, Ohio.

IV — AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of paragraph I, General Orders #30, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1945, as pertains to 1st Lieutenant GETHYN M RUDE, 01 182 696, which reads "AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR" is amended to read "AWARD (MISSING IN ACTION) OF THE SILVER STAR"; and so much as reads "the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously," is amended to read "the Silver Star is awarded (the recipient being missing in action) to:"

By command of Major General BARNETT:

LEO A BESSETTE
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

B V MERRICK
Lt Col AGD
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SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. William L. Carson
352 Bredhurst Road
Baltimore 12, Maryland

So much of General Orders 31, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, dated 23 April 1945 as pertains to the award of the Silver Star to William L. Carson, 33 734 261, which reads "for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945" is amended to read "for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General E C Haggerty

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BATTLE HONORS - CITATION OF UNIT

THE 2D BATTALION, 274TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, is cited for outstanding performance in combat during the period 5 to 7 January 1945, at Wingen, France.

At 1400, 5 January, the 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, received instructions to prepare and occupy a defensive position overlooking the village of Wingen, France. At 2100 on 5 January, this battalion received orders to recapture Wingen which had fallen into German hands on 4 January and which since then had withstood the continuous and costly attacks of an adjacent infantry regiment. Reconnaissance was limited to the intensive study of maps; the nature of the terrain made supplies available only by hand carry down a treacherous, ice-covered cliff the anti-tank guns of the battalion had to be lowered at night by a series of winches over a hazardous mountain trail to accomplish their fire mission; the officers and men of this battalion had been without rest for over sixty hours; the German forces held dominating terrain overlooking the village of Wingen on the battalion's exposed left flank; the only method of receiving any artillery support was by requesting it through the SCR 300 radio of an adjacent battalion.

In spite of these problems, the attack was launched at dawn on 6 January across exposed terrain against numerically superior and fanatically resisting enemy forces in the form of two battalions of the elite German 12th SS Mountain Regiment. The attack continued throughout the day against intensive enemy fire causing a heavy casualty toll in the ranks of the Battalion. The gallant esprit de corps of the 2d Battalion was such, however, that by late afternoon over half the village of Wingen was in American hands.

At dusk, the German defenders counterattacked ferociously and succeeded in splitting and isolating the units of the 2d Battalion. With unhesitating disregard of personal safety, the officers and men of this battalion tenaciously hung on to their positions and inflicted such heavy losses on the enemy that the German positions became untenable and an enemy withdrawal was begun during the night Reorganizing at dawn on 7 January, the battalion attacked again, destroying the remnants of the enemy forces. Thus, in two days, the 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, operating under almost insurmountable supply, communication and evacuation problems, in bitter cold, without food or rest, and with the loss of 130 casualties, destroyed two German SS Battalions, liberated over 250 Americans held prisoner by the German forces, recaptured 32 American vehicles, three anti-tank guns, and hundreds of small arms.

The determined fortitude, courage and fighting spirit displayed by members of the 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, is exemplary of the finest traditions of the American Army and will be inscribed indelibly in the annals of the American Infantry.

By command of Major General BARNETT:

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ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... I
Award of the Purple Heart..... II
Amendment of General Orders..... III

I ---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

ALAN G ANDERSON, 16 123 137, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945. Under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire near Philippsbourg, France, Sergeant Anderson, with a comrade, crawled forward from concealment in a woods to an exposed position where he emplaced a 60mm mortar. Immediately opening fire, he destroyed an enemy machine gun position and forced the withdrawal of an enemy mortar crew. This courageous action enabled the company to complete a successful attack. Entered military service from Rockford, Illinois.

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PAUL D BARTLEY, 33 763 772, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 February 1945. While his platoon supported an attack in the wooded hills west of Etzling, France, Staff Sergeant Bartley, HMG section leader, was reconnoitering for gun positions 150 yards away. The enemy launche a counterattack against the machine gun platoon's right flank while the gun crews were moving forward with equipment dismounted and on their shoulders. Staff Sergeant Bartley immediately ran to his section through heavy small arms fire, deployed his men, and took over operation of a machine gun himself. He laid down such effective fire that the enemy attack was repelled with heavy casualties. Staff Sergeant Bartley's gallantry and initiative reflect the highest standards of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

LEON E BARTRAM, 37 537 892, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Volunteering to re-establish an important listening post where a wounded comrade had been cut off by the enem Staff Sergeant Bartram courageously led two men forward through a steep draw covered by hostile machine guns and under heavy artiller fire. He discovered that the listening post was occupied by the enemy, and the wounded comrade probably captured. Continuing on alone, Staff Sergeant Bartram gained a vantage point from which he observed the enemy massing for a counterattack. He returned to his unit with this information, and fires were immediately placed upon the hostile forces, breaking up the counterattack before it could h successfully launched. Entered military service from Oregon, Mo.

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DELBERT C BRANDT, 35 077 169, Private First Class, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945 near Spicheren Heights, France. While assisting in covering their squad's assault on a pillbox, Private First Class Brandt and a comrade were first to detect an enemy force of approximately 12 men attacking from the right flank. Immediately moving into positions they aggressively engaged the hostile group with accurate rifle fire when they were joined by other men covering the squad's assault, the enemy was completely routed. Private First Class Brandt's alertness, prompt initiative and gallantry helped secure the right flank and enabled his platoon to continue its mission. Entered military service from Troy, Ohio.

HOWARD L BUCY, 37 476 678, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. Commanding his squad during the absence of his squad leader, Private First Class Bucy was ordered to protect a LMG section during an enemy counterattack. Disregarding heavy fire and under direct hostile observation, he moved beyond the front line and covered the movement of his sqaud with his own rifle fire. His courageous action enabled his squad to go into position without casualties and was a decisive factor in repelling the counterattack. Entered military service from Decatur, Nebraska.

FRED M CRAIG, 02 006 374, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945 in the vicinity of Behren and Korbach, France. When his unit was separated from an adjacent company during an attack, Lieutenant Craig set out alone to establish contact, rather than send someone else through woods not cleared of enemy troops. While reconnoitering he was painfully wounded by an enemy machine gun. Boldly exposing himself again to hostile fire, Lieutenant Craig was able to determine the location of the gun emplacement. Later he directed the attack which neutralized this hostile strong point. His courageous action eliminated a serious threat to his company's flank. Entered military service from Sumner, Illinois.

WILLIAM B CUNNINGHAM JR, 38 079 000, Private First Class, Company B, 370th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 and 17 March 1945, near St Arnual, France. Private First Class Cunningham and a comrade were called upon to give assistance to a seriously wounded soldier. Disregarding hostile machine gun and mortar fire, they promptly administered first aid and carried the wounded soldier up a steep incline to a position of safety. On the following day, under similar conditions, they again went to the assistance of a wounded comrade and, while exposed to enemy small arms fire, carried him to a covered location. Upon both occasions, a smoke screen was laid for their protection, but the enemy concentrated heavy fire on the area in which the wounded soldiers were located. This display of courage on the part of Private First Class Cunningham was beyond the call of duty and an inspiratic to the troops who witnessed it. Entered military service from Cuer. Texas.

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WILLIAM C DUKES, 20 805 463, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 10 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Private First Class Dukes led a five-man patrol one and one-half miles through enemy held woods to within 200 yards of hostile postions. Halting his patrol, Private First Class Dukes crawled even closer to the enemy and remained for some time observing their number and deployment. He then maneuvered his patrol back to his own lines without casualties. The information he so courageously gained was a decisive factor in the attack his company subsequently made. Entered military service from Robeline, Louisiana.

CHARLES D EBLEN JR, 0 556 580, Captain (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, at Etzling, France. After the capture of Spicheren Heights, Captain Eblen, then platoon leader, assumed command of the battle weary company. Skillfully reorganizing the unit, he led it against counterattacking forces threatening his battalion's left flank. Captain Eblen's untiring efforts and superb leadership under heavy artillery and small arms fire so inspired his men that they repelled the counterattack, enabling his battalion to advance to its objective. Entered military service from Ashland, Kentucky.

NEAL C GIBBS JR, 37 744 165, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 March 1945. During the attack on the Simon Mine near Styring Wendel, France, Company L, 274th Infantry had many wounded who could not be evacuated because of enemy fire. Staff Sergeant Gibbs voluntarily led his squad forward under heavy artillery and mortar fire and engaged the hostile gun position. This courageous action successfully diverted the attention of the enemy and enabled litter bearers to evacuate the casualties in safety. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

HAROLD M HANSEN, 37 268 673, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 12 to 19 January 1945. For 7 days, near Philippsbourg, France, Private First Class Hansen volunteered each day to carry rations and ammunition to his platoon. These trips were made on a trail three-quarters of a mile long which was under direct observation of the enemy and continually subjected to artillery, mortar and small arms fire. His courageous perseverance was a decisive factor in the successful operation of his platoon. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

VIRGIL D HECK, 37 484 409, Technician Fifth Grade, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, near Heilegenwald, Germany. While on reconnaissance in an armored car, Technician Heck and the crew encountered enemy equipped with a 20mm gun and two machine guns. Although wounded in the ensuing fire fight, he continued to man the turret gun until

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ordered to withdraw. Taking an exposed position, he gave the driver directions to back the car to cover. The driver misunderstood and backed the vehicle the wrong way. Still standing exposed in the turret and disregarding the hostile fire, Technician Heck re-directed the car successfully to safety. His courageous action saved the vehicle from damage and the crew from probable death or capture. Entered military service from Hubbard, Nebraska.

JOHN O HERSTAD, 022 068, Major, Coast Artillery Corps, 443d AAA (AW) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 194 near Oetingen, France. In the afternoon of 18 March, Major Herstad conducted a forward reconnaissance on the banks of the Saar River to site automatic weapons for direct fire on the enemy. Under continual mortar and small arms fire in clear view of the enemy, he was wounded by a shell burst, but continued to reconnoiter the exposed terrain until he had accomplished his mission. The information gained by Major Herstad's courageous perseverance greatly assisted in the river crossing and successful assault which followed. Entered United States Military Academy from Salt Lake City, Utah.

JOHN G HUNTER JR, 34 986 747, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 21 to 24 February 1945, in the Gifertwald, near Alsting, France. During a three-day attack, Private First Class Hunter almost singlehanded maintained communication between the Battalion Command Post and the assaulting companies. On one occasion, he laid wire for an artillery Observation Post 350 yards beyond the front lines. On the second day of the attack, when his own supply of wire was exhausted, he went forward and assisted the wire crews of the advancing companies. When the Battalion's objective was captured, he continued to service communication lines under intermittent artillery and mortar fire, and refused relief until a secondary wire net had been established late in the third day. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

EARL KROPF, 33 908 796, Private First Class, Company A, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, near Fursten, Germany. A patrol attempting to cross the Saar River in small boats was forced to withdraw under fire from the enemy entrenched on the opposite bank, and one man was seriously wounded. When the boats reached the shore, Private First Class Kropf lifted the wounded man to his shoulder and carried him through continued heavy fire over 500 yards of exposed ground to safety. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ANDREW KUBACHKO JR, 01 054 295, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945. When 1st Lieutenant Kubachko's platoon attacked across a clearing in the woods near Etaling, France, one squad was pinned down by heavy enemy fire on the opposite side and the rest of the platoon prevented from crossing. Disregarding machine gun and small arms fire, Lieutenant Kubachko left cover to go forward

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through the clearing to the isolated squad. Before he could reach the concealment of the woods he was severely wounded and had to be evacuated. His courageous leadership and gallantry, however, so inspired his platoon that they held their positions and were later successful in rescuing the squad which had been cut off. Entered military service from Monessen, Pennsylvania.

JAMES R MICHAEL, 025 609, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service in action on 6 and 7 February 1945, near Forbach, France. Serving in his first operation as Battalion Executive Officer, Captain Michael planned and directed a raid which advanced his battalion's lines despite strongly entrenched enemy, heavy fog, and difficult terrain. The following day, when the enemy launched a counterattack, supported by artillery and armor, Captain Michael personally assisted in reorganizing one company whose positions had been overrun. In the absence of the battalion commander, he later executed a withdrawal ordered by his regiment without loss, and so efficiently that the counterattacking enemy was unaware of its progress until the withdrawal had been substantially completed. Captain Michael's superior judgment and initiative were largely responsible for the success of the operation. Entered military service from Ada, Ohio.

ROBERT W NAULT, 36 195 090, Private, Company B, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945, in Stiftswald, France. With his company under a heavy artillery concentration reinforced by rocket launchers and machine guns, Private Nault exposed himself to aimed hostile fire for the purpose of locating the enemy gun positions. While remaining exposed and firing his rifle, he deliberately adjusted mortar fire to within 35 yards of his own position. His courageous actions were a deciding factor in repelling a counterattack. Entered military service from Chippewa County, Michigan.

LUNDY R NUNNERY, 6 666 700, Private First Class (then Private Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, on Spicheren Heights, France. Without regard for his own safety, Private First Class Nunnery, under enemy artillery fire, crawled through a trench to a seriously wounded comrade. Reaching the wounded man he then carried him 150 yards through heavy shelling to a place where medical care was available. His gallant action was an inspiration to his comrades and probably saved the man's life. Entered military service from Wharton, West Virginia.

LLOYD J PORTER, 37 573 066, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 270th Engineer (C) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945. When heavy artillery fire pinned down the infantry at Etzling, France, Technician Porter and a comrade left cover to clear enemy mines from the path of friendly tanks. His courageous action in breaching the mine fields enabled the armor to move forward and successfully support the infantry in the accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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WARREN S PRICE, 35 079 900, Sergeant, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 2o February 1945, near Spicheren, France. While assisting in covering their squad's assault on a pillbox, Sergeant Price and a comrade were first to detect an enemy force of approximately 12 men attacking from the right flank. Immediately moving into position, they aggressively engaged the hostile group with accurate rifle fire. When they were joined by other men covering the squad's assault, the enemy was completely routed. Sergeant Price's alertness, prompt initiative and gallantry helped secure the right flank and enabled his platoon to continue its mission. Entered military service from Galena, Ohio.

FREDERICK M ROBERTS, 11 136 377, Private First Class, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. When two companies were separated at night, they were threatened with enemy infiltration. Private First Class Roberts was ordered to carry vital messages between the units. Although wounded by 88mm shell fragments, he successfully established contact and delivered his messages. His courageous action helped prevent hostile infiltration and materially assisted his battalion in its mission. Entered military service from Peacedale, Rhode Island.

OSCAR D SCHRAGE, 36 536 416, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in Philippsbourg, France. Staff Sergeant Schrage was operating a battalion radio in a house 400 yards to the rear of his company command post when the enemy launche an attack with an estimated force of two companies against the rear of his company and against the house in which he was operating. He and his crew of three repeatedly drove back the hostile forces. During one heavy assault on his position, many of the enemy were killed or captured. His courageous actions kept the communication lines open, and his radio crew was credited with taking 48 prisoners Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

GERALD V SHAHAN, 02 011 629, 2d Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his platoon leader was hit by enemy fire, Lieutenant Shahan, then platoon sergeant, assumed command, reorganized his platoon under a heavy hostile mortar and artillery fire, and skillfully led the men into attack. His outstanding leadership was an inspiration to his men and kept casualties at a minimum during the action. Entered military service from King Wood, West Virginia.

PAUL A SWENSON, 01 542 164, 1st Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, near Behren, France. When Lieutenant Swenson was reconnoitering a route to evacuate a French soldier, he was severely injured by enemy small arms fire. Disregarding his wound, he continued his mission and successfully

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evacuated the casualty. This courageous action was typical of the devotion to duty which Lieutenant Swenson displayed many times in the evacuation of casualties under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

JAMES C WILSON, 15 315 036, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945 Under heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire near Philippsbourg France, Technical Sergeant Wilson with a comrade crawled forward fro concealment in a woods to an exposed position where they emplaced a 60mm mortar. Immediately opening fire, they destroyed an enemy machine gun position and forced the withdrawal of an enemy mortar crew. This courageous action enabled the company to complete a successful attack. Entered military service from Bowling Green, Kentucky.

WOODROW W WINN, 36 954 522, Private, Company B, 370th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 and 17 March 1945 near St Arnual, France. Private Winn and a comrade were called upon to give assistance to a seriously wounded soldier. Disregarding hostile machine gun and mortar fire, they promptly administered first aid and carried the wounded soldier up a steep incline to a position of safety. On the following day, under similar conditions they again went to the assistance of a wounded comrade and, while exposed to enemy small arms fire, carried him to a covered location. Upon both occasions, a smoke screen was laid for their protection, but the enemy concentrated heavy fire on the area in which the wounded soldiers were located. This display of courage on the part of Private Winn was beyond the call of duty and an inspiration of th troops who witnessed it. Entered military service from Paw Paw, Michigan.

II --- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action on 10 March 1945, in France:

JAMES PRYDE, 35 928 852, Private, 570th Signal Company. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

III -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Paragraph I, General Orders 31, this headquarters, dated 23 April 1945, as pertains to 1st Lieutenant THEODORE J DU BOIS, 01 054 968, which reads "Field Artillery" is amended to read "Coast Artillery Corps" and so much as reads "Battery B, 433d AAA (AW) Battalion" is amended to read "Battery D, 443d AAA (AW) Battalion".

By command of Major General BARNETT:

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Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star .....
Award of the Silver Star..... I

I -- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following individual:

GEORGE S BLANCHARD, 026 737, Captain, Infantry, Company C, 274th Infantry for gallantry in action on 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. While leading forward elements of his company in attack over wooded hills, Captain Blanchard noted that 200 yards of open terrain had to be crossed under enemy observation from three directions. He led a small party, rather than expose his whole company through two mine fields under severe artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. From buildings on the opposite side he directed rocket shells on the enemy positions and so reduced the hostile forces that his company was able to advance with a minimum of casualties. Captain Blanchard's gallant leadership and tactical proficiency were responsible for his company's success. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington, D. C.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations [illegible], 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

HERBERT J ANDREWS, 01 318 119, Captain, Infantry, Company I, 276th Infantry for gallantry in action near Forbach, France. On 19 February 1945, Captain Andrews led his company in a successful attack, despite constant artillery and mortar fire on a strongly defended position known as Castle Hill, near Forbach, France. At about 1920 that night the enemy loosed a tremendous artillery barrage followed immediately by a powerful counterattack. Captain Andrews quickly ordered his company to withdraw within the confines of the castle and without hesitation called for a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire on Castle Hill which broke the counterattack and enabled his company to regain their positions. The following day approximately 40 enemy dead were found on the hill. Entered military service from Colton, California.

PAUL D BARTLEY, 33 763 772, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 23 February 1945. When an enemy company counterattacked roadblock near Habsterdick, France, Staff Sergeant Bartley, leader of a machine gun section, rose from cover and seized a light machine gun from its mount. With complete disregard for his own safety and under very heavy small arms fire, he placed it at his hip and ran down the road toward the enemy. He held his fire until within 25 yards and then inflicted such serious casualties that the counter attack was immediately repelled. Staff Sergeant Bartley's gallantry in action, far beyond the call of duty, reflects the finest tradition of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

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IRA G BEDDOE, 20 816 422, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1945. During an attack on formidable enemy emplacements on Spicheren Heights, France, the advance of Staff Sergeant Beddoe's company was halted by heavy fire from five hostile pillboxes. He immediately left cover and led his squad with such aggressiveness and courage that they cleared all five pillboxes and captured 30 prisoners. His outstanding and heroic leadership enabled the entire company to continue the attack. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

LEE R BUCKELEW, 38 686 798, Private First Class, Company G, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action from 2 to 10 January 1945. When Company G, in position on heights south of Baerenthal, France, met violent counterattacks, Private First Class Buckelew, sniper, voluntarily moved forward with a comrade and, despite harassing artillery and small arms fire, maintained his forward position for nine days. His precise sniping kept the enemy under cover, and in one day he destroye nine hostile infantrymen. This voluntary and hazardous deployment by Private Fir Class Buckelew and his comrade was an important factor in the delay of the enemy. Entered military service from Mullin, Texas.

JOHN L EVEN, 36 973 500, Private First Class, Company G, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 7 and 8 March 1945. When Company G was holding positions at the edge of a wooded area north of Forbach, France, an enemy tank moved with 200 yards of the company and opened fire. Private First Class Even left his foxhole and knelt in the open to fire three rockets, which immobilized the tank. The following day under similar circumstances he attacked another tank. In this heroic action, he was painfully wounded by fragments from the tank shells. His gallantry removed serious threats to his company's positions. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

GEORGE H GOODE, 02 001 728, 2d Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company E, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 18 February 1945, near Kerbach, France. When Lieutenant Goode's platoon began to advance across 150 yards of open terrain to clear the woods on the opposite side, the men took cover from machine gun fire. He leaped to his feet and began moving alone across the clearing, firing and maneuvering as he advanced. His courage inspired the rest of the platoon to follow. Despite the heavy counter fire, Lieutenant Goode crossed the clearing and captured the machine gun and three prisoners. His gallant leadership materially aided the accomplishment of his company's mission. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

HARRY R HENDRICK, JR, 36 901 272, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company K, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945. During an attack on a wooded hill in the Gifertwald, France, the right flank of Staff Sergeant Hendrick's company was seriously endangered by direct 88mm fire from a tank in partial defilade near their position. When a rocket team was unable to repel the enemy armor, Staff Sergeant Hendrick crawled close to the tank and killed six hostile infantrymen. His accurate rifle fire so demoralized the enemy that the tank ceased its advance. Staff Sergeant Hendrick's action was the decisive factor in protecting his company's flank and crushing determined enemy resistance. Entered military service from Kalamazoo County, Illinois.

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THOMAS E HOPTRY, 39 112 616, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 March 1945. When communications were frequently disrupted by enemy fire during the attack on Styring Wendel, France, Staff Sergeant Hoptry led wire parties to repair the lines. Although he lost six men by artillery fire, he continued his mission with one other wireman who was in turn wounded. Staff Sergeant Hoptry dragged his comrade to safety under heavy shelling, assisted in his evacuation, and completed his mission alone. His gallant actions restored vitally important communications to forward companies and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Hayward, California.

SIDNEY E IVERSON, O 314 151, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action from 10 January to 14 January and from 21 February to 8 March 1945, at Zinsweiler and Forbach, France. At Zinsweiler, despite difficult winter conditions and enemy shelling, Colonel Iverson made personal reconnaissance within 100 yards of the entrenched enemy. When his battalion attacked in the Lichtenberg Forest, Colonel Iverson remained forward under concentrated artillery fire to direct the operation. His skillful leadership resulted in the capture of the battalion's objective with a minimum of casualties. In the woods northwest of Forbach, he disregarded artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and again reconnoitered ground within 100 yards of strong hostile positions. Colonel Iverson's courageous actions and complete devotion to his command set an exemplary standard of military conduct. Entered military service from Grand Forks North Dakota.

EARL H KING, 38 571 974, Private First Class, Company L, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his comrade was killed while operating the platoon radio, Private First Class King unhesitatingly proceeded to the exposed position and manned the radio. During the continued hostile artillery shelling he was wounded. He refused medical aid in order to maintain communications. His heroic action greatly contributed to the fulfillment of his company's mission. Entered military service from Chester, Oklahoma.

JOSEPH KOHN, 02 015 954, 2d Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Forbach, France. During an attack on the heavily fortified Simon Coal Mine, an advancing rifleman was wounded by rocket fire and lay helpless, only thirty yards from the enemy. Staff Sergeant Kohn, despite severe machine gun, rocket, and tank fire, rushed across open ground, scaled a seven foot wall, and crawled through barbed wire entanglements to reach the wounded man. Though badly lacerated by the wire, he gave first aid to his comrade and evacuated him over the same difficult route. His gallantry and courageous determination symbolize the finest traditions of the service. Entered military service from St Louis, Mo.

RUSSELL C LARSON, 36 000 178, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 March 1945, near Kerbach, France. When his platoon was held up, Technical Sergeant Larson, although under rifle grenade, mortar and machine gun fire, courageously moved forward and directed the final assault while not more than 10 yards from the nearest enemy gun position. On one occasion, when two enemy hand grenades landed within his reach, he picked them up before they could explode and threw them back into the enemy's position. His quick thinking and excellent leadership were largely responsible for his platoon's accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from Plano, Illinois.

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FRED P MAUSZEWSKI, 20 752 326, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 February 1945, near Etzling, France. While he was conferring with officers 200 yards from his men, Technical Sergeant Mauszewski's machine gun platoon was counterattacked by enemy infantry. Quickly he crawled and ran through a hail of small arms fire, killed an enemy soldier with his rifle, and then immediately deployed his platoon to withstand the attack. Manning one of the machine guns, he inflicted heavy casualties which repelled the hostile force. Technical Sergeant Mauszewski's courageous leadership inspired his men and was directly responsible for their success in this action. Entered military service from Winona, Minnesota.

NICHOLAS B NANCE, 02 010 724, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945. With his platoon spearheading an attack on Spicheren Heights, France, Lieutenant Nance remained constantly at the head of his unit. After taking his objective with a minimum of casualties, he established liaison with supporting tanks and personally placed them in position. In the three counterattacks that followed, he moved continuously among his men and inspired them to successful defense of the sector. His gallantry in action was largely responsible for the accomplishment of the platoon's mission. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ELMER K OSWALD, 37 603 290, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company K, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 and 4 March 1945. When his platoon leader assumed command of his company, and other non-commissioned officers of the unit were wounded, Staff Sergeant Oswald personally led the 3d Platoon in the assault on Styring Wendel, France. On many occasions during the clearing of the city, he courageously exposed himself to heavy artillery and small arms fire in order to direct the operation of his platoon. His gallant devotion to duty inspired his men and greatly contributed to the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

ARTHUR PRATT, 13 013 697, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. During the initial phases of a strong counterattack, Staff Sergeant Pratt's platoon suffered such heavy casualties that disorganization appeared imminent. When his platoon leader and sergeant were wounded, he assumed command and cooly deployed his men to meet the enemy assault. Under his leadership, the platoon repelled the attack. Entered military service from Portersville, Pennsylvania.

JAMES H REED, 37 526 749, Private First Class, Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1945. During an assault on an enemy stronghold on Spicheren Heights, France, Private First Class Reed moved well beyond the front lines and, by deliberately exposing himself to the hostile fire, enabled the rest of his platoon to locate the enemy guns and silence them. Private First Class Reed's courageous action beyond the call of duty was a decisive factor in the success of his company's attack. Entered military service from Bruner, Missouri.

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MARSHALL L SAPP, 36 979 590, Private First Class, Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1945. When Private First Class Sapp's squad was held up by grazing fire from an enemy pillbox during an assault near Spicheren Heights, France, he left cover and charged the emplacement with his rocket launcher. Reaching the pillbox he fired a rocket through a door, killing or wounding all the personnel inside. His courageous action eliminated the hostile strongpoint and enabled his squad to advance. Entered military service from Hoopeston, Illinois.

JAMES R SCOTT, 18 020 209, Private First Class, Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1945. During an assault on a strongly fortified position on Spicheren Heights, France, Private First Class Scott's squad was held up by fire from an enemy pillbox. Under protective fire from his squad, he crawled around to the rear of the pillbox and entered it. Caught completely by surprise, the 13 enemy soldiers in the pillbox surrendered without further resistance. Private First Class Scott's courageous action eliminated the hostile strongpoint and enabled his unit to advance to its objective. Entered military service from Robeline, Louisiana.

ROBERT C SMITH, 42 141 894, Private First Class, (then Private), Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945. While carrying supplies to his platoon position near Philippsbourg, France, Private First Class Smith encountered an enemy patrol which had infiltrated in the rear of his company under cover of darkness. Believing him helpless under his heavy load, the patrol called upon him to surrender. He disregarded their demand and fought them off with his carbine until they were destroyed by friendly machine gun fire. Private First Class Smith's courageous action was directly responsible for the elimination of a serious threat to his company's rear. Entered military service from Glen Gardner, New Jersey.

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I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

CLIFFORD L SHAFFER, 20 943 526, Staff Sergeant (then Sergean Company I, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 18 February 1945. In preparation of an attack on Etzling, France, Staff Sergeant Shaffer led a four man patrol on a reconnaissance mission. Reaching a vantage point, the patrol suddenly ran into the enemy. In the engagement which followed, four of the enemy were killed, the remainder forced to withdraw, and an enemy strong point composed of two machine gun nests destroyed. The courage and aggressive leadership of Staff Sergeant Shaffer are considered responsible in great part for the successful accomplishment of his company's mission. In a subsequent action, Staff Sergeant Shaffer was killed. Next of kin Edith A Shaffer (mother), 955 Cedar Street, Potlatch, Idaho.

II --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

DWIGHT C STRICKLER, 33 662 742, Private, Company B, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945. When the attack of the first platoon on a wooded hill near Alsting, France, was halted by heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Private Strickler, a mortarman, noticed that the platoon's medical aid man was among the several casualties. Disregarding the hostile fire, he picked up the wounded medical aid man's first aid kit and carried the wounded to cover where he gave them first aid. His courageous initiative probably saved the lives of several men. In a subsequent engagement, Private Strickler lost his life in the performance of his duties. Next of kin: Florence R Strickler (mother), Route 1, Grottoes, Virginia.

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III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

ROBERT L CUNNINGHAM, 33 730 023, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Technical Sergeant Cunningham emplaced his 57mm anti-tank gun 150 yards from enemy positions under heavy artillery and small arms fire. Although wounded by an artillery shell, he personally sighted the gun on a pillbox which was delaying the advance of a rifle company, and neutralized the hostile fortification. Technical Sergeant Cunningham's courageous actions enabled the rifle company to advance successfully toward its objective. Entered military service from Hagerstown, Maryland.

FRED J CASSIDY, O 553 863, Captain, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 March 1945. Spearheading the attack on Saarbrucken, Germany, Company G moved beyond the range of communication with its battalion. In the absence of orders, Captain Cassidy led his company beyond his objective, capturing a large number of prisoners. Advancing rapidly through the Siegfried Line fortifications, mine fields, and road blocks, he effected the capture of Bilstock, Germany. He continued forward cutting routes of enemy withdrawal by making contact with elements of the Third Army. His gallantry and outstanding leadership were primarily responsible for the success of his company. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

WILLIAM R DIECKMANN, 39 014 891, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945. During the attack on Wingen, France, Staff Sergeant Dieckmann's platoon was held up by machine gun fire from a house. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Dieckmann crawled up the open street, under observed automatic weapons and sniper fire, and silenced the hostile gun with a hand grenade. Later, he captured an enemy soldier and marched him into an enemy-occupied building where five more surrendered. His gallant actions destroyed a hostile strong point and resulted in the capture of 19 prisoners. Entered military service from Novato, California.

MELVIN A HICKS, 02 010 622, 2d Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 February 1945. When his platoon leader was wounded and evacuated in an attack near Etzling, France, 2d Lieutenant Hicks, then platoon sergeant, assumed command. His men were halted by heavy hostile fire. Contact with his leading squad was lost. On learning that he was opposed by approximately two enemy companies, he established defensive positions against probable counterattack. At nightfall, he personally made contact with the isolated squad and guided them back to the platoon. Despite heavy enemy fire, he held his line until re-inforcements arrived. The courage and professional skill exhibited by 2d Lieutenant Hicks probably prevented the enemy from launching a successful counterattack. Entered military service from Stuttgart, Arkansas.

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JOHN S KOERBER, 36 966 901, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 23 February 1945, near Spicheren France. When the advance of the 1st platoon of his company was held up by fire from a machine gun in an enemy pillbox and from riflemen in a well fortified position, Staff Sergeant Koerber led his squad in an assault on this strong point. Halfway to his objective, he was wounded by shell fragments. Nevertheless, he pushed forward, disregarding his wounds until his squad accomplished this mission. His leadership under fire was an inspiration to his men. Entered militar service from Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

ANDREW J MARTINEZ, 02 006 422, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 24 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Ordered to set up a road block on the Metz Highway on 45 minutes notice, Lieutenant Martinez moved his platoon into position and laid a minefield in total darkness within 200 yards of the unsuspecting enemy. As a result, his platoon ambushed hostile column at dawn, killing and wounding approximately 100. Later, when enemy tanks and long range machine gun fire made the road-block untenable, he withdrew his entire platoon to a more favorable position without a single casualty. Lieutenant Martinez's gallant leadership and professional skill materially assisted the advance of his battalion. Entered military service from Venice, California.

FREDERICK H PERSON, 01 998 102, 2d Lieutenant, Armored Force, Company C, 749th Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945, in the Pfaffenwald, France. When efforts failed to free his tank mired in mud, Lieutenant Person, with members of his crew, elected to remain with the tank to protect the right flank of friendl lines. During the night, the enemy infiltrated and the infantry withdrew, leaving the tank, at daybreak, 300 yards in front of friendly lines. Under hostile artillery fire and attacked by 3 bazooka teams, Lieutenant Person courageously held his position and by aggressive fire prevented the enemy from overrunning the right flank. It was not until all ammunition had been expended that the crew withdrew. Lieutenant Person was lightly wounded by a shell fragment in this action. Entered military service from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

BERNARD F ROBINSON, 33 926 653, Private First Class, Company L, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During the attack on the Simon Coal Mine, Private First Class Robinson's company was held up by machine gun fire from a hostile fortification. Exposing himself to the heavy fire, he dashed to the strong point and threw hand grenades into the aperture from which the enemy was firing. By his courageous action beyond the call of duty the pillbox was captured and his company was enabled to continue its advance. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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JACK M STANGER, 39 918 889, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 24 February 1945, near Spicheren France. While Staff Sergeant Stanger was reorganizing his squad after an attack, he observed enemy troops counterattacking an adjacen unit. Carrying a machine gun and ammunition well forward of his own position, he laid such an effective flanking fire on the hostile forces that their advance was halted. Friendly troops heard Staff Sergeant Stanger's machine gun, and concentrated the fire of all available weapons on the already disorganized enemy, inflicting heav casualties. His courageous action was the decisive factor in repelling this counterattack. Entered military service from Oakley, Idaho.

IV --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

PAUL R ALFORD, 38 563 494, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company H, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in actic on 3 March 1945, near Et[illegible]ling, France. While firing on the enemy at Styring Wendel, France, Technical Sergeant Alford's mortar platoon was subjected to an enemy artillery concentration. Disregarding the shell bursts abo[illegible]him, Technical Sergeant Alford left cover and carried a seriously [illegible]nded comrade to a nearby vehicle and drove him to an aid stat[illegible]pon returning he found that hostile fire had made the mortar [illegible]acements untenable. He courageously led his men from cov[illegible]and organized an alternate position from which fire on the enemy w[illegible]sumed. Entered military service from Ada, Oklahoma.

KENNE[illegible]D BENBOW, 39 417 791, Private First Class, Company H, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Marysville, Californi

WILLIAM H FINK, 39 705 718, Corporal, Company H, 275th Infanti Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

HARMEN O HUTCHINS, 39 213 054, Private First Class, Company H, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Centralia, Washington.

VERNON F KAHLER, 20 750 401, Private First Class, Company H, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from Fairmont, Minnesota.

For meritorious service in action between 18 February 1945 and 7 March 1945, near Schonbach, France.

OLVA B BUTLER, O 556 667, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Service Company, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, at Styring Wendel, France. When a rifle

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company had suffered the loss of its officers, Lieutenant Butler, A & P platoon leader, crossed a half mile of heavily mined woods to assume command of the unit. Although the men were entirely unfamiliar to him, he promptly re-organized and led them in an attack on hostile strong points, capturing several pillboxes and eleven enemy soldiers. Lieutenant Butler's leadership and courageous devotion to duty materially contributed to the success of his battalion attack. Entered military service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

JACOB C K CHOY, 30 111 038, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 March 1945, near Habsterdick, France. Under heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Choy volunteered to clear a path through an anti-personnel mine field near Habsterdick, France. After accomplishing his mission he recrossed the mine field numerous times under fire to bring up ammunition and evacuate the wounded. His courage and perseverance were an important factor in the success of his company. Entered military service from Hon Oahu, TH.

WILLIAM E DAWS, 38 515 032, Corporal, Company C, 370th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, near Forbach, France. Upon learning that a rifleman was lying helplessly wounded in an open field, where one man had been killed attempting to reach him, Corporal Daws and three other litter bearers volunteered to attempt the rescue. As they started across the field snipers opened fire, killing one and fatally wounding another. Corporal Daws and the other litter bearer fell to the ground and feigned death for five hours. After dark they evacuated the two wounded men. Corporal Daws courageous actions and concern for the welfare of the wounded men reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Throckmorton, Texas.

KAY T ESPLIN, 39 926 982, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 8 to 12 March 1945. During four days of fighting in a wooded area near Saarbrucken, Germany, Private First Class Esplin served at the regimental observation post. Despite heavy mortar fire on his position he directed cannon and artillery fire on hostile forces. As a direct result of his efforts at least one Mark V enemy tank was knocked out. When a vital communication line was severed in three places, he voluntarily repaired the breaks under heavy mortar fire. His courageous action enabled the observation post to function throughout the engagement. Entered military service from Monroe, Utah.

MONROE M GABLE, 38 563 928, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. During the attack near Styring Wendel, France, a company was driven to cover by heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Leaving cover, Private First Class Gable moved among the wounded, giving first aid. After his platoon had successfully taken this objective, he returned to the wounded men, still under hostile fire, and

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searched the mine-strewn area for any casualties that might have been overlooked. His courageous actions and selfless concern for the welfare of his comrades contributed to the saving of many lives. Entered military service from Mangum, Oklahoma.

RALPH E GERLACH, 02 010 757, 2d Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company L, 276th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action from 17 February to 5 March 1945, near Forbach, Franc Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

NORMAN J HAHN, 31 141 544, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When heavy casualties were sustained by the attacking 3d Battalion, the medical aid men had difficulty evacuating all the wounded because of enemy fire. Private First Class Hahn volunteered to remove the wounded in his vehicle. He made several trips under fire and on one occasion drove so close to the enemy that hand grenades were thrown at his vehicle. His courageous action in behalf of his fellow soldiers resulted in moving several seriously wounded comrades to the aid station. Entered military service from New Britain, Conneticut.

REXFORD S HAINES, 37 454 6[illegible], Sergeant, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, on Spicheren Heights, France. During an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Haines, while observing for his mortar section, saw five enemy riflemen attempting to outflank and neutralize a friendly machine gun. With accurate rifle fire, he killed two soldiers of the attacking force and caused the remaining three to withdraw. At the same time, although under a heavy artillery concentration, he continued to direct mortar fire against the counterattack. His action played a deciding part in successfully repelling the enemy. Entered military service from Torrington, Wyoming.

GLEN E HARPER, 01 317 732, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 17 February to 8 March 1945 near Oetingen and Forbach, France. Entered military service from Harmony, Pennsylvania.

HENRY L HOEBEL, 13 126 110, Corporal, Counter-Intelligence Corps, 70th CIC Detachment, for meritorious service in combat on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Fort Lee, New Jersey.

WILLIE HOPKINS, 35 098 435, Private First Class, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Etzling, France. During an enemy counterattack, part of Private First Class Hopkins' squad was receiving losses from sniper fire coming from nearby woods. Private First Class Hopkins voluntarily entered the woods in search of the sniper. Finding the enemy soldier in a tree, he killed him. His courageous action enabled his squad to take cover, organize and help repulse the counterattack. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

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MORRIS A KANDEL, 19 131 948, Private, Company C, 370th Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, near Forbach, France. Upon learning that a rifleman was lying helplessly wounded in an open field, where one man had been killed attempting to reach him, Private Kandel and three other litter bearers volunteered to attempt the rescue. As they started across the field snipers opened fire, killing one and fatally wounding another. Private Kandel and the other litter bearer fell to the ground and feigned death for five hours. After dark they evacuated the two wounded men. Private Kandel's courageous actions and concern for the welfare of the wounded reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

JOHN L LYNOTT, 01 291 143, 1st Lieutenant, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 17 to 19 February and from 13 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM C PFLEGHAR, 33 113 768, 1st Sergeant, Company B, 274t Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 3 to 19 Januar 194 at Philippsbourg, France. Entered military service from New Brighto Pennsylvania.

KARL G PIEDLE, 33 935 187, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 3 January to 20 March 1945, in Alsace, France. For 77 days of combat, Private First Class Piedle, although slightly wounded and once suffering from severe frost-bite, undertook every type of duty in an infantry squad. He carried ammunition and supplies through heavy enemy fire, and joined in both reconnaissance and combat patrols. At all times his performance of duty was outstanding. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

DAN C RUSSELL, 020 730, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Regimental Headquarters, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945, at Forbach, France. Under hostile fire, Lieutenant Colonel Russell personally organized and led two successful night patrols into an enemy-held section of Forbach, locating numerous enemy installations and gaining knowledge of much value to later operations. His thorough planning and skillful leadership effected the successful completion of each mission without loss of a single man. Entered United States Military Academy from Cranford, New Jersey.

JAMES M OLSEN, 36 254 844, Staff Sergeant, Counter-Intelligence Corps, 70th CIC Detachment, for meritorious service in combat on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from West De Pere, Wisconsin.

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ORVILLE D TUSKEY, 36 979 407, Private First Class, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When all of his company's communication with the rear had been cut off by enemy patrols, Private First Class Tuskey volunteered to carry a message to the Battalion CP. Alone, on foot, he ran down a trail covered by heavy enemy sniper and artillery fire and returned with information by the same route, again drawing fire from the enemy. His courageous action enabled his company to maneuver successfully from a [illegible] situation. Entered military service from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

V ---- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of paragraph I, General Orders 33, this headquarters, dated 29 April 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Paul D Bartley, 33 763 772, Company D, 274th Infantry, as reads "23 February 1945" is amended to read "15 February 1945".

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I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

ARTHUR J BUCHMAN, 33 616 877, Private First Class, Company G 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 1 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During the attack on Styring Wendel, France, when his patrol's advance was halted by heavy machine gun fire, Private First Class Buchman crawled to a vantage point and opened fire on the offending machine gun crew, wounding several of the enemy. At the same time he attracted their fire and was mortally wounded. His courageous action enabled the patrol to maneuver to a more favorable position without an additional casualty. Private First Class Buchman's conduct exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Earl Buchman (father), 1521 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HENRY L DOWNING, 35 006 992, Private First Class, Company F, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945, near Wingen, France. When his section leader lay wounded in an open field at a distance of 100 yards, Private First Class Downing, under heavy weapons and rifle fire, ran to the side of his wounded comrade and proceeded to carry him to safety. Before successfully completing the mission he was killed by the enemy fire; however, his action enabled others to evacuate the section leader over the remaining short distance. His self-sacrifice is commensurate with the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Grace E Downing (wife), RFD 2, Warren, Ohio.

II --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals

AARON C ADKINS, 02 006 130, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945. During the attack on Spicheren Heights, France, Lieutenant Adkins was ordered to clear hostile strong points. With only a support

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squad available, he maneuvered these men into attack under observed mortar and small arms fire. His aggressive assault cleared six pill boxes and captured 72 of the enemy. By patrolling his company's flank, he gained information of an impending counterattack, and subsequently took an active part in repelling the enemy. Lieutenant Adkins's courageous actions and skillful leadership reflect high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

KENNETH E HARRIS, 35 588 652, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. When his platoon sergeant and platoon leader were evacuated, Sergeant Harris assumed command of the weapons platoon of Company G. Shortly thereafter a heavy enemy artillery concentration wounded everyone in the light machine gun section except two gunners, and the resultant disorganization left the company's left flank exposed. Though painfully wounded, Sergeant Harris gathered riflemen to man his guns and deployed the platoon to secure the defenses. Only after securing first aid for the wounded did he consent to evacuation. Entered military service from Hayland, Ohio.

ROBERT C HAYS, 13 159 623, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 4 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Private First Class Hays, as acting squad leader, was given the mission of clearing a house from which the enemy had been holding up his company's advance. Though the only approach to the strong point was through an open field covered by enemy mortar and small arms fire, he skillfully led his squad across the field, and reached the house which was found to be strongly barricaded. When attempts to break in failed and calls for surrende went unheeded, Private First Class Hays rolled a grenade down a stov pipe into the cellar, so disconcerting the defenders that they immediately surrendered. His alert action made possible his company's advance without the casualties which a frontal assault on the position would undoubtedly have caused. Entered military service from York, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT C KEMLER, 35 846 323, Private First Class, Company L, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 18 February 1945. During the attack north of Behren, France, while under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class Kemler moved among his comrades, shouting and encouraging them forward. As he crossed open terrain, he was painfully wounded, but continued in the attack until the next day when he was ordered evacuated. His courage and disdain for the enemy was a great inspiration to his comrades and contributed to the success of his company's action. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

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HAROLD D SCHINDLER, 02 007 110, 2d Lieutenant, Company I, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Company I, sustaining many casualties from enemy artillery and mortar shelling, was held up in its advance by machine gun and rifle cross fire from pillboxes and buildings in the town. Despite the heavy fire, Lieutenant Schindler led 16 men of his platoon in quick dashes across open ground to a building at the edge of town. Driving back one hostile counterattack on their position, they brought neutralizing fire on the enemy harrassing the rest of the company. By his gallant action his company was enabled to advance to its objective. Entered military service from Alpha, Michigan.

III ---AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

ALBERT C BOSMAN, 36 508 908, Private First Class (then Private), Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action, on 6 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Advancing into enemy territory, Private First Class Bosman, another enlisted man and an officer were halted by automatic weapons fire as they moved into a clearing. Taking cover on the fringe of the woods, Private First Class Bosman and his comrade repeatedly drove back enemy attempts to kill or capture the officer who was unable to move from his exposed position. During the two-hour action one enemy was killed and several wounded. Under cover of darkness a withdrawal was finally effected. The heroic action of Private First Class Bosman and his comrade almost certainly saved the officer from capture or death. Entered military service from Dearborn, Michigan.

WARNER L BRUNER JR, O 556 668, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 4 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. In preparation for an assault on the Siegfried Line, Lieutenant Bruner reconnoitered beyond the front lines to locate positions from which his anti-tank guns could fire on enemy pillboxes. Despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and by careful planning, he was able to keep his guns abreast of the attacking rifle companies. His courage and skill in directing the fire of anti-tank and tank destroyer guns contributed materially to the battalion's success in capturing the fortified positions and in reaching its objective. Entered military service from Breaux Bridge, La.

JESSE L DELANEY, 35 760 686, Private First Class, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. During an attack near Styring Wendel, France, Private First Class Delaney, without regard for his own safety, twice pinned down enemy riflemen, enabling his comrades to eliminate their resistance, and advance. As his platoon approached a clearing in the woods, he fired

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his automatic rifle from the assault position, effectively neutralize the fire of hostile machine gunners and snipers, and thereby enabled his unit to cross the clearing safely. His courageous support of the entire attack materially assisted his platoon in accomplishing its mission. Entered military service from Brownton, West Virginia.

JOHN F FREUND, 023 334, Major, Coast Artillery Corps, 433d AAA (AW) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945, near Klarenthal, Germany. Under direct enemy fire, Major Freund and another officer conducted a daylight reconnaissance near the Saar River to site anti-aircraft automatic weapons in support of infantry. When his fellow officer was seriously wounded, Major Freund carried him to safety and gave first aid. After the officer had been evacuated, he returned and completed the reconnaissance. On the following day, he repeatedly exposed himself while emplacing the guns and directing their fire. Major Freund's courageous action contributed greatly to the successful crossing of the Saar River. Entered military service from Valhalla, New York.

EUGENE G INZER, 02 007 106, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Although the enemy occupied high ground over-looking his route of attack, Lieutenant Inzer, without regard for his own safety, boldly led his platoon up a steep wooded slope. When heavy casualties were sustained from the unexpectedly strong enemy resistance, Lieutenant Inzer, although seriously wounded himself, cooly maneuvered his men back to safety. The knowledge of the enemy strength obtained during the heroic assault later contributed measurably toward driving the hostile force from the position. Entered military service from Rayville, Louisiana.

PHILLIP C MARINO, 31 433 618, Private First Class, (then Private) Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. During several enemy counter-attacks, Private First Class Marino remained at his observation post, forward of the front lines, to transmit mortar fire orders over his radio. Although under eight hours of direct enemy fire, he ably assisted in adjusting effective 81mm mortar fire upon the enemy. His courageous action was a prime factor in repelling the hostile counter-attack. Entered military service from Everett, Massachusetts.

DONALD P Mc LAUGHLIN, 36 065 009, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Advancing into enemy territory, Staff Sergeant Mc Laughlin, another enlisted man and an officer were halted by automatic weapons fire as they moved into a clearing. Taking cover on the fringe of the woods, Staff Sergeant Mc Laughlin and his comrade repeatedly drove back attempts to kill or capture the officer who was unable to move from his exposed position. During the two-hour action, one enemy was killed and several wounded. Under cover of darkness, a withdrawal was finally effected. The heroic actions of Staff Sergeant Mc Laughlin and his comrade almost certainly saved the officer from capture or death. Entered military service from Galesburg, Illinois.

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EDWIN O MITCHELL, O 374 020, Captain, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When a rifle company had been cut off from its battalion during a hostile counterattack, Captain Mitchell organized elements of three companies to free the isolated unit. Despite heavy machine gun, artillery and small arms fire, he personally led his men in a tank supported assault against the enemy, situated on high ground, defiladed by thick underbrush and timber. As a result of his attack, the enemy was routed, sustaining numerous casualties, including the capture of approximately 40 prisoners. Captain Mitchell's skillful leadership and tactical ingenuity prevented the probable annihilation of the isolated company. Entered military service fro.. Bowling Green, Kentucky.

ROBERT M MUMMEY, 026 610, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 4 March 1945. After the company to which he was attached was held up for 24 hours by fire from an enemy strong point, Lieutenant Mummey, forward observer, destroyed the pillbox with accurately adjusted artillery fire. Remaining in front of the forward infantry elements, he then walked up a street in Forbach, France, directing artillery fire with such effectiveness that the company took its objective without casualties. During the action, he removed anti-tank mines from the road and enabled supporting tanks to advance safely. His heroic accomplishments were a decisive factor in the successful completion of the company's mission. Entered United State Military Academy from Chillicothe, Ohio.

RAFAEL G RAMON JR, 38 676 997, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 3 January to 20 March 1945, in Alsace, France. For 77 days of combat, Private First Class Ramon, although slightly wounded and suffering once from severe frost-bite, undertook every type of duty in an infantry squad. He carried ammunition and supplies through heavy enemy fire and joined in both reconnaissance and combatpatrols. At all times his performance of duty was outstanding. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

GEORGE N SMITH, 35 077 413, Sergeant (then Corporal), Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action on 8 March 1945, at Forbach, France. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

JAMES J TUOHY, 32 599 267, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company , 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 2 to 12 January 1945, near Baerenthal, France. During this period of close contact with the enemy, Sergeant Tuohy courageously completed several patrol missions despite many obstacles and hardships. When his platoon had been cut off for 36 hours, he made his way alone past enemy outposts and guards, under small arms and automatic weapons fire, and reached the battalion. After reporting the isolation of his unit, he returned over the same hazardous route with urgently needed food. His heroic actions enabled his platoon to hold important ground. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

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FRANK H WIGHT JR, 37481198, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 2 to 7 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Throughout a six day attack, Private First Class Wight, in addition to the creditable performance of his duties with the battalion intelligence section, voluntarily acted as a telephone lineman and wire party guide. At dusk, on 7 March, with visibility poor, he was leading a wire crew along a steep wooded hillside where the enemy had laid an anti-personnel mine field, when he stepped on a mine and was seriously wounded. His gallant action beyond the call of duty enabled the wire crew to continue with its mission and restore vital communications. Entered military service from Wahoo, Nebraska.

IV -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943 as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

CECIL W McINVALE, 02 010 599, 2d Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 24 January 1945. Seeing an airplane hit a high tension line and crash across the Moselle River, near Thaon, France, Staff Sergeant McInvale, stripping to his under-drawers, unhesitatingly dived into the icy river. Swimming the river and disregarding the danger of gasoline fire and the live wires tangled about the plane, he entered it to assist the pilot. Finding the pilot dead, he swam back across the river to his unit and as a result of his exposure in freezing weather was hospitalized for several days. Staff Sergeant McInvale's heroism and concern for the welfare of a fellow soldier exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Laurel, Mississippi.

ROBERT C REID, 38 580 067, Private First Class, Service Battery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 13 April 1945. While patrolling the Rhine River near Kempten, Germany, Private First Class Reid heard an explosion, three carbine shots and loud cries from a soldier. Hurrying over a partially destroyed bridge to an island, he found a comrade severely injured by a mine. Without regard for his own safety, he entered the mined area and expertly administered first aid until medical aid men arrived at the scene. His prompt and courageous action undoubtedly saved his fellow soldier's life. Entered military service from Belen, New Mexico.

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V ---- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following individual for wounds received in action on 17 February 1945, near Wolfingen, France.

ORA L BERZLEY, 36 965 745, Private, 70th Quartermaster Company. Entered military service from Greenville, Michigan.

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I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

HERMAS L HOLT, 37 748 746, Private, Company A, 275th Infantry for gallantry in action on 26 February 1945, in the Stiftswald, France. After three days of continuous battle, the enemy attempted a last desperate attack against the weakened lines of the 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry. Although seriously wounded, Private Holt, realizing that his unit was sorely in need of all the fire power it could muster, refused evacuation so that he could continue the figh Exhibiting great courage, he fought on until, wounded again, he die on the battlefield. His gallant devotion to duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next o kin: Jack C Holt (father), 525 East Colorado Avenue, St Joseph, Missouri.

JOHN J KEMP, O 454 328, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 16 and 17 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. While enemy artillery and machine guns were firing on his front line observatio post, Lieutenant Kemp observed and directed artillery fire in suppo of an infantry-tank attack. When three tanks were threatened by enemy fire, he concealed their position by calling for and adjusting protective smoke upon the hostile anti-tank battery. The next day, when hostile machine guns inflicted several casualties among the troops, he voluntarily returned to his observation post and directed artillery fire on the enemy guns. In this action, Lieutenant Kemp was killed. His gallant sacrifice on behalf of fellow soldiers exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Beulah V Kemp (wife), Mapleton, Iowa.

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II --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

FRANCIS BAIRD, 31 363 436, Sergeant, Company H, 275th Infantr for heroic achievement in action on 15 and 16 March 1945, near St Arnual, France. While at his observation post, Sergeant Baird heard the cries of a wounded man. He made his way to the man and discovered that a friendly patrol had sustained heavy casualties from enemy fire. Disregarding hostile fire, he carried his comrade 275 yards to safety and then sent aid to the patrol. The next day, Sergeant Baird and an officer moved to another wounded soldier and gave first aid. While the officer went for stretcher bearers, Sergeant Baird, remaining with the wounded man, was killed by enemy fire. Hi gallant action exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Ellen Gilmartin (aunt), Linden Street, Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts.

CLARENCE H REED, 35 087 729, Private First Class, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945. Private First Class Reed was posted at a road junction in Neu Glashutte, France, under enemy mortar and artillery fire. His mission was to direct the movement of his company through the village. Although he could have taken cover in a pillbox, he held steadfastly to his post during the shelling until the house he was in received a direct mortar hit. Private First Class Reed was instantly killed. His courageous action exemplifies the highest traditions of devotion to duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Ada Mae Reed (wife), 1262 East Wood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

III -- AWARD (MISSING IN ACTION) OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, the recipient being missing in action, to the following individual:

JAMES K WALSH, 17 163 298, Private First Class, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. The location of the enemy unknown, Private First Class Walsh volunteered to make a forward reconnaissance for his platoon. While scouting through the thick woods and snow, he encountered an enemy sentinel as he rounded a sharp turn in the trail. Although covered by the enemy soldier, he quickly dived over a steep bank and escaped back to his unit. The information he gained averted a possible ambush, and his platoon, at high cost to the enemy, captured strategic high ground overlooking Philippsbourg, France. In an ensuing counterattack, Private First Class Walsh's listening post was overrun. He is now missing in action. Next of kin: Cecilia Mc Conville (mother), 630 Fairview Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.

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IV --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

GEORGE A BARTEN, O 362 040, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945, near Grosbliederstroff, France. While reconnoitering, with two other officers for a forward observation post, Colonel Barten, from high ground, observed an enemy bunker near an important road intersection. With one of the officers, he brought fire on the enemy, killing two and wounding one. Disregarding hostile machine gun fire, the two kept the bunker covered while the third officer brought up three enlisted men who then flanked the position and killed or wounded eight of the enemy as they attempted to leave the strong point. Colonel Barten and one officer then moved up and completed the operation, taking three enemy machine guns. His gallant action removed an enemy threat to an important road intersection. Entered military service from Cordorus, Penn.

DWIGHT T DENNO, 32 685 594, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company E, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 7 March 1945. As his platoon advanced on Styring Wendel, France, it was held up by intense machine gun fire from a house. After enemy rockets had driven back a tank attempt to neutralize the strong point, Sergeant Denno leaped to his feet and, despite the hostile fire, led his squad across open ground to a wall by the house. Maneuvering quickly, he entered the yard alone and, catching the guard by surprise as he broke into the building, effected the capture of the 13 occupants. His gallant action in the face of hostile fire enabled his platoon to advance and his company to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Woodside, New York.

JAMES L MATTHEWS, 35 205 633, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 March 1945, in Styring Wendel, France. The advance of Private First Class Matthews' platoon was held up by machine gun fire. Observing the location of the enemy he crawled to within a few yards of the emplacement and fired a rifle grenade directly into the position, killing or wounding its occupants. Private First Class Matthews' courageous action eliminated the enemy gun position and enabled his platoon to advance to its objective. Entered military service from Wheeling, West Virginia.

V ---- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individual:

CHARLES PORTER, 35 658 532, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 194_ in the Gifertwald, France. While under heavy fire, Technical Sergeant Porter assumed command of his platoon and organized the unit

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for an advance across open terrain against hostile strong points. Despite the heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, he assisted the wounded men of his platoon to cover of a dugout, thus lightening the burden of the one available medical aid man. With the order to move out, Technical Sergeant Porter boldly led his men in an assault on a pillbox, capturing 25 prisoners. His courageous action and devotion to duty greatly contributed to the success of his mission with a minimum loss of life. Entered military service from Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

VI --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

PATRICK L EGAN, 20 929 407, Private First Class, Company H, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. While performing his duty as a one-quarter ton truck driver in the vicinity of a forward observation post, Private First Class Egan, though wounded in the right hand by shell fragments, volunteered to rescue a wounded machine gunner and rifleman whom aid men were unable to reach. Although under continuous small arms and artillery fire, he made his way to the men and assisted them in reaching cover. With permission from his commanding officer he further evacuated the men despite the hostile fire. Entered military service from Harlowton, Montana.

DONALD W FRYE, 35 891 752, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Though wounded in both arms while laying wire to a company command post under artillery and mortar fire, Technician Frye, despite the painful wounds continued the performance of his duty until the line was completed. Reaching the command post he refused evacuation and manned the telephone for two hours until another operator could be brought to his relief. His courageous actions and outstanding devotion beyond the call of duty materially contributed to his battalions' attack. Entered military service from Crown Point, Indiana.

CHARLES A GALLOWAY, O 329 969, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 14 February 1945, near Petitte Roselle, France. Ordered to move his battalion immediately to the south banks of the Saar River, Major Galloway, on the basis of information from a previous reconnaissance led his unit around mine fields and over 4500 yards of difficult terrain without being observed by the enemy. While making a final reconnaissance to determine outpost positions, he and three of his staff officers surrounded and surprised ten enemy soldiers, capturing them without resistance. His leadership was an inspiration to his men and was responsible for the successful advance to the river. Entered military service from Nebraska City, Nebraska.

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MARVON GLOSSOP, 01 315 297, Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 1 January to 28 March 1945, in the vicinity of Alsace, France, and Saarbrucken, Germany. Entered military service from Winchester, Illinois.

CHARLES A KOCEMBA, 37 571 238, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. During an attack in the wooded hills south of Styring Wendel, France. Staff Sergeant Kocemba, as lead scout, moved well in advance of his platoon, attempting to locate the cleverly concealed positions of the enemy. Three times he exposed himself and successfully drew machine gun fire, which revealed the location of the hostile fortifications. Then, moving through heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he directed his platoon into position against the enemy strong points. Staff Sergeant Kocemba's courageous actions and tactical initiative greatly contributed to the success of his platoon's mission. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

JAMES L LUMPKINS, 38 554 866, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, at Klarenthal, Germany. While his company was engaged in clearing enemy from houses in Klarenthal, a rifleman was seriously wounded by sniper fire, and lay helpless in the street. Several attempts to reach him were unsuccessful because of enemy action. Staff Sergeant Lumpkins with a medical aid man then crawled under heavy automatic weapons fire and dragged the wounded soldier to a covered position where first aid was administered. Entered military service from Victoria, Texas.

ERWIN J SCHETTENHELM, 01 319 661, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, 276th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations from 17 February to 22 February 1945, at Oetingen, France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

NEAL A TUTTLE, 37 559 951, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. While his platoon was engaged in clearing the enemy from houses between Forbach and Styring Wendel, France, Staff Sergeant Tuttle, acting platoon sergeant, was painfully wounded by enemy machine pistol fire He was urged to go to the aid station, but declined to leave his platoon until the mission was successfully completed. His superb devotion to duty inspired his men and contributed directly to his platoon's success. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HERBERT WATKINS, 35 164 634, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 12 to 19 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. Entered military service from Middletown, Indiana.

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ROMAN R WRABEK, 37 571 924, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945, near Neue Glashutte, France. While advancing to his machine gun emplacement, Staff Sergeant Wrabek stepped on a schu mine, injuring his leg. Despite exposure to hostile artillery and small arms fire, he refused evacuation and remained at his post adjusting harassing fire upon an enemy occupied house until the situation was no longer pressing. His courageous action beyond the call of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Prague, Minnesota.

VII -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following individual:

GRANT T FACER, O 550 579, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroism not involving conflict with the enemy, on 14 March 1945, near Forbach, France. While he was leading a night reconnaissance party, Lieutenant Facer's vehicle struck an anti-tank mine, throwing all five occupants to the ground. Dazed, but uninjured, Lieutenant Facer attempted to aid the casualties and while thus engaged stepped on a schu mine, severely maiming one foot. Despite shock, pain, and loss of blood, he crept to the side of a wounded comrade and administered first aid. He then calmly instructed uninjured members of the party in giving first aid to the casualties. His courageous actions and concern for his fellow soldiers is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

JOHN R AHERN, O 529 557, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 883 Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February 1945 to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pueblo, Colorado.

EDWARD GREEN, 01 185 456, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

TROY B HAMMONS, 01 182 130, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Jo , New Mexico.

EDWIN P HAUGE, 01 170 772, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 70th Division Artillery, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

NELSON F HERMANCE JR, O 536 948, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 725th Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milton, Massachusetts.

GERALD L HOVER, O 537 522, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 725th Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Lansing, Michigan.

HOMER W JOHNSTON, 01 184 241, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery 882d Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Norwood, Missouri

CRAIG W MORRISON, O 520 754, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 70th Division Artillery, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ames, Iowa.

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MORRIS G RAWLINGS, 01 165 938, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 70th Division Artillery, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

HAROLD R SNYDER, 01 171 777, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

HAROLD L BLEHM, 35 839 453, Sergeant, Company B, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945. Throughout two strong enemy counterattacks which threatened his company's position near Saarbrucken, Germany, Sergeant Blehm, refusing to yield, kept his machine gun crew in action. When his first gunner was wounded, he personally manned the gun. Although endangered by heavy small arms fire and tree bursts from mortar shells, he fired on the enemy with such effectiveness that both counterattacks were broken with many casualties inflicted on the hostile troops. His courageous action in face of great odds enabled his company to hold hard won ground and exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. In a subsequent action Sergeant Blehm was killed in the performance of his duties. Next of kin: Vicie L Blehm (wife), Rural Route 3, Madisonville, Kentucky.

JAY E KUNTZ, 33 682 589, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945. Heavy machine gun fire from well concealed positions in the wooded hills northeast of Rothbach, France, held back the advance of Staff Sergeant Kuntz's platoon. As leader of the support squad, he maneuvered his unit on a flanking movement to aid the platoon. Heavy fire made his squad hesitant to move, but Staff Sergeant Kuntz, well in front of his men inspired them forward. He skillfully directed his comrades into positions from which they knocked out four more machine guns and captured nine prisoners. His courageous leadership and tenacious devotion to duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forc of the United States. In a subsequent action, Staff Sergeant Kuntz was killed. Next of kin: Donna Kuntz (wife), Rocton, Pennsylvania.

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II --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

JOHN A CHIAPPETTA, 34 230 865, Sergeant, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945. When his company's attack on strong enemy positions near Rothbach, France was held up by heavy frontal machine gun fire, Sergeant Chiappetta, with a comrade, volunteered to go forward with an officer to knockout the hostile guns. Successfully crossing open ground under artillery and small arms fire, they exposed themselves to fire from the hostile gun, diverting the crew's attention long enough for a flanking squad to move in and destroy the position. In this action Sergeant Chiappetta was killed. His voluntary gallantry enabled his company to resume its advance and exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Hazel V Chiappetta (wife), 107 First Street, Macon, Georgia.

WILLIAM J COYLE, 31 301 232, Sergeant, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945. When his company's attack on strong enemy positions near Rothbach, France was held up by heavy frontal machine gun fire, Sergeant Coyle, with a comrade, volunteered to go forward with an officer to knockout the hostile guns. Successfully crossing open ground under artillery and small arms fire, they exposed themselves to fire from the hostile gun, diverting the crew's attention long enough for a flanking squad to move in and destroy the position. In this action Sergeant Coyle was killed. His voluntary gallantry enabled his company to resume its advance and exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Charles E Coyle (father), 10 Hancock Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts.

LESTER M HILL, 36 666 443, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945, near Forbach, France. While in rapid pursuit of the enemy, an infantry battalion found it difficult to maintain communication between its command post and the advancing companies. Aware that the forest to be entered was heavily mined and patrolled by enemy troops, Technician Hill volunteered to operate his radio as a relay station. Despite fatigue, he maintained communications for several hours. When his vehicle struck a mine, he was seriously injured but nevertheless insisted that the other casualties be evacuated first. He later died of his wounds. His gallant sacrifice and tireless devotion beyond the call of duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Gertrude Hill (mother), Mazon, Illinois.

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VINCENT D ROBEL, 19 112 135, Sergeant, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945. While crossing 800 yards of open terrain in a daylight attack on Wingen, France, the advance of Company F was held up by artillery, mortar automatic weapons, and small arms fire. By skillful use of fire an movement, Sergeant Robel and his light machine gun section made the way over 500 yards of fire-swept ground and captured the enemy stro point on the flank. His gallant action greatly assisted his compan in accomplishing its mission. In a subsequent engagement Sergeant Robel was killed in action. Next of kin: Martha E Robel (mother) Snoqualmie, Washington.

III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals

JAMES C FRYSINGER, 35 297 096, Private First Class, Company 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action from 2 to 10 January 1945. When Company G, in position on heights south of Baerenthal, France met violent counterattacks, Private First Class Frysinger, a BAR m voluntarily moved forward with a comrade and, despite harassing ar tillery and small arms fire, maintained his forward position for ni days. His precise sniping kept the enemy under cover, and on one d he destroyed 11 hostile infantrymen. This voluntary and hazardous action by Private First Class Frysinger and his comrade was an important factor in the delay of the enemy. Entered military service from Celina, Ohio.

JAMES O SIMMONS, 6 372 122, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company K, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 March 1945. With his squad leading an attack on Styring Wendel, France, Technical Sergeant Simmons worked his way around a mine fie overcame several enemy well dug in, and while continuing on his mis sion, ran into artillery and mortar fire which caused heavy casualt Since his platoon leader, sergeant, and guide were wounded, Technic Sergeant Simmons seized the initiative and, organizing a group of s men, rushed and captured a row of enemy occupied houses under artil lery, mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire. His gallantry and outstanding leadership in face of fierce enemy resistance assisted ma terially in clearing the town. Entered military service from Fort Mc Dowell, California.

CLARENCE E FEASTER, 37 533 022, Sergeant, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945, near Wingen, France. With a critical enemy counterattack momentarily expected, Sergeant Feaster, though twice wounded, refused evacuation in order to remain with his squad. Despite heavy mortar and artillery fire, which inflicted many casualties on the company, he stayed with his men and helped to repel the fierce counterattack. Concerned for th welfare of his comrades, he assisted and encouraged the wounded and did not submit to evacuation until reinforcements arrived the next morning. His gallantry and devotion to duty were a major contributi to his company's success in holding its hard won positions. Entered military service from Oxford, Kansas.

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IV --- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following individual:

ROBERT C MATHEWSON JR, 16 010 380, Sergeant, Company H, 276th Infantry, for heroism not involving conflict with the enemy, on 11 April 1945, near St. Goar, Germany. When a small engineer boat crashed against a steel pontoon bridge cable in the Rhine River and capsized, the occupants were thrown into the racing, icy waters. O of these men clung desperately to the cable, weak from shock and i ersion. Following the failure of two rescue crews, Sergeant Mathew son motored a 3d boat to midstream in an attempt to save his fellow soldier. Because it was impracticable to move close enough, he voluntarily dove into the water and swam to his comrade. With the aid of others, the soldier was pulled onto the pontoon bridge. Sergeant Mathewson's intrepidity exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the military service. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

V ---- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individual:

EDWIN O MITCHELL, O 374 020, Captain, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945. Captain Mitchell, newly appointed company commander, was ordered to attack elaborate enemy trenches and pillboxes located on the summit of a hill before he had an opportunity to become acquainted with his officers and men. Rising to the occasion, he personally led his uni against the hostile installations and, despite the heavy enemy small arms fire, his company successfully overran the opposition. At the conclusion of the action it was found that many enemy soldiers were killed, much equipment captured and 76 hostile troops taken prisoner. Captain Mitchell's skillful leadership and tenacious devotion to duty secured his battalion's flank for a subsequent attack on Styring Wendel, France. Entered military service from Bowling Green, Kentucky.

VI --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

WALTER M BJORK, 01 320 414, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945. An infantry company, making an attack on Styring Wendel, Fran was encircled and cut-off by an enemy counterattack. Elements of three other companies were quickly organized to reestablish contact with the isolated unit, but tank support was needed. In the absence

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of the tank platoon leader, Lieutenant Bjork, executive officer, Company B, assumed command and, under heavy mortar, artillery, machine gun and small arms fire, successfully led the tanks into attac By his gallant action the enemy was driven back and contact established. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

ALBERT HENDRICK, 33 939 530, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 3 January to 20 March 1945, in Alsace, France. For 77 days of combat, Private First Class Hendrick, although slightly wounded and suffering once from severe frost-bite, undertook every type of duty in an infantry squad. He carried ammunition and supplies through heavy enemy fire, and joined in both reconnaissance and combat patrols. At all times his performance of duty was outstanding. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM V HINES, 38 656 083, Private First Class, Company C, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945. When his battalion advanced at night, Private First Class Hines and a fellow soldier were lead scouts. The two men crossed a slag pile about 60 feet high, in an area known to be heavily mined, and guided their battalion past other Schu and "S" mine fields. Their courageous and skillful scouting of 5000 yards in the darkness enabled the battalion to move into the town of Furstenhausen, Germany, without the enemy's knowledge. The next day, the scouts advanced to within 15 yards of hostile bunkers and assaulted the strong points with hand grenades and an automatic rifle, causing many casualties. Private First Class Hines' courageous action and devotion to duty greatly contributed to the success of his battalion and was an inspiration to t advancing troops. Entered military service from Alexandria, Louisia

RALPH E JOHNSON, 37 704 115, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievment in action on 13 March 1945, near Klarendon, France. When an infantry officer was wounded by sniper fire, Technician Johnson, acting as forward observer with Company G, 276th Infantry, volunteer to go for a litter. Entering upon an open field, he was heavily subjected to direct small arms fire. By alternately making short dashe and hitting the ground, he crossed the field safely. Obtaining a litter, he returned over the same hazardous route. Although he volunteered to guide a litter party back, medical aid men were able to evacuate the officer when darkness fell. His gallant action beyond the call of duty probably saved the officer's life. Entered militar service from Stockton, Kansas.

OWEN W NOLAND, 35 623 017, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action 2 January 1945. As his company, in position north of Philippsbourg, France, was attempting to rejoin other friendly units in and south of the town, a superior enemy force coming in from the flank attempted block its advance. Responding to the critical situation, Staff Sergeant Noland detached himself from his company and, moving along a ridge to the left, brought such effective fire upon the enemy that hi

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company was able to move to the right and enter Philippsbourg. As a result of his courage and initiative, his company was able to escape the trap which might have resulted in serious losses. This heroic and gallant action on the part of Staff Sergeant Noland served as a great inspiration to the men of his company. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

ALBERT N OLSON, 02 007 117, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945 in the vicinity of Stiftswald, France. On a night reconnaissance of enemy emplacements, strength, and weapons, Lieutenant Olson led an eleven-man patrol across no-man's land to concrete anti-tank barriers on the Siegfried Line. After personally clearing his route of Schu mines, he led his men deeper into enemy territory to reconnoiter hos tile pillboxes. While returning, the explosion of Schu mines, which seriously wounded the two lead scouts, exposed the patrol to heavy machine gun and mortr fire. Nevertheless, Lieutenant Olson led his men to cover, only to encounter a hostile force. In spite of this threat, he maneuvered his men out of the trap and completed his mission. Entered military service from Brainerd, Minnesota.

CLAUDE W PIERSON, 19 028 640, Sergeant, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945. While his attacking company was encountering stiff frontal resistance near Spicheren, France, it was unexpectedly exposed to enemy machine gun and small arms fire from the left flank. Despite the hostile fire, Sergeant Pierson led three comrades out to the left and set up a hasty defense. With well directed machine gun fire they silenced th enemy guns and then continued to protect the left flank. When the company was ordered to withdraw to higher ground they covered the ma euver so effectively that no casualties were sustained. Sergeant Pierson's initiative and courageous actions were of invaluable assis tance to his company's operations. Entered military service from Lo Angeles, California.

VERNON T POIRIER, 37 594 933, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. During an enemy counterattack on Spicheren Heights, France, Private First Class Poirier, without regard for his own safety, crawled through heavy artillery and machine gun fire to a shell blasted building from which he moved a wounded comrade to safety. His heroic action in all probability saved the man's life. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

FRANK L PYLE, O 417 332, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 93d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action from 6 to 8 February 1945, near Gaubivingen, France. Entered military service from Daytona Beach, Florida.

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JAMES C RAY, 38 487 761, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company [redacted] 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945. When his battalion advanced at night, Technical Sergeant Ray and a fellow soldier were lead scouts. The two men crossed a slag pile about 60 feet high, in an area known bo be heavily mined, and guided their battalion past Schu and "S" mine fields. Their courageous and skillful scouting of 5000 yards in the darkness enabled the battalion to move into the town of Furstenhausen, Germany, without the enemy's knowledge. The next day, the scouts advanced to within 15 yards of hostile bunkers and assaulted the strong points with hand grenades and an automatic rifle, causing many casualties. Technical Sergeant Ray's courageous action and devotion to duty greatly contributed to the success of his battalion and was an inspiration to the advancing troops. Entered military service from Oberlin, Louisiana.

EDGAR H THOMPSON JR, 020 143, Lieutenant Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps, 433d AAA (AW) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 and 19 March 1945. Volunteering to support 70th Division troops in crossing the Saar River, near Ottenhausen, France, Lieutenant Colonel Thompson personally reconnoitered gun positions for his battalion's automatic weapons, while under constant, observed hostile small arms and mortar fire. During the night, prior to the movement, he visited unit commanders and personally supervised the emplacement of AAA weapons to be used against concrete pillboxes in the Siegfried Line across the river. As a result of his tireless efforts and attention to detail, the AAA fire aided materially in neutralizing the enemy emplacements and contributed greatly to the success of the river crossing. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington, D. C.

WESLEY D WHALEN, 39 384 406, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945. During his first combat experience, Staff Sergeant Whalen unhesitatingly moved his lead squad into an attack on concealed enemy strong points in Wingen, France. Encountering sniper and automatic weapons fire, the squad sustained several casualties. Nevertheless, he continued to lead his men forward until he fell seriously wounded and was removed to cover. Although suffering, he never complained, but continually inquired of the progress of his men. His heroism and leadership inspired his comrades to advance and ultimately gain their objective. Entered military service from Ferndale, Washington.

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I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

PETER ANDREWS, 11 071 159, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 22 to 24 February 1945, in the Stiftswald, France. Private First Class Andrews was assigned the task of delivering communication supplies to his battalion forward command post, about 500 yards from the front lines. His route of approach became more hazardous by the increase of concentrated artillery fire. Despite the personal risk involved, he continued to deliver supplies. Shortly after midnight on 25 February, his vehicle ran over a mine, and at daybreak it was discovered that Private First Class Andrews had been killed by hostile fire. His gallant sacrifice and devotion to duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Helen Andrews (mother), 105 Johnson Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

THOMAS P ARGALL, 37 109 296, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, near Rothbach, France. Reconnoitering for an ammunition route to the front lines, Technician Argall and three other soldiers from the ammunition and pioneer platoon discovered a squad of riflemen held up by enemy machine gun fire. Voluntarily maneuvering to destroy the hostile position, they encountered a platoon of enemy troops. Firing as they advanced, they closed rapidly with the enemy, killing 25 and capturing 8. While withdrawing to friendly lines with the prisoners, Technician Argall was killed by enemy fire. His gallant action beyond the call of duty exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Nellie M Argall (mother), 1030 Ansbough Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

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JAY E KUNTZ, 33 682 589, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945. During an assault on enemy pillboxes in the vicinity of Styring Wendel, France Staff Sergeant Kuntz and his squad were held up by machine gun and sniper fire. Without regard for his own safety, he moved forward of his squad to locate the hostile gun positions. While thus engaged, he was fatally wounded. His courageous action disclosed the location of the strongpoint and enabled his squad to advance. His heroism exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Donna Kuntz (wife), Rocton, Pennsylvania.

II---AWARD, MISSING IN ACTION, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded (the recipients being missing in action) to the following individuals:

WINFORD BRINKER JR, 01 292 292, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievemen in action on 7 January 1945, near Rothbach, France. Reconnoitering for an ammunition route to the front lines, Lieutenant Brinker, Battalion S-4, and three enlisted men from the ammunition and pioneer platoon, discovered a squad of riflemen held up by enemy machine gun fire. Voluntarily maneuvering to destory the hostile position, they encountered a platoon of enemy troops. Firing as they advanced, the closed rapidly with the enemy, killing 25 and capturing 8. While withdrawing to friendly lines with the prisoners, Lieutenant Brinker was separated from the group and has been reported missing in action. His heroism beyond the call of duty exemplifies the highest standard of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Jane B Brinker (wife), 1520 East 115th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

MORRIS RUBIN, 36 727 640, Private First Class, Company B, 275 Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. When his comrades were being forced back during a strong hostile counterattack, Private First Class Rubin remained at his machine gun and continued to fire at the oncoming enemy. As a result of his courageous devotion to duty, the enemy was delayed and subsequently repelled. Private First Class Rubin's heroic action was inspiring to his fellow soldiers and was instrumental in enabling his company to hold its position. Next of kin: Esther Rubin (mother), 941 West Argyle, Chicago, Illinois.

III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

GEORGE W HARRY, 37 477 59[redacted], Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company C, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action from 7 to 9 January 1945, Philippsbourg, France. When Staff Sergeant Harry's squad was covering a sector 100 yards wide thru heavily wooded terrain and deep snow, they were subjected to repeated attacks by enemy patrols. Despite fa[redacted]e and severe frost-bite[redacted] and a comrade fough

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for three days against the hostile troops and successfully repelled the enemy. During their exploits, they had no assistance from the remainder of the squad because of poor visibility. Staff Sergeant Henry and his fellow soldier were responsible for the killing of 13 enemy and wounding of an estimated 15 more. Entered military servic from Hawarden, Iowa.

FRANKLIN L HENNING, 36 801 883, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action from 7 to 9 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. When Private First Class Henning's squad was covering a sector 100 yards wide thru heavily wooded terrain and deep snow, they were subjected to repeated attacks by enemy patrols. Despite fatigue and severe frost-bite, he and a comrade fought for three days against the hostile troops, and successfully repelled the enemy. During their exploits, they had no assistance from the remainder of the squad because of poor visibility. Private First Clas Henning and his fellow soldier were responsible for the killing of 13 enemy and wounding an estimated 15 more. Entered military service from Tipler, Wisconsin.

IV --- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals

CURTIS A BROOKS, O 446 018, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 276t Infantry, for meritorious service from 10 January to 22 March 1945, Alsace, France. Entered military service from Pauls Valley, Okla.

ORVILLE D TUSKEY, 36 979 407, Private First Class, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945 After gaining a foothold in the village of Kerbach, France, the platoon of which he was a member was subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire. The situation becoming critical, Private First Class Tuskey was ordered to make his way to the rear and bring up another platoon to engage the enemy. Under intense aimed rifle fire he ran for 75 yards to the nearest available cover. He dashed out again, still under fire, and reached the safety of a high embankment and made contact with the support platoon. By his courageous action a platoon was brought up on the left flank, thereby securing his platoon's position and contributing to the subsequent capture of the village. Entered military service from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

V ---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

JOHNNY BAXTER, 39 584 087, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, near Stzling, France. Moving forward as the lead scout, Private Firs Class Baxter encountered fire from two enemy machine guns. Advancing

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by short rushes under the machine gun and sporadic mortar fire, he gained a position from which he could fire rifle grenades unpon the enemy guns. Neutralizing the machine guns, his platoon advanced rapidly through the gap in the enemy defenses and surprised the enemy, capturing 43 prisoners. Entered military service from San Fernando, California.

EARL T BEAIRD, 36 699 655, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945 When his platoon was held back by machine gun fire in the wooded hills of Spicheren Heights, France, Private First Class Beaird and a comrade crawled forward under the heavy fire to within a few yards of the hostile emplacement. By firing two rounds from a rocket launcher, directly into the strong point, the weapon was neutralized Their courageous action enabled the platoon to advance and take its objective. Entered military service from Lamesa, Texas.

WILLIAM C BUCHHOLZ, 36 203 543, Sergeant, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, near Rothbach, France. Reconnoitering for an ammunition route to the front lines, Sergeant Buchholz and three other soldiers from the ammunition and pioneer platoon discovered a squad of riflemen held up by enemy machine gun fire. Voluntarily maneuvering to the hostile position, they encountered a platoon of enemy troops. Firing as they advanced, they closed rapidly with the enemy, killing 25 and capturing 8. While withdrawing to friendly lines with the prisoners, one of the four men was killed and another lost. Nevertheless, Sergeant Buchholz and a comrade safely returned with the prisoners. Entered military service from Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

JOHN T COLLIER, 36 576 833, Sergeant, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 14 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Advancing into enemy anti-tank barriers on the Siegfried Line with another lead scout, Sergeant Collier exposed himself to automatic weapons fire to locate and relay back information concerning hostile strong points that were holding up his company's advance. Making his way back to friendly lines under constant rifle and artillery fire, he assisted in providing information which brough effective mortar and artillery fire upon the fortified resistance. His courageous action enabled his company to continue on its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM H CUNNINGHAM, 02 007 102, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When strong enemy infiltration compelled his company to withdraw, Lieutenant Cunningham assumed command of a 32-man covering force. With pressure increasing he ordered his men to fall back from their precarious position. Armed with only a carbine, he continued to fire on the hostile troops until he was finally surrounded and captured by the enemy. His gallant action and concern for his men enabled both the company and the covering force to reach improved positions with exceptionally light casualties. Entered military service from Ber[illegible], Illinois.

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JOAN A De LONAIS, 20 832 807, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, near Wingen, France. Manning his machine gun alone, Staff Sergeant De Lonais placed such effective fire upon counter-attacking enemy troops that his company was able to move to secure defense positions and repel the hostile action. Although twice wounded in the performance of his dangerous duties, he refused medical attention until all other casualties had been treated. His courageous action and concern for his wounded comrades exemplify his highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Boning, Oklahoma.

MARK W DOANE, 01 312 838, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I (then Company L), 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 18 February to 7 March 1945, in France. Making personal reconnaissance of enemy positions, Lieutenant Doane so skillfully manoeuvered his company in the successful attack of 18 February on Behren France, that no casualties were sustained, even though heavy losses were inflicted on hostile personnel and equipment. On 23 February, under heavy fire, he again led a low-casualty assault on a strong point on Kreuzberg Ridge, capturing 17 and killing 3 enemy. Although mentioning that he had severe headaches, Lieutenant Doane, nevertheless, led his company through intense fire into Styring Wendel, knocking out 12 bunkers and clearing much of the city. Not until 7 March did he consent to evacuation for medical care. Entered military service from St Cloud, Minnesota.

CHARLES GASUNAS, 36 031 866, Corporal, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, near Rothbach, France. Reconnoitering for an ammunition route to the front lines, Corporal Gasunas and three other soldiers from the ammunition and pioneer platoon discovered a squad of riflemen held up by enemy machine gun fire. Voluntarily maneuvering to the hostile position, they encountered a platoon of enemy troops. Firing as they advanced, they closed rapidly with the enemy, killing 25 and capturing 8. While withdrawing to friendly lines with the prisoners, one of the four men was killed and another lost. Nevertheless, Corporal Gasunas and a comrade safely returned with the prisoners. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROLAND J. HICKS, 39 342 623, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During an attack, Private First Class Hicks and a comrade were serving as flank security for their company when they observed several enemy armed with automatic weapons and rifles. Without hesitation, they crossed approximately 100 yards of partially open, hilly terrain and from a defiladed position, called to the hostile troops to surrender. The two men were immediately subjected to an intensive concentration of fire, but, undaunted, they closed with the enemy, killing four and forcing the remainder to withdraw to entrenchments behind a hill. Later, it was discovered that there were 70 enemy troops in the fortifications these two soldiers attacked. Private First Class Hicks' bold actions were instrumental in preventing hostile flanking fire, thus securing his company from certain ambush. Entered military service from Chiloquin, Oregon.

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RAY L HUNSAKER JR, 39 319 643, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. Leading his squad into attack around an enemy pillbox, Staff Sergeant Hunsaker and his squad came under heavy artillery and mortar fire, sustaining four casualties. Held up for two hours by the hostile fire, Staff Sergeant Hunsaker, upon receiving orders to advance, rallied his men and moved forward. Crossing a clearing, an anti-tank ditch, a railroad track and a large yard which was exposed to enemy observation, he charged well ahead of his squad into enemy occupied houses in Styring Wendel, France, capturing 10 prisoners and destroying the positions. His gallant action in the face of hostile fire was instrumental in the final accomplishment of his platoon's mission. Entered military service from Kirk, Oregon.

WILBUR M LARSON, 36 980 854, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945 When his platoon was held back by machine gun fire in the wooded hills of Spicheren Heights, France, Private First Class Larson and a comrade crawled forward under heavy fire to within a few yards of the hostile emplacement. By firing two rounds from a rocket launcher directly into the strong point, the weapon was neutralized. This courageous action enabled the platoon to advance and take its objective. Entered military service from Pittsville, Wisconsin.

ROBERT N LEARD, O 338 763, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 276th Infantry, for meritorious service from 24 December 1944 to 22 March 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered military service from Ashland, Oregon.

GEORGE W MADDOX, 02 010 730, 2d Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Under intense enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant Maddox voluntarily left cover and proceeded to an unprotected observation post to determine the enemy strength and method of attack. By his courageous action he obtained information which enabled him to deploy his men in such a manner that the ensuing enemy attack was beaten back. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

WILLIE C PICKELSIMER, 14 011 655, Sergeant, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, Fra[illegible] While engaged against a hostile patrol camouflaged to blend with the snow, Sergeant Pickelsimer's squad leader was killed. After assuming command of the squad, Sergeant Pickelsimer observed that he was combatting a numerically superior force. Seizing the initiative, he secured the aid of another squad and frustrated the enemy's attack, inflicting several casualties. His aggressive leadership enabled his company to successfully accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Claxton, Georgia.

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HARRY W SEVERANCE, 01 286 718, Major (then Captain), Infantry Headquarters 275th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action from 2 February to 16 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Entered military service from Lake City, South Carolina.

WILLIAM A SMITH, 35 631 944, Sergeant, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 March 1945. During an attack on an enemy hell factory in Styring Wendel, France, Sergeant Smith's machine gun squad was temporarily without communications with the rifle platoon it was supporting. When it became necessary to deliver a vital message to the rifle platoon, he volunteered for the hazardous mission. Leaving his assistant squad leader in command, he made his way through heavy enemy artillery and mortar bursts, across an area covered by observed machine gun and rifle fire, and successfully delivered the message. He then returned to his unit over the same dangerous route. His courageous action was an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from New Lexington, Ohio.

LAWRENCE G SOUTHARD JR, 0 379 706, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Infantry, Company G, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 and 17 February 1945. On 6 February, Captain Southard led his company in a successful raid on Grosbliederstroff, France, to secure information as to enemy dispositions and stength. 20 enemy soldiers were killed during the attack and 18 wounded. Later, using the information gained, he led an attack on the town, capturing it in 6 hours without sustaining any casualties. During this action, 44 enemy were captured and an undetermined number killed and wounded. Captain Southard's leadership and aggressiveness materially contributed to the security of his battalion's right flank. Entered military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

LAWRENCE E THOMAS, 42 023 706, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 14 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Advancing into enemy anti-tank barriers on the Siegfried Line with another lead scout, Private First Class Thomas exposed himself to automatic weapons fire to locate and relay back information concerning hostile strong points that were holding up his company's advance. Making his way back to friendly lines under constant rifle and artillery fire, he assisted in providing information which brought effective mortar and artillery fire upon the fortified resistance. His courageous action enabled his company to continue on its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Homer, New York.

ERIC T TURNER JR, 31 372 614, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 9 March 1945. Private First Class Turner, rifleman, was ordered to lead a night reconnaissance patrol to secure information about enemy defenses at the Siegfried Line, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Enroute, he received a head wound when his patrol was assaulted by machine gun and rifle

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fire. Despite his injury, Private First Class Turner maintained control of his men and guided them back to friendly lines. Refusing evacuation, he led a second patrol on the same mission, but this time skirted around the hostile strong points, and successfully completed his assignment. His intrepidity and tenacious devotion to duty greatly contributed to the success of his company's attack. Entered military service from Methuen, Massachusetts.

RICHARD E WARD, 36 010 002, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During an attack, Staff Sergeant Ward and a comrade were serving as flank security for their company when they observed several enemy armed with automatic weapons and rifles. Without hesitation, they crossed approximately 100 yards of partially open hilly terrain and from a defiladed position, called to the hostile troops to surrender. The two men were immediately subjected to an intensive concentration of fire, but, undaunted, they closed with the enemy, killing four and forcing the remainder to withdraw to entrenchments behind a hill. Later, it was discovered that there were 70 enemy troops in the fortifications these two soldiers attacked. Staff Sergeant Ward's bold actions were instrumental in preventing hostile flanking fire, thus securing his company from certain ambush. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WAYNE F WEIS, 17 166 522, Corporal, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When the 3d platoon was held back by machine gun fire, Corporal Weis maneuvered to his unit's right flank and fired upon the enemy. The hostile troops, so distracted, turned their fire to bear upon Corporal Weis. Nevertheless, he remained at his hazardous position until his platoon overran the machine gun emplacement. His intrepidity and tenacious devotion to duty enabled his platoon to advance and seize its objective. Entered military service from Salina, Kansas.

VI --- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

LA VERNE V ANDERSON, 37 703 814, Technician Fourth Grade, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 14 March 1945, France. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

DALE R ENGEBRETSON, 37 313 816, Private, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 1 March 1945, France. Entered military service from Milbank, South Dakota.

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ANTHONY J LIBERI, 33 792 834, Private First Class, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. 10 March 1945, France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES T LEE, 34 972 961, Technician Fifth Grade, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 16 March 1945, France. Entered military service from Bessemer, Alabama.

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I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following individual:

CLARENCE E JACOBSON, 39 337 481, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1945. While reconnoitering for defensive positions on Spicheren Heights, France, Staff Sergeant Jacobson observed a company of enemy soldiers advancing cautiously, in wooded concealment, toward his company's area. Skillfully avoiding observation, he worked his way back to his company with the information. In order to give his company time to prepare for the impending counterattack, he went forward alone to a vantage point and with intense rifle fire held up the enemy advance for 20 minutes, despite heavy counter fire. His gallant action enabled his company to repel the counterattack. In a subsequent action Staff Sergeant Jacobson was killed. Next of kin: Marie Jacobson (mother) 2219 Bay Avenue, Hoquiam, Washington.

II --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following individuals:

WILLIAM P HENRY JR, 19 133 574, Sergeant, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During a hostile counterattack, the enemy was closing in fast, inspired and led by an officer who was shouting orders and words of encouragement. Realizing it was necessary to kill the officer to break the morale of the enemy troops, Sergeant Henry and a comrade rose from their well concealed positions and, though exposed to heavy fire and bursting hand grenades, shot and killed him. The enemy troops, without a leader, turned and fled. Sergeant Henry's intrepidity and devotion to duty not only contributed toward repelling the counterattack, but undoubtedly saved his unit many losses. In a subsequent action, Sergeant Henry was killed in action. Next of kin: William H Henry Sr (father), Murphy Coyote Lease, La Habra, California.

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GEORGE C SPUDICK, 37 621 577, Corporal, Company H, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945. During the attack against hostile fortifications near Offweiler, France, th assaulting forces found advancing difficult because of extreme cold, heavy snow, precipitous terrain and strong enemy resistance. When the enemy opened a surprise counterattack, the mortar section, of which Corporal Spudick was a member, withdrew to a position 200 yard away. After the section was reorganized, volunteers were asked for, to retrieve the mortar and ammunition. Without hesitation, Corporal Spudick left the safety of his foxhole and recovered his share of th equipment. So inspired, others moved from their defiladed positions and secured the remainder of the equipment. Moments later, as Corporal Spudic was moving to a position to put his weapon into action, he was killed by hostile artillery fire. His intrepid action and devotion to duty exemplifies the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Anna Spudick (mother), 210 Lincoln Street, Mt. Olive, Illinois.

GRANT W WALTER, 35 369 978, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During the defense of Kreutzberg Ridge, Staff Sergeant Walter, platoon leader, realizing the severe strain on the morale of his men caused by the weather and the overwhelming advantage which the terrain afforded the enemy, moved from one foxhole to another, issuing instructions and words of encouragement. Each time he exposed himself, Staff Sergeant Walter was subjected to machine pistol fire, and after receiving an arm wound, he tenaciously continued at his task for over an hour before consenting to evacuation. His subordination of personal safety and concern for the welfare of his men exemplifies the finest traditions of the military service. In a subsequent action, Staff Sergeant Walter gave his lif in the performance of his duties. Next of Kin: Victor Walter (brother), RFD 1, North Manchester, Massachusetts.

HAROLD L WARD, 39 113 811, Private First Class, Company H, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 21 to 27 February 1945. During the heavy fighting to wrest Spicheren Heights, France, from strongly resisting enemy troops, Private First Class Ward was a member of a half-strength platoon which had been isolated by a successful enemy counterattack. For seven days the enemy tried incessantly to capture the important position held by the platoon, but each counterattack was repelled. During the action, Private First Class Ward gave his life while assisting his platoon under adverse weather and terrain conditions to successfully deny the enemy the important position. His courageous actions exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Minnie Ward (mother), 621 Fifth Street, Vellejo, California.

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III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

MELVIN G EMDE, 37 744 083, Private First Class, Company M, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 March 1945, near Forbach, France. While attempting to aid an officer who had been wounded by an enemy mine, Private First Class Emde detonated a second mine which blew off his left foot, lacerated both hands, and wounded a comrade. Despite his serious wounds, he assisted both men to a vehicle and drove to the nearest aid station. His exemplary fortitude and heroism at a time when prompt action was vital insured medical attention for his seriously wounded comrades. Entered military service from Elgin, Nebraska.

WILLIAM Q SMITH, 01 044 107, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945. When his company's attack on strong enemy positions near Rothbach, France, was held up by heavy frontal machine gun fire, Lieutenant Smith led two enlisted men forward to knockout the hostile guns. Successfully crossing open ground under artillery and small arms fire, they exposed themselves to fire from a hostile gun, diverting the crew's attention long enough to permit a flanking squad to destroy the position. In the action, the two enlisted men were killed and Lieutenant Smith's gas mask and helmet hit with bullets. Undaunted, he continued his mission, personally knocking out another gun. His gallantry enabled his company to resume its advance. Entered military service from Joplin, Missouri.

IV. -- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individual:

DANIEL M SCOTT, 01 309 101, Captain, Infantry, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 26 February 1945 to 1 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. With his company attached to the 274th Infantry in defense of the Kreutzberg Ridge, Captain Scott displayed outstanding leadership in maintaining effective operations during a three day engagement with the enemy, under observed enemy artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire. Skillfully placing his men, he obtained the greatest possible firepower from his unit and, although subjected to automatic weapons fire, constantly moved among his men, advising and encouraging them. His courageous leadership was in large measure responsible for his company's success in holding its position until the frustrated enemy withdrew. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

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V ---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

WILLIAM P BECKER, 36 810 100, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945. While attacking across snow covered terrain, approaching Wingen, France, Sergeant Becker's squad was held back by heavy fire from strong emplacements in neighboring buildings and foxholes. Boldly, he crawled 100 yards until he attained a position well to the enemy's right flank and opened fire with his rifle. The enemy, so distracted, turned machine gun fire upon him. Nevertheless, he continued manning his rifle until his squad advanced and overran the hostile machine gun crew. Sergeant Becker's intrepidity and devotion to duty materially contributed to the success of his company's attack. Entered military service from Webster, Wisconsin.

GEORGE M CASON, 34 057 993, Private First Class, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945 near Styring Wendel, France. During a hostile counterattack, the enemy was closing in fast, inspired and led by an officer who was shouting orders and words of encouragement. Realizing it was necessary to kill the officer to break the morale of the enemy troops, Private First Class Cason and a comrade rose from their well concealed positions and though exposed to heavy fire and bursting hand grenades, shot and killed him. The enemy troops, without a leader, turned and fled. Private First Class Cason's intrepedity and devotion to duty not only contributed toward repelling the counterattack, but undoubtedly saved his unit many losses. Entered military service from Fort Myers, Florida.

KENNETH K KIRBY, 33 608 771, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 26 February to 1 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his company was assigned the task of defending Kreutzberg Ridge the enemy was afforded such excellent observation, that whenever movement was discerned, the area was subjected to hostile artillery, mortar and machine pistol fire. Despite this hazard, and aware that the enemy was attempting to infiltrate through the woods, Staff Sergeant Kirby, then a Private First Class, moved alone through the wooded sector carrying vital messages. During this action, his platoon sergeant was wounded and he assumed command. Exhibiting determined and enthusiastic leadership, he was a continuous source of inspiration to the men, maintained a firm control in the face of the desperately counterattacking enemy, and materially contributed to the success of his company in holding the important ground. Entered military service from Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

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EDWIN W KNUTH, 37 751 525, Private First Class (then Private) Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. With his company attached to the 274th Infantry in defense of Kreutzberg Ridg , Private First Class Knuth manned his automatic rifle position thirty yards off the right flank. Athough new to the company, he steadfastly remained at his hazardous post in the dense woods throughout a two hour enemy counter-attack. So deadly was his fire that repeated attempts to attack over his position were beaten back. The next morning fifteen bodies were found to his immediate front. His gallantry contributed materially to the company's success in defense of the ridge. Entered military service from Royal, Nebraska.

JOSEPH W MARSHALL JR, 11 119 865, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945. While serving as lead scout in an advance near Philippsbourg, France, Technical Sergeant Marshall was fired upon by an outguard of an enemy machine gun position. Immediately reporting the location of the hostle emplacement to his company, he personally led a patrol which destroyed the enemy strong point and insured the safe advance of his unit. His courageous action was a decisive factor in the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from Milton, Massachusetts.

ROY M MARTIN, 37 537 118, Sergeant, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his company was ordered to defend Kreutzberg Ridge, Sergeant Martin selected a position overlooking a trail thru the woods for his machine gun emplacement. He maintained a prolonged vigil by his weapon despite the heavy rain of artillery and mortar fire that fell about him continuously. During the night, when the enemy launched an attack, Sergeant Martin sprayed the area with fire and repeatedly frustrated hostile attempts to infiltrate. The enemy, so harrassed, subjected him to a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire, but he tenaciously held his position. Sergeant Martin's intrepid action inflicted many casualties upon the enemy, and materially contributed toward his company's success in holding the strategic ridge. Entered military service from Hutchinson, Kansas.

ALBERT L RIEDL, 02 010 755, 2d Lieutenant (then Staff Sergean Infantry, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When Company F was ordered to defend the Kreutzberg Ridge, the terrain afforded the enemy exellent observation and an avenue of approach for infiltration. When a report indicated that a considerable number of hostile troops were approaching, Lieutenant Riedl placed himself at a listening post and from there directed effective artillery and mortar fire. Boldly, he adjusted the fire to within 25 yards of his own position and maintained it until the frustrated enemy withdrew. His courageous action and devotion to duty greatly contributed to the success of his company in holding the ridge. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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KENNETH J ROWLEY, 36 472 286, Private First Class (then Private), Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 26 February to 1 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. With his company attached to the 274th Infantry to assist in holding the important Kreutzberg Ridge at all costs, Private First Class Rowley successfully delivered messages, food and clothing to his comrades, under heavy observed artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire. For three days he continued his hazardous missions and on one occasion was knocked down by the explosion of an enemy shell nearby. His courageous actions maintained excellent contact with adjacent units, inspired all the men, and contributed materially to his platoon's success. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN J SETTING, 39 030 862, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 26 February to 1 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When his company was ordered to defend the Kreutzberg Ridge, Staff Sergeant Setting placed himself at a listening post in advance of the rifle elements in order to better direct his mortar fire. Despite the fact that the enemy was afforded excellent observation, Staff Sergeant Setting tenaciously remained at his post and when infiltrating enemy troops moved to within 25 yards of his position, he adjusted fire upon them. For three nights he continued at this task, inflicting many casualties and destroying much equipment. His fire was bracketed in so close to himself that at one time it was thought he had been hit. His intrepid action was instrumental in holding highly important ground. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

PATRICK J TORTORELLO, 20 224 613, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 26 February to 1 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. With his company attached to the 274th Infantry to assist in holding the important Kreutzberg Ridge at all costs, Staff Sergeant Tortorello and his seven man squad, under heavy artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, successfully defended 50 yards of front lines against repeated enemy attempts to infiltrate. Every hour throughout the night he took a three man patrol to contact the adjacent company and on one occasion was subjected to enemy automatic weapons fire. Throwing hand grenades in the direction of the gun, they knocked it out and continued, undaunted, on their mission. His courageous leadership throughout the three day action contributed much to his company's success. Entered military service from Hillside, New Jersey.

ROGER K WERTZ, 35 077 364, Private First Class, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945. While occupying a gun position located at a street intersection in Styring Wendel, France, all other members of Private First Class Wertz' machine gun squad were wounded by a round of enemy artillery. Instead of seeking cover from the continued concentrations of mortar and artillery fire, Private First Class Wertz moved to each of the wounded and administered first aid until the arrival of aid men who evacuated the wounded to safety. The rest of the day and into the night he gallantly manned his gun alone, giving valuable supporting fire which enabled his company to resume its attack the following morning. Entered military service from Swanton, Ohio.

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EDWARD L ZIMPFER, JR, 12 216 398, Private First Class, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 26 February to 1 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. With his company attached to the 274th Infantry for the defense of the Kreutzberg Ridge, Private First Class Zimpfer cut his hand but refused evacuation, fearing that his absence would cause a hardship to his already understrength squad. Despite heavy artillery, mortar and aimed automatic weapons fire, and the pain from growing infection of his wound he inflicted many casualties on the counterattacking enemy during th battle. On the third day, with his arm swollen to twice its normal size, he consented to evacuation, but only after the enemy had withdrawn. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

VI --- So much of Section IV, General Orders 29, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, 16 April 1945, as pertains to KERMIT A SIEGRIST, 0375002, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer (c) Battalion and JOHN D PEARSON, 01 114 254, 1st Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer (c) Battalion is hereby revoked

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I ---- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provision of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

FELIX T KITLINSKI JR, 33 465 083, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 March 1945. Private First Class Kitlinski was ordered to lead a reconnaissance patrol to the Siegfried Line in front of Saarbrucken, Germany, to reconnoiter the enemy's defenses. He skillfully led his patrol across open, rolling terrain, taking advantage of the slight cover afforded him. At the dragon's teeth, Private First Class Kitlinski deployed his men defensively and went forward alone, past the anti-tank barrier to a position where he made note of the hostile fortifications, then carefully worked his way back to his men and led them safely to friendly lines. Because of his keen judgment and tactical ingenuity, his company was able to move rapidly through the Siegfried Line and into Saarbrucken, capturing many prisoners, weapons and equipment. Entered military service from Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

LEROY M THIGPEN, 7 006 145, Sergeant, Company B, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 February 1945, near Styring Wondel, France. When his company's attack was temporarily halted by machine gun, mortar and small arms fire from hostile strong points situated in heavily wooded terrain, Sergeant Thigpen boldly leaped to his feet, shouting for his squad to follow. Firing and maneuvering as he charged, Sergeant Thigpen led his men forward, followed by other riflemen. As a result of his intrepid action, which was instrumental in his company's successful attack, 31 enemy soldiers were captured and several others killed. Entered military service from Cades, South Carolina.

II --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

RICHARD W BOLTON, 01 047 029, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, 103d AAA Group, for meritorious service in action from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New Hartford, New York.

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CECIL F BRANFORD, 01 032 413, Captain, Infantry, Company F, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 27 January to 12 April 1945, in Alsace and Lorraine, France. Entered military service from Geneva, Ohio.

ROBERT BREWER, 02 006 362, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 March 1945, near Forbach, France. With one rifle company and two platoons held up in their attack by intense small arms and machine gun fire from enemy bunkers and dug-in positions, Lieutenant Brewer was ordered to move his platoon into a support position. Surveying the situation, he volunteered to spearhead an assault on the hostile strong points. In the face of the heavy fire, he aggressively led his men forward and swept over the immediate resistance and wiped out several key enemy positions. In the wake of this breach of the enemy lines, the other units were able to charge through to their final objectives. His heroic actions greatly contributed to the success of the entire battalion. Entered military service from Peck, Idaho.

JOHN J GEORGE, 33 792 620, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company D, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945. While moving into position near Obermunthe France, Technical Sergeant George immediately assumed command of his platoon when the platoon leader was wounded by enemy fire. Necessarily exposing himself to mortar and 88mm shell fire, he successfully reconnoitered for positions, helped the sections set up their gun emplacements, and moved among his men giving advice and encouragemen throughout the engagement. His outstanding leadership and courageou actions reflect high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THEODORE A HOFMANN, 32 988 656, Sergeant, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 9 March 1945. The battalion forward command post, communications and supply point, and company rear command post, were located in buildings in Forbach, France, where it was discovered that all exits to the buildings were mined with unfamiliar type 1350 pound mines which had time-clock detonating devices attached. Despite enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Hofmann volunteered and successfully removed the first and most hazardous mine. His courageous action in all probability saved the lives of many men. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES N KEITH, 37 451 413, Private First Class, Anti-Tank Company, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service from 1 January to 12 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Nelson, Nebraska.

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ELBERT T LANDRETH, 44 036 381, Private First Class, Company L 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945. When his company's advance on Styring Wendel, France, was held up by intense machine gun fire from a prepared enemy position, Private First Class Landreth volunteered to cross an area covered with heavy artillery and mortar concentrations to bring up a mortar squad. Although narrowly escaping injury on four occasions from close landing rounds, he reached the mortar squad and skillfully led it into firing position. Exposing himself again to the hostile fire, he adjusted the mortar shells upon the enemy, knocking out the position. By his courageous action the company was able to advance and ultimately take its objective. Entered military service from Gabbettvill Georgia.

ELWIN L Mc MANUS, O 348 240, Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service from 1 January to 4 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Linden, Alabama.

LEO B MURPHY, 01 180 634, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 882d Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement in action from 11 March to 18 March 1945, in Styring Wendel, France. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

CARL L OBERMANN, 01 314 665, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 19 February to 3 March 1945, in Farbach, France. During this entire two week period, Lieutenant Obermann was to be found at one of his many, but short lived, observation posts overlooking a railroad embankment 30 feet high which denied good ground observatio On one occasion, he set up and occupied a favorable OP in a five-story building on the fourth floor, only to have it demolished. On another occasion, Nebelwerfer and rocket fire caved in his OP locate in an abandoned railroad station and he had to dig his way out. Due to his persistency and tenacity he obtained information which was most valuable in drawing up successful attack plans. Entered military service from Mt Pleasant, Iowa.

WARREN M SMITH, 39 468 976, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During the fierce fire fight on the heavily wooded terrain of Kreutzwald Height Technician Smith, radio operator, went forward with the front assaul group. Because of the close fighting, he necessarily laid aside his radio and, armed only with a pistol, went into the attack beside the riflemen. Each time an enemy soldier raised his head above the well prepared trenches, he fired, and maintained such fire until the riflmen could overrun the hostile positions. Continuing with this advance, Technician Smith jumped into a trench and captured two of the enemy hidden in holes which had been dug in the walls of the trench. His intrepidity and devotion to duty materially contributed to the success of his battalion's attack. Entered military service from Addy, Washington.

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III --- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of General Orders 29, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, 16 April 1945, that pertains to ADRIAN F BIEKER, 01 313 506, 1st Lieutenant, as reads "gallantry in action on 7 March 1945" is amended to read "gallantry in action on 6 March 1945".

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Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star..... I
Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal..... II
Award of the Silver Star..... III
Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... IV
Award of the Air Medal..... V

I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

WILLIAM P HENRY JR, 19 133 574, Sergeant, Company F, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 4 March 1945, near Forbach, France. Unaware that the enemy had reoccupied houses reported previously to have been cleared, Sergeant Henry spearheaded his company's attack through an underpass, only to have the company subjected to heavy machine gun fire from these houses. Without regard for his own safety, he made his way to the hostile positions and, entering alone, shot two of the enemy manning the guns and captured two. While further engaged in clearing other houses, his squad lost contact with the company. After placing his men in defensive positions, he successfully crossed enemy occupied territory to reestablish contact which enabled his squad to participate in the ensuing attack. In a subsequent action, Sergeant Henry was killed by enemy mortar fire. Next of kin: William H Henry Sr (father), Murphy Coyote Lease, La Habra, California.

II --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

JIMMY BUTLER, 37 698 908, Private, Battery A, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. Taking over a radio when the operator became ill, Private Butler, a driver, left a fog covered observation post in order to provide artillery support for the attack on Kerbach, France. Joining the advance elements of Company F, 274th Infantry, he carried the bulky radio from one vantage point to another, under observed enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire, effectively adjusting the artillery fire. While vigorously prosecuting his mission, he fell mortally wounded on the battlefield. His courageous action beyond the call of duty materially aided the attack and exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Jean L Butler (wife), 609 32d Street, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 19[illegible], as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

DEAN M HENDRICKSON, O 392 078, Captain, Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945. During the fierce engagements for control of Wingen, France, Captain Hendrickson's company was held up by intense machine gun and rifle fire When one platoon became isolated, he went forward under the fire and located cleverly concealed enemy positions. Continuing toward the isolated unit, he fell seriously wounded. Three hours later a platoon leader reached him; but rather than be evacuated, he remained and pointed out the concealed positions. By his gallantry his men were able to eliminate the resistance, capture 18 of the enemy and continue with their mission. Entered military service from Paso Robles, California.

RICHARD T PAUL, 01 050 415, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945, near Wingen, France. When attacking SS troops had dispersed elements of his battalion, Captain Paul grouped the available personnel and organized a defense around the motor pool. Although surrounded, this small unit held off the enemy for 18 hours until, with pressure increasing, Captain Paul reconnoitered an escape route which required the building of a bridge of trees, brush and camouflage nets across a stream. Courageously leading the convoy and driving after his driver had been killed, he successfully brought the group out, even though the hostile force was at times within 25 yards of the convoy. During the movement, with the suuport of a commandeered 81mm mortar squad, Captain Paul and his small group repulsed numerous enemy attacks. By his gallant action all vehicles except two trailers were successfully evacuated. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

IV --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

EDWARD W MOELLER JR, 01 321 651, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 275th [illegible]ntry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, [illegible]cheren Heights, France. Stubborn enemy resistance in Spicher[illegible] necessitated a call for artillery fire on the town. Lieutenant Mo[illegible] volunteered to lead a patrol into town so that enemy strength might first be ascertained He and another officer, leading five men, crossed open terrain under enemy observation, entered Spicheren, and began a house to house search. By his bold, aggressive tactics, the town was captured without casualties to our forces, seven prisoners taken and the necessity for placing artillery fire obviated. Entered military service from Delaware, Ohio.

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ULES T HOLMES, 38 668 875, Private First Class, Company B, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 9 March 1945, near Forbach, France. During heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, a member of Company B, sustaining a direct hit on his foxhole, was seriously wounded by shell fragments, burned by white phosphorous, and buried under earth and debris. Despite the enemy fire, Private First Class Holmes left his foxhole, rushed to the buried man and extricated him. Finding that his comrade was in danger of choking to death from a heavy clot of blood forming in his throat, he quickly cleared the throat and then applied first aid to the other wounds, despite painful phosophorous burns sustained on his own hands. Obtaining litter bearers, he assisted them in evacuating the man. His courageous action in all probability saved the soldier's life. Entered military service from Montgomery Mt Ida, Arkansas.

ROBERT F SCHRAM, 02 006 200, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945 near Hastenbach, Germany. When two attempts by other patrols of the company had failed to establish a bridgehead across the Saar River, Lieutenant Schram personally led a third patrol in a successful accomplishment of the regiment's mission. Exposed to enemy fire, he supervised the crossing of the bridgehead for six hourse before other elements could join him. His skillful leadership and devotion to duty made it possible for the entire regiment to make a rapid crossing of the river with a minimum of loss. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

V ---- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

MARLOWE P BURGY, O 520 731, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 725th Field Artillery Battalion from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mamana, Iowa.

MILES E CHADWICK, 37 018 681, Corporal, Battery C, 725th Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Winona, Minnesota.

FIELDING L GREAVES, 026 656, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered United States Military Academy from Interlaken, New Jersey.

FRANK W MURPHY, 01 185 104, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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ROY T SIMMONS, 39 842 514, Staff Sergeant, Battery B, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Eureka, California.

THOMAS S SMITH, 33 000 526, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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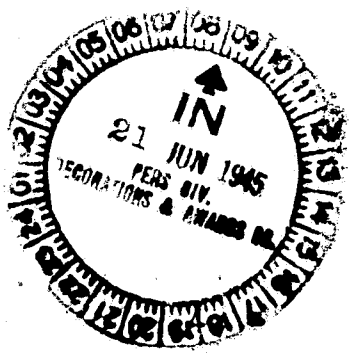

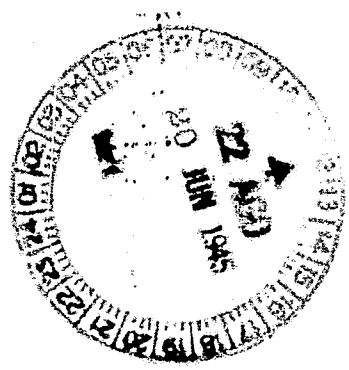

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals for meritorious service from 20 August to 19 September 1944 and from 30 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany, respectively:

ARTHUR D BALLOU, 31 345 680, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Battery, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Connecticut.

RICHARD J BEGOR, 31 274 495, Corporal, Battery A, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ALFRED E CARRIER, 31 384 439, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

RANDALL L DEAN, 31 264 698, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CECIL F JONES, 31 322 993, Corporal, Battery A, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Maine.

WILLIAM L LAWLOR, 31 360 813, Corporal, Battery A, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

WARREN E LUTZ, 36 066 682, Corporal, Battery A, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM McCLURE, 31 335 687, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Connecticut.

HAROLD G RABUN, 34 687 681, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Battery, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Georgia.

LEE K SHEETS, 37 505 062, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Battery, 557th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Missouri.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

20 June 1945

Award of the Silver Star..... I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... II
Award of the Purple Heart..... III

I ---- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

JAMES W JOHNSON, 7 082 499, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company K, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 March 1945. When his squad leader fell wounded by enemy fire during an attack on Styring Wendel, France, Technical Sergeant Johnson assumed command, and immediately thereafter he and his men were subjected to two hours of heavy artillery fire, sustaining casualties. Seizing the initiative, Technical Sergeant Johnson rallied his disorganized squad and successfully led it through the intense fire to take several enemy occupied buildings. His gallantry and leadership in capturing 11 prisoners and in clearing all assigned buildings contributed materially to the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

THEODORE C MATAXIS, O 392 185, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, near Rothbach, France. When two companies had lost their commanding officers as a result of enemy action, Lieutenant Colonel Mataxis, then Battalion Executive Officer, went forward to coordinate these units in a night attack. He maneuvered one company into action, and aided the other by bringing effective fire upon enemy machine guns which had halted the rifle platoons. Moving forward, he reorganized the front line troops, in complete darkness and under heavy artillery fire. While thus engaged, he captured two prisoners, and killed three enemy soldiers at an automatic weapons position. His aggressive leadership at a critical juncture was an inspiration to the officers and men of the battalion, and a major factor in accomplishment of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

VERNON P SPRINGMAN, 38 320 065, Private First Class, Company , 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945. The battalion was launching an attack on Wingen, France, but one platoon as being held up by strong rifle and machine-gun fire. Private First lass Springman, a first gunner attached to the platoon, seized the nitiative by crawling with his machine-gun to an advanced position. pon being observed by the enemy, he was subjected to intense fire. gnoring this peril, he set up his machine gun, knocked out an enemy achine gun located in a church steeple and silenced the enemy sniper. y his courageous action and effective fire, the platoon was able to gin the attack. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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II --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

GUY A BARBER, 36 536 274, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, near Furstenhausen, Germany. While working under heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire to restore severed communication lines, Private First Class Barber saw a comrade fall wounded by shell fragments. Without regard for his own safety, he dashed through the hostile fire and carried the wounded men to a covered position. After administering first aid for shock and wounds, he returned and completed his mission. His courageous action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the members of his unit. Entered military service from Baseline, Michigan.

Le VERNE E BLOUNT, 025 939, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. Although one member of his three-man forward observation party was killed and his radio knocked out by mortar fire, Lieutenant Blount continued his mission of locating enfiladed enemy machine gun positions that were holding up the attack of Company F, 274th Infantry, on Kerbach, France. Cut off from communications, he worked his way back to several other observation posts, but finding these unsatisfactory, he again moved forward alone retrieving his radio and using wire from a partially defiladed observation post, he successfully called for effective artillery fire on two hostile machine gun positions he had located. Entered United States Military Academy from Decorah, Iowa.

THOMAS E BRENTNALL, 01 318 125, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. An enemy counterattack, which was supported by a heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire, severed the 1st Battalion's communication line between the forward and rear command posts. The forward switchboard was under fire from enemy tanks, and rifle fire from three sides. 1st Lieutenant Brentnall, with disregard for his own safety, infiltrated through enemy patrols, located a good line, thereby establishing emergency communication throughout the battalion, and phoned for tank destroyer and supporting fire. Splicing the wire on his return, he joined his men in a fight which drove the enemy from the forward command post and switchboard. His intrepidity and tenacious devotion to duty exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the military service. Entered military service from Montebello, California.

CHESTER E BROKMAN, 19 065 471, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Company I, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945. During the attack on Hill 415, in the Lichtenberg Forest, France, the riflemen of Company I were temporarily held back by intense small arms fire. Seeing that their advance

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could not be made without supporting machine gun fire on the hostile positions, Technical Sergeant Brockman moved up with his machine gun to the foremost elements of the platoon. Necessarily exposing himself to the enemy, he fired from the hip and sprayed the hostile position. Under the cover of this fire, the riflemen closed in and knocked out the enemy positions with hand grenades. His courageous actions removed a threat and enabled his platoon to advance toward its objective. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

ROY V CREASY, O 315 036, Major, Coast Artillery Corps, 103d AAA Group, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

DONALD L DEMING, 11 092 538, Sergeant, Company B, 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 5 to 6 January and 7 April 1945. When elements of an Infantry Division were held up by heavy enemy fire in Wingen, France, Sergeant Deming, in charge of a section, successfully brought close-in tank fire upon the hostile positions, enabling the Infantry to advance and capture the village. In this action 60 prisoners were liberated and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. On 7 April near Untergrieshiem, Germany, Sergeant Deming took command of the platoon after his platoon leader had been wounded, and by his outstanding leadership, effective tank support for the infantry was continued throughout the balance of the action. Entered military service from Washington, Connecticut.

KENNETH A HINES, 34 656 612, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, near Klarenthal, Germany. When a platoon of Company F was under heavy enemy artillery fire, and without communication, three men were dispatched to the company command post. As they returned, an enemy machine gun fired from a church steeple, and two of the messengers fell. At great risk of life, Technical Sergeant Hines and a companion raced 400 yards under the machine gun fire to reach the men. They remained long enough to determine that the men were dead, and then ran through the same enemy fire again to reach the platoon. The courage and devotion to his comrades displayed by Technical Sergeant Hines was an inspiration to all members of his unit. Entered military service from Chesnee, South Carolina.

PHILIP P IGNASZEWSKI, 02 011 636, 2d Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, in Styring Wendel, France. A reserve force was attacking up hill over heavily wooded terrain to relieve an isolated company. Despite the use of two tanks, the attack was beginning to bog down. Lieutenant Ignaszewski, leader of one platoon, picked up a machine gun and, with coolness and courage, moved forward firing from the hip and inspiring his platoon to follow. As a result of his courageous action the enemy was driven from the hill with about 25 casualties, inflicted mostly by Lieutenant Ignaszewski, and contact was made with the isolated company. Entered military service from Wells, Minnesota.

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EDWARD F JOYCE III, 01 286 497, Major, (then Captain), Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945. At the conclusion of 48 hours of heavy fighting, the 1st Battalion received further orders to attack Forbach, France, that night. With wire and radio communication to the companies out, Major Joyce, Battalion Executive Officer, went forward over a route swept by continuous artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire to meet with the company commanders. Then, completing a hazardous two-hour forward reconnaissance of enemy emplacements, he returned and, under the continuing heavy enemy fire, directed a platoon of tanks into effective action. His gallantry and leadership under fire inspired the men of his command and greatly aided in breaking the outer defenses of the city. Entered military service from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

ROSCOE G LEWIS, 39 210 575, Private First Class, Company C, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 to 11 January 1945, near Obermunthal, France. Entered military service from Olympia, Washington.

ERNEST Q MILLER, 39 338 190, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 to 13 January 1945, near Rothbach, France. Entered military service from Vancouver, Washington.

LASHLEY R MARTIN, 37 372 551, Sergeant, Battery B, 413th AAA Gun Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944. Acting upon an urgent request from the 14th Cavalry for supporting machine gun fire, Sergeant Martin was ordered to establish positions north of Manderfeld, Belgium, to delay the enemy's advance until the reorganization of friendly forces could be accomplished. Although hostile patrols were active in the area, Sergeant Martin moved across open ground under small arms and automatic weapons fire to emplace his guns in commanding positions. Exposing himself to the continuous enemy mortar fire, he moved back and forth between his guns, directin their fire on the enemy, inflicting 21 casualties. His courageous action delayed the enemy thereby, saving many lives and valuable equipment. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

ELMER C NICHOLSON, O 540 537, 2d Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 22 to 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Entered military service from Pensacola Florida.

AUGUSTUS N PARKES, O 388 872, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Coast Artillery Corps, 103d AAA Group, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations, from 12 December 1944 to 3 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

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HOWARD F PECK, 01 179 998, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 21 February to 26 February 1945, in Styring Wendel, France. When his telephone line was cut during a hostile counter-attack, Lieutenant Peck, forward observer, joined in the fire fight with pistol and hand grenades. The artillery and mortar fire he previously directed had such effect that the enemy's advance was slowed down sufficiently to enable friendly troops to launch a counterattack, and for him to again adjust fire on the hostile forces. When he was temporarily without communications, Lieutenant Peck assumed the duties of an infantry platoon leader. His enthusiastic leadership was a continuous source of inspiration to the men during this critical period. Later, while crossing open ground in search for a wire-break, Lieutenant Peck was wounded by mortar fire. His intrepidity and tenacious devotion to duty exemplifies the highest standards of courage under fire. Entered military service from Chippewa, Falls, Wisconsin.

JOHN A STANGLE, 32 989 379, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. During Company K's initial engagement against the enemy, a small group of men on a bridge were held back by heavy artillery and small arms fire. When two of the men were severely wounded as a result of this enemy activity, Staff Sergeant Stangle left his protective covering, crossed an icy stream and ran to the aid of his comrades. Carrying one of the men who was unconscious and assisting the other, he safely effected their evacuation. Then he and an officer went to the rescue of the other men on the bridge and led them in a safe withdrawal. His intrepidity and tenacious devotion to duty exemplify the highest standards of courage under fire. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

GEORGE W THOMPSON, 01 180 072, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 3 to 7 March 1945, near Spicheren Heights, France. Occupying an observation post in a bulge behind enemy lines for three days, Lieutenant Thompson, Artillery Forward Observer, steadfastly performed his duties under rifle and direct 88mm shell fire. Effectively directing artillery and mortar fire, he assisted in neutralizing an enemy battalion and in driving off a Mark VI tank. While courageously continuing to man his dangerous post, Lieutenant Thompson was wounded by enemy fire. Entered military service from Banks, Oregon.

JOHN C TRIMMER, 026 633, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Battery C, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 23 February 1945, near Spicheren Heights, France. Entered United States Military Academy from Dennison, Ohio.

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REV. [illegible] BILLINGSLEY, 32 689 090, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal and Technician Fourth Grade), 149th AAA Detachment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

III -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on 20 February 1945, in France:

JAMES M STRANGE, 32 447 760, Sergeant, 70th Military Police Platoon, Entered military service from Troy, New York.

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25 June 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated:

HOWARD E BESANT, 36 165 354, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters and Service Troop, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, from 3 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Flushing, Michigan.

WILLIAM H BORNSCHEUER, 01 054 916, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, 49th AAA Brigade, from 25 March 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England Belgium, France, and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

JOSEPH F DUNN, 024 482, Major, Coast Artillery Corps, 103d AAA Group, from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, and Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH G HOWE, 0 273 896, Lieutenant Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps, 581st AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), from 13 March to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Wilmington, North Carolina.

JOHN E KAH, 0 272 426, 1st Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, 116th AAA Gun Battalion, (Mobile), from 4 August 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Coshocton, Ohio.

NORMAN W KALAT, 0 327 837, Major (then Captain), Cavalry, Headquarters 15 Cavalry Group, from 23 March to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

MAXWELL M KALLMAN, 020 182, Lieutenant Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps, 142d AAA Gun Battalion (Mobile), from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered United States Military Academy from Newark, New Jersey.

ROBERT J MADDEN, 0 523 436, Captain, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters, 116th AAA Gun Battalion (Mobile), from 15 October 1944 to 20 April 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Joliet, Illinois.

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JOHN J Mc NISH, 32 03[illegible]6 436, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 109th AAA Gun Battalion (Mobile), from 12 August 1944 to 25 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM S MYERS, 37 222 206, Sergeant, Troop B, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, from 3 August 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Entered military service from Independence, Missouri.

AUBREY J NICHOLS, W2 126 785, Warrant Officer (JG), 413th AAA Gun Battalion, from 17 December 1944 to 2 January 1945, at Holzheim, Belgium. Entered military service from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

ROBERT C OSWALD, O 258 166, Lieutenant Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps, 103d AAA Group, from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Clayton, Missouri

JOHN S PATTERSON, O 318 036, Major, Coast Artillery Corps, 103d AAA Group, from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Manoa, Pennsylvania.

PETER P RODES, 09 086, Brigadier General, United States Army, Headquarters, 70th Division Artillery, from 18 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lexington, Kentucky.

GERALD W ROWE, O 453 315, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, 11th AAA Group, from 15 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium, and Germany. Entered military service from Ludington, Michigan.

T DOUGLAS O STEVENSON, 01 046 284, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, 49th AAA Brigade, from 7 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

WILLIAM D WELCH, 32 477 240, Technician Fourth Grade, Company F, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, from 2 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Holland, and Germany. Entered military service from Norwich, New York.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... I
Award of the Purple Heart..... II
Revocation of General Orders..... III

I ---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

WILLIAM R CALCOTE, 34 475 946, Private, Battery B, 413th AAA Gun Battalion. Entered military service from Brookhaven, Mississippi.

GILBERT M CARDER, 38 169 188, Private First Class, Battery B, 413th AAA Gun Battalion. Entered military service from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

DELMER JONES, 38 297 188, Private First Class, Battery B, 413th AAA Gun Battalion. Entered military service from Ozark, Arkansas.

LUIS G MARTINEZ, 38 169 312, Private First Class, Battery B, 413th AAA Gun Battalion. Entered military service from Ensenada, New Mexico.

For heroic achievement in action on 16 December 1944. Responding to a request from a Cavalry Reconnaissance unit, these men moved to Manderfeld, Belgium, and set up their quadruple mounted .50 caliber machine guns at a road junction to cover the withdrawal of friendly units. Despite enemy small arms fire and heavy mortar concentrations, these men courageously emplaced their guns and withstood the strong enemy pressure, repulsing all attacks on their positions. On one occasion, they killed 20 of a group of attacking enemy, forcing the remainder to make a hasty withdrawal. Their courageous action in keeping the road junction open enabled the troops and equipment to be moved to secure positions with minimum losses.

ERVIS M HANSON, 18 027 841, Technical Sergeant, Cannon Company, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945. During an engagement with the enemy near Saarbrucken, Germany, Technical Sergeant Hanson, without regard for his own safety, left his concealed position under heavy artillery and mortar fire and moved to an exposed position to establish an observation post. From his hazardous position, he directed artillery fire upon enemy automatic weapons and mortar emplacements. His courageous action inflicted heavy casualties and destroyed the hostile gun positions. Entered military service from Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

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NATHANIEL H HOLESOVSKY, 36 830 655, Staff Sergeant, Company H 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945 While Staff Sergeant Holesovsky was in the process of moving his heavy machine gun section to high ground overlooking Etzling, France an enemy counterattack developed. A mortar shell then knocked the section's left gun out of action. Organizing his squad to hold the high ground, he left his covered position and raced over 300 yards of open terrain under intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire to the command post. Obtaining new parts for the gun, he ran back over the hazardous route, repaired the gun, and then directed its fire on the enemy. His prompt and gallant action was an important factor in repelling the strong counterattack. Entered military service from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM G MITCHELL, 01 032 033, 1st Lieutenant, Cavalry, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945. After carefully planning his mission and briefing his six-man patrol, Lieutenant Mitchell led his men across 300 yards of open terrain to the enemy occupied town of Marineau, France. At the change of the guards, he led his patrol into a mill where they encountered six enemy soldiers, killing four before hostile reinforcements could be brought up. His position untenable, Lieutenant Mitchell ordered a withdrawal and was the last man to leave the mill. Skillfully leading his men over the open terrain in the daylight, he returned with his patrol intact and with information about enemy strength, gun locations and billets. Entered military service from Washington, Iowa.

WILLIAM A NADLER, 36 830 335, Sergeant, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. Under the cover of darkness, Sergeant Nadler led a three man patrol across the Rossell River and established an observation and listening post in the enemy occupied town of Marineau, France. While radioing information regarding hostile locations, strength and habits an enemy squad entered their building and occupied it during the daylight hours. In their dangerous position, just one floor above the enemy, Sergeant Nadler continued to send radio messages, without detection by nearby soldiers. During a night change of the guards, he led his patrol back to friendly lines. His courageous action furnished invaluable information regarding the enemy. Entered military service from Lake Mills, Wisconsin.

ALLEN B SCOTT, O 351 439, Captain, Field Artillery, Battery B, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 10 February to 21 March 1945. During this period, when the 3d battalion, 274th Infantry, was in contact with the enemy in the woods and hills of Alsace and Lorraine France, Captain Scott, as artillery liaison officer, performed his duties in a superior manner. With communications difficult to maintain because of poor weather and visibility, Captain Scott, by exercising judgment in planning and coordinating artillery fire, nevertheless, greatly assisted the 3d battalion in accomplishing its mission. Entered military service from Corvallis, Oregon.

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II --- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on 20 March 1945, in Germany:

FRANK PENICH, 39 337 935, Sergeant, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

III -- REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of section II, General Orders 49, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, 20 June 1945, as pertains to IRVING SILBERSTANG, 32 689 090, Staff Sergeant, 149th AAA Detachment is hereby revoked.

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GENERAL ORDERS) 2 July 1945
NUMBER 53) ORIGINAL ORDER

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal..... I
Award of the Silver Star..... II
Award of the Soldier's Medal..... III
Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal IV
Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... V

I ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

ROBERT BROWN, 37 573 127, Technician Fourth Grade, Anti-Tank Company, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945. In anticipation of an enemy mechanized counter-attack on Oetingen, France, Technician Brown, communications sergeant, volunteered to accompany his commanding officer on a reconnaissance for routes over which their 57m guns could be brought forward to support the attacking rifle troops. Under heavy artillery and mortar fire, they crossed and marked two mine fields for clearing and proceeded to complete their mission. While returning across open ground under enemy observation, Technician Brown was killed by hostile artillery fire. His courageous action above and beyond the call of duty contributed greatly to the movement of AT guns into Oetingen and in protecting the town for the attack. Next of kin: Helen D Brown (wife), 2125 Columbia Avenue, Swissvale, Pennsylvania.

GRANT W WALTE , 35 369 978, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945, near Rothbach, France. When an enemy night counterattack, supported by intense machine gun fire, drove to within ten feet of Staff Sergeant Walter and his companion, three hand grenades dropped into their foxhole. The first was thrown from the foxhole by his comrade. When the second one dropped in, Staff Sergeant Walter jumped on it in an attempt to take the full force of the explosion and save his fellow soldier from injury. Though the missile did not explode, the third grenade seriously wounded the other man and Staff Sergeant Walter gave him first aid, and then continued to resist the enemy attack. His courageous action substantially aided his company in breaking the counterattack. In a later action, Staff Sergeant Walter was killed by enemy mortar fire. Next of kin: Victor Walter (brother), RFD 1, North Manchester, Indiana.

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II --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

FORREST E BOUGHTON, 36 766 760, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action, on 3 and 4 March 1945. During the attack on Styring-Wendel, France, when personnel changes were rapid because of casualties sustained, Staff Sergeant Boughton (then Private First Class), assumed command of his machine gun squad. Despite heavy hostile artillery and mortar fire, he supported attacking rifle platoons by rallying and maneuvering his men to a position where they brought effective fire against enemy fortifications. Later, when his section leader was wounded, he took charge of the entire section. Exposed to enemy observation and fire, he moved about his section to properly direct supporting fire covering the assaulting rifle platoons. His courageous leadership and tenacious devotion to duty enabled his company to seize its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Watseka, Illinois.

MARLIN A STEWART, 16 109 724, Technician Fifth Grade, 70th Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on 3 March 1945. While manning his 50 calibre machine gun from the exposed turret position of an armored car, Technician Stewart was wounded by shell fragments as he fired upon enemy strong points near Emmersweiler, France. After receiving first aid from his comrades, he refused to be evacuated and ordered that the mission be continued. Although wounded, he continued to fire upon the enemy for three hours under heavy artillery fire which riddled his armored car. By his courageous action, he denied the enemy the use of its strong positions in this sector of fire and successfully completed his mission. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

III -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following individual:

EDWARD SZMANSKY, 36 971 539, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 17 April 1945, in Gonsenheim, Germany. When a gasoline stove exploded, igniting a pan of gasoline and the clothing of two comrades, Private First Class Szmansky stopped one of the panicky men from jumping out a 3d story window. Seizing the flaming pan from the other man, he threw it on the floor. Failing to extinguish the flames on this man with his own body, he quickly smothered them with a table cloth. He then dragged the two men from the room, returned and, despite his painfully burned hands, assisted in putting out the fire in the room. His prompt action in all probability saved the lives of both men. Entered military service from Belleville, Michigan.

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IV --- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

WALLACE R CHEVES, O 362 598, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action 20 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. When the advance of two battalions was held up by road blocks and mines, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves went forward with the platoon leader and one squad of the I and R platoon through the fortifications of the Siegfried Line to reconnoiter a route of advance. When the patrol discovered and opened a direct route to the Metz Highway, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves commandeered the civilian trucks in the vicinity and sent them back to speed the arrival of the leading foot troops, then seven miles to the rear. His action contributed greatly to the eventual capture of Bilstock, Germany, where contact was made with the element of the Third Army. Entered military service from Anderson, South Carolina.

WILLIS C DIECE, 02 006 158, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Under cover of early morning darkness, Lieutenant Diece led a combat patrol to secure information of hostile fortifications around and beyond the Siegfried Line. Observing a bunker, he and his sergeant led three men past a huge anti-tank barrier, through barbed wire entanglements and a schu mine field to within 25 yards of a trench connecting this bunker with another. With daylight rapidly approaching, they received heavy rifle fire, and, although temporarily held back, Lieutenant Diece boldly maneuvered the sub-patrol across the same obstacles previously encountered. At the barrier, they were assaulted by machine gun fire, but, undaunted, Lieutenant Diece regrouped the entire patrol and returned to friendly lines with the desired information. His intrepid action exemplifies the highest standards of courage. Entered military service from Baraboo, Wisconsin.

MARK W EVERETT JR, 18 232 372, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 1 to 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During his company's attack against the enemy strong points, Staff Sergeant Everett moved forward with the leading elements to make personal reconnaissance for mortar observation posts. At great risk, he exposed himself to heavy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire to skillfully relay fire orders to his mortar section in the rear. His bold efforts enabled his company to advance and drive the enemy from their positions. Entered military service from Conroe, Texas.

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V ---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

EDWIN ANELGREN, 36 461 047, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Gladstone, Michigan.

REECE A CAMPBELL, 14 016 154, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Dennis Mississippi.

SAMUEL F DAVIS, 37 393 941, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Bernie Missouri.

WILLIAM A DRAKE, 6 576 159, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Mobile, Alabama.

ROBERT W LYON, 39 714 487, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Monrovia, California.

BENJAMIN H SCHOLL, 38 676 926, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Cypress, Texas.

For heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945. When the advance of two battalions was held up by road blocks and mines, these soldiers, members of an I & R squad, moved through fortifications of the Siegfried Line, near Saarbrucken, Germany, to reconnoiter a route of advance. They discovered and rapidly opened a direct route to the Metz Highway. Proceeding aggressively through enemy territory, they reconnoitered routes to four towns, and at Dudweiler, Germany, effected the capture of a complete company, its commander, and numerous weapons and materiel. Their heroic actions helped make possible the capture of Bilstock, Germany, and the establishment of contact with the 3d Army.

EDWARD H BART JR, 01 041 084, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945. During the attack on Grosbliederstroff, France, Lieutenant Bart was ordered to establish a forward observation post and to adjust supporting cannon and artillery fire upon the remaining enemy strong points in the town. While in his advanced position an enemy counterattack cut him off from friendly troops. Without regard for his own safety, he called for fire close around his own position. Although one cannon concentration hit the house he occupied, Lieutenant Bart continued to man his post. His courageous action materially aided in repelling the counterattack and in clearing the hostile troops from the town. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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JOHN D BEAVER, O 379 544, Captain, Cavalry, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Saarbrucken, Germany. After crossing the Saar River, Captain Beaver, on a personal motor reconnaissance, located a route through the Saarbrucken defenses, and having helped his driver remove demolition charges from a bridge on the route, he directed his troops in the capture of 14 towns, an arsenal, and 250 enemy soldiers in a single day's operation. Shuttling back and forth among his platoons, he made contact with all forward reconnaissance, assisted in removing demolitions from three bridges, captured 18 of the enemy, and reconnoitered the road net in the troop zone. His courageous leadership and aggressive pursuit of the enemy helped link the 7th and 3d Armies, thereby closing the Saar Basin pocket. Entered military service from Evart, Michigan.

HAROLD G BEUGNET, 34 799 851, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. During the attack on Styring Wendel, France, a rifle platoon leader was seriously wounded by shell fragments. Knowing that medical attention was imperative, Private First Class Beugnet voluntarily exposed himself to enemy observation and heavy artillery fire as he crossed open terrain to secure medical aid. Many times while advancing the 200 yards necessary to obtain aid, he was forced to seek immediate cover, but undaunted, continued forward until his mission was accomplished. Later, Private First Class Beugnet assisted in the evacuation of the wounded officer. His courageous actions were responsible for the saving of the officer's life. Entered military service from Fernandina, Florida.

JAMES M BROOME, 34 776 291, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. With his platoon 300 yards in front of the rest of the company, Technical Sergeant Broome, in the absence of the platoon leader, assumed command during a strong counterattack. Unable to see the enemy because of the fog, many of the reinforcements became panicky and began to leave their foxholes. Exercising outstanding leadership in this difficult situation, he restrained and regained control of his men. He then called for searching mortar fire which was brought practically within the platoon's position, and by directing heavy small arms fire on the enemy, broke the counterattack on the left flank and the one which followed on the right flank, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy force. Entered military service from Lincolnton, North Carolina.

JOHN BUCHKO, 33 932 922, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, near Habsterdick, France. While a carrying party was crossing a mine field exposed to enemy observation, the area was subjected to artillery and mortar fire. Observing that his comrades had become panic stricken, which would probably cause casualties and failure in their mission, Private First Class Buchko leaped to his feet and assumed

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command of the group. The men, so inspired by his intrepidity, rose to their feet and following him across the remainder of the field to safety, without a casualty sustained. Private First Class Buchko's gallant action and ability to seize the initiative, not only saved many lives, but supplied his company with vital food and ammunition which was instrumental in driving the enemy from their defensive positions. Entered military service from Johnston, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT L BUNKER, 39 565 830, Private First Class, Company M, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Culver City, California.

WALTER E BUSKE JR, 36 982 691, Private First Class, Company M, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Jefferson, Wisconsin.

WALTER F FLORIN, 39 719 069, Private First Class, Company M, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

GARVIS R GILLESPIE, 34 996 875, Private First Class, Company M, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Mt Airy, North Carolina.

JAMES W GUNDERSON, 36 845 853, Private First Class, Company M, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

KENNETH R SANDERS, 36 962 804, Private First Class, Company M, 274th Infantry. Entered mili ary service from Elgin, Illinois.

JOHN M SKOCIC, 33 850 737, Private First Class, Company M, 274th Infantry. Entered military service from Struthers, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. When 15 wounded men of Company K lay in an open clearing 300 yards from the town of Neu Glashutte, France, these men boldly volunteered to attempt evacuating the casualties, despite heavy artillery and mortar barrages that fell in intervals of every 3 to 4 minutes. For eight hours they moved the wounded across the open terrain until their task was successfully completed. During this action, Private First Class Gillespie was seriously wounded and was evacuated with the other casualties. Their intrepidity beyond the call of duty saved the lives of 15 men who might have died of wounds received or been killed by additional wounds.

CHARLES K CHEEVEM, O 552 686, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 and 7 February and 4 March 1945, at Oetingen and Forbach, France, respectively. When his company's advance was held up on 6 February by

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automatic and small arms fire, Lieutenant Cheezem, boldly exposing himself to aimed enemy fire, ran along the front and directed the men to dig in for the enemy artillery fire which, as he had anticipated, followed shortly after. On 7 February, he led a wire crew and ration party thru a mine field, reestablishing contact with a unit which had been lost for 12 hours. On 4 March, after once crossing a railroad embankment under machine gun fire, near Forbach, France, he retraced his route to redeploy a mortar section. Although on his third trip over the embankment he was seriously wounded, he remained in command, giving orders which enabled the section to cross the barrier without casualty. Entered military service from Ellsworth, Kansas.

WILLIAM V COBERLEY, 37 635 336, Technician Fifth Grade, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Saarbrucken, Germany. After crossing the Saar River, Technician Coberley operated his vehicle on liaison and reconnaissance missions behind the enemy lines at times as far as five miles in advance of his nearest support. While driving the troop commander on these missions, he assisted in the removal of demolitions from three bridges and in capturing 18 prisoners. His courageous action assisted in guiding the troop through 40 miles of enemy territory and contributed measurably to the linking of the 3d and 7th Armies at St. Wendel, Germany. Entered military service from Goodman, Missouri.

MORRELL F CONNELLY, 01 043 298, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 to 25 February 1945, in the vicinity of Lixing and Alsting, France While serving as battalion S-2, Lieutenant Connelly was selected to accompany the rifle platoon spearheading the attack on Lixing and Alsting, France. When the platoon leader was wounded, he assumed command and completed the missions. The success of these attacks was primarily due to his superior knowledge of enemy positions which he had gained from well organized patrols. As the attack moved on toward the Stiftswald, Lieutenant Connelly took over a rifle company after the commander was wounded. Reorganizing the unit, he led it to its objective, and then directed the establishment of defensive positions for the battalion. When the enemy counterattacked, he personally crossed open terrain to gain a position from which to place bazooka fire on hostile tanks. While thus engaged, he was seriously wounded. His courageous actions contributed much to his battalion's success in these operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Brookins, South Dakota.

HUNTER A COPELAND, 01 293 012, Major (then Captain), Headquarters 3d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in Philippsbourg, France. When a tankman lay seriously wounded on top of a burning tank destroyer, in the center of the street and exposed to heavy artillery and mortar

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concentrations and sniper fire, Major Copeland ran to the aid of the soldier. Working alone, he lifted the man from the vehicle and carried him to the safety of a nearby building. Realizing immediate medical attention was imperative, Major Copeland, again braving the hostile fire, ran several hundred yards to the battalion aid station and summoned help. His courageous action and concern for the welfare of the wounded is symbolic of the highest standards of military conduct under fire. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

WILLIE J DAIGLE, 38 655 792, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company E, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945. As the scout for the squad spearheading an attack on strong enemy positions, near Forbach, France, Sergeant Daigle by skillful maneuvering under aimed enemy fire, cut through three rows of barbed wire entanglements, opening gaps through which the attacking teams gained entrance to the city. Later, he deliberately exposed himself to exchange of fire with an enemy sniper who was preventing medical aid men from crossing an open street to evacuate several casualties. His courageous action contributed greatly to the success of the attack and in all probability saved the lives of several men. Entered military service from Mathews, Louisiana.

REGINALD B DESIDERIO, 01 301 272, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement from 9 to 11 January 1945 in France. During this period, when three companies were engaged in a fierce battle to drive the enemy from the commanding terrain overlooking Obermunthal, France, casualties were heavy among the commanders of the three units. At this critical juncture, Captain Desiderio took command of the remnants of the companies and despite the heavy concentrations of artillery and mortar fire, reorganized and led his men with such aggressiveness that the enemy was forced to withdraw. Captain Desiderio's courageous leadership on this occasion and his superior performance of duty in all subsequent operations reflect great credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Monterey Park, California.

WILLIS C DIECE, 02 006 158, 1st Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945. Advancing upon the enemy under heavy artillery and small arms fire in Philippsbourg, France, Lieutenant Diece and his platoon leader saw the regimental executive officer fall seriously wounded. Since the officer had fallen in a position which exposed him to further injury, Lieutenant Diece and his platoon leader, without regard for personal safety, immediately left their covered position and in full view of the enemy carried the wounded officer to safety. His fearless action reflects the highest standards of courage under fire. Entered military service from La Valle, Wisconsin.

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JOSEPH K DONAHUE, 01 043 317, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945. Advancing upon the enemy under heavy artillery and small arms fire in Philippsbourg, France, Captain Donahue and a fellow officer saw the regimental executive officer fall seriously wounded. Since the officer had fallen in a position which exposed him to further injury, Captain Donahue and his comrade, without regard for personal safety, immediately left cover and in full view of the enemy carried the wounded officer to safety. His fearless action reflects the highest standards of courage under fire. Entered military service from Flushing, New York.

JAMES D DUNBAR, 36 981 530, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945. While attacking through a wooded area overlooking Styring Wendel, France, Sergeant Dunbar exposed himself to heavy machine gun fire from well camouflaged trenches and pillboxes and boldly led his squad against the hostile positions. While advancing, the squad laid such heavy fire upon the enemy that a number of pillboxes were abandoned and well over 100 of the hostile troops were captured. Sergeant Dunbar's courageous leadership was instrumental in keeping casualties to a minimum and greatly contributed to the company's success in taking its objective. Entered military service from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

WALTER W FOX, 36 982 771, Private First Class, Company H, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. When his company, occupying strategic heights overlooking Etzling, France, was counterattacked by a strong enemy force, Private First Class Fox remained in a partially exposed position under intense enemy fire, feeding belt after belt of ammunition into his machine gun. Whenever the hostile troops attempted to close in on his position, he fought them off with carbine fire. By official report, the squad accounted for 17 dead in this action. His cool and courageous action inspired his comrades and contributed immeasurably to the repelling of the counterattack. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN W GORDON JR, 01 326 357, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945. When the advance of two battalions was held up by road blocks and mines, Lieutenant Gordon led a squad of the I and R Platoon through the fortifications of the Siegfried Line, near Saarbrucken, Germany, to reconnoiter a route of advance. His patrol discovered and rapidly opened a direct route to the Metz Highway. Lieutenant Gordon then proceeded through enemy territory to Bilastock, Germany, where contact was made with elements of the 3d Army. This operation resulted in the capture of 12 towns, 200 prisoners and innumerable supplies and equipment. Entered military service from Franklin, Ohio.

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EDWARD H HAMILTON, 01 179 426, Captain (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry; for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945. During his company's move over hazardous terrain to the town of Philippsbourg, France, Captain Hamilton was leader of the platoon nearest to the enemy occupying hills overlooking the route of movement. Entered upon open ground, covered by hostile machine gun and small arms fire, he skillfully led his men through the area with few casualties. Then, returning alone, he made his way to a wounded soldier and carried him across 75 yards of the fire swept area to safety. His prompt action undoubtedly saved the man's life. His gallant actions reflect a high standard of courage. Entered military service from Corsicana, Tex.

ALBERT E HUBBARD, 36 158 170, Technical Sergeant, Cannon Company, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945. After effectively assisting the capture of Alsting, France, Technical Sergeant Hubbard continued as forward observer to provide supporting cannon fire during the attack on Unner, Franc When the advance of the rifle company was held up by enemy machine gun fire, he crawled under the intense fire to a point about 100 yards in front of the leading troops. From a precarious position under an abandoned enemy tank, he successfully directed cannon fire upon the enemy gun. His courageous action enabled the rifle compan to resume its advance and gain its objective. Entered military service from Sturgis, Michigan.

HAL S HUSKINSON, 17 006 279, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945. During an attack near Stying Wendel, France, Private First Class Huskinson was wounded and the advance of his squad held up by mortar and machine gun fire. When ordered to withdraw, he skillfully directed each of his men to safer and higher ground and then crawled uphill 100 yards to a covered position. His gallant conduct was an inspiration to his men and resulted in successfully maneuvering his squad, without casualties, to a position from which it could successfully continue the attack. Entered militar service from Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... I
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I ---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

LAWRENCE J BERTAINA, 39 087 355; Technician Third Grade, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hanford, California.

EDWARD C BRAND, O 555 197, 2d Lieutenant, Signal Corps, 570th Signal Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Salem, Virginia.

HAROLD A DILLRANCE, 39 544 581, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 5 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

GEORGE W JOHNSTON, 42 104 496, Private First Class, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. After two other men had fallen wounded in separate attempts to establish vital communications between his company and the battalion, Private First Class Johnston volunteered to complete the dangerous mission. Although exposed to concentrations of enemy artillery fire which embedded several shell fragments in the telephone case, he succeeded in establishing the necessary communications. His courageous action enabled his company to obtain attack instructions and to gain its objective. Entered military service from Kearny, New Jersey.

LELAND J KAMMERUD, 36 980 514, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945, near Kerbach, France. Exposing himself to fire from enemy positions about 75 yards distance from his company, Sergeant Kammerud, as platoon messenger, repeatedly delivered messages to the squad leaders across 30 to 50 yards of open ground. When an enemy automatic weapon continued to harass his comrades, he deliberately moved into an open area to give the location of the gun to the

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BAR man, whose fire then eliminated the position. His courageous actions inspired the men and contributed materially to his company's success in gaining its objective. Entered military service from Argyle, Wisconsin.

BREADON H KELLOGG, 01 312 012, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Infantry, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945. Accompanying the leading rifle company in an attack across open ground near Saarbrucken, Germany, Captain Kellogg went forward to the foremost position to direct mortar fire on the enemy automatic and small arms that were holding up the advance. Despite the intense enemy fire, he adjusted mortar shells to within 50 yards of his own position and succeeded in knocking out the enemy fire. By his courageous action the platoon was enabled to maneuver to a more favorable position, without additional casualties. Entered military service from Evanston, Illinois.

MELDON H MATTHEWS, 6 947 388, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Staff Sergeant Matthews was on duty as mortar forward observer when the platoon to which he was attached was counterattacked on three sides. For 90 minutes, under heavy machine gun and sniper fire, he remained with the platoon, observing and directing effective mortar fire until the counterattack was repelled. Entered military service from Berlin, Maryland.

BERNARD V MERRICK, O 184 691, Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

FIELDS P PARKS, 34 675 338, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company D, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 4 to 7 January 1945. In face of a strong enemy attack, Sergeant Parks and his assistant gunner covered the ordered move of his squad to friendly lines. By repeatedly moving and setting up the heavy machine gun, they brought effective fire upon the advancing enemy despite the steep, snow covered terrain and the necessity of crossing icy streams. When attacked by three enemy soldiers, armed with machine pistols, Sergeant Parks fearlessly stood his ground and firing from the hip killed or wounded all three. After covering the successful move, he continued in the battle until the enemy was driven from Wingen, France. Entered military service from Ramseur, N. C.

ARTHUR D PARSONS, 01 314 541, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 274th Infantry for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. When the advance of two battalions was held up by road blocks and mines, Lieutenant Parsons voluntarily went forward with his regimental executive officer and one squad of the I and R platoon, through the fortifications of the Siegfried Line to reconnoiter a route of advance. His enthusiastic leadership

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contributed greatly to the success of the patrol, which discovered and opened a direct route to the Metz Highway, made possible the capture of Bilstock, Germany, and established contact with elements of the 3d Army. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

RICHARD E PENNIMAN, O 555 944, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Cannon Company, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945. Lieutenant Penniman, forward observer for Cannon Company, was serving as Liaison Officer with the 3d battalion when the enemy launched an infantry and tank attac on Philippsbourg, France. When the heavy artillery and mortar fire destroyed his radio and wire communications, Lieutenant Penniman, noting a radio in an abandoned jeep, made his way, under the additional hazard of machine gun fire, to the instrument and succeeded in directing cannon fire upon the enemy tanks. His courageous actions in knocking out one tank and forcing the other to withdraw were important factors in breaking the attack. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

JAMES A PETRELLA, 37 319 980, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 18 January to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Biwabik, Minnesota.

DUDLEY L ROE, 38 467 647, 1st Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Cannon Company, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945. While acting as forward observer near Forbach, France, 1st Sergeant Roe observed a battery of enemy rockets firing into the city. He immediately called a fire mission on the hostile position, but, before it could be delivered, rocket rounds partially destroyed his post and a section of his communication line. Disregarding the intense artillery and mortar fire, 1st Sergeant Roe restored his communication and, returning to his post, directed fire which destroyed the rocket guns. His courageous action in neutralizing the hostile rocket emplacement greatly aided the successful attack on the city. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

RAYMOND S SCHNIEDERS, 37 381 887, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 8 March 1945. When his squad leader was wounded by enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Schnieders assumed command and volunteered to lead his men against sniper fire that was inflicting severe casualties on advancing elements of his company. Skillfully leading his squad under the sniper fire, he made his way up 100 yar of street in Styring Wendel, France to the house occupied by the snipers. Entering the building, he forced the surrender of three enemy soldiers. His courageous leadership and initiative enabled his platoon to continue its advance toward its objective. Entered military service from Jefferson City, Missouri.

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GEORGE E SKAGGS JR, O 422 845, Captain, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 18 to 19 March 1945, near Ottenhausen, Germany. Under enemy mortar and small arms fire, Captain Skaggs made a personal reconnaissance for gun positions from which an infantry crossing of the Saar River could be supported. During the night, prior to the attack, he visited all commanders of the attacking units and supervised the emplacement of the guns. After checking all guns at daylight under machine gun fire, he moved to his forward observation post and directed the fire of five anti-tank platoons, elements of the 648th Tank Destroyer battalion and units of an AAA (AW) Battalion against heavily fortified enemy positions across the river. His courageous action materially neutralized enemy fire power and contributed greatly to the success of the river crossing. Entered military service from Waynesburg, Ohio.

EDWARD SMITH, 34 979 798, Private First Class, Company D, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945. Returning from an ammunition supply route reconnaissance, Private First Class Smith discovered that his squad was moving back to friendly lines in face of a strong enemy attack, near Wingen, France. Learning of the vital need for ammunition, he voluntarily made his way through the hostile troops, coming, at times, within 10 yards of the enemy in order to reach his supply. On his way back, he was detected and although subjected to close range automatic weapons fire, successfully crawled 100 yards through the snow with belts of ammunition, rejoining his squad. His courageous action provided the ammunition that made it possible for his squad to reach friendly lines. Entered military service from Fruithurst, Alabama.

DAVID H SOKOLOW, 01 315 982, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, near Obermunthal, France. When all guards and riflemen protecting the battalion command post were sent to the front lines as reinforcements, Captain Sokolow, battalion S-1, quickly organized the remaining headquarters personnel to defend the exposed CP. Under enemy preparation artillery fire, he led his men to previously prepared defensive positions, sustaining four casualties in the move. When the artillery lifted, a strong hostile patrol launched an attack on the CP, but was repelled with casualties after a heavy exchange of small arms fire. His prompt action and courageous leadership prevented the capture of the battalion command post. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

EDWARD J STROHM, 32 990 964, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. During the battle for Spicheren Heights, Staff Sergeant Strohm maintained his 81mm mortar observation post at the most forward positions held by friendly troops. Although under heavy enemy fire, he remained at his post for 8 hours accurately adjusting mortar fire which proved a decisive factor in repelling several enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from Silver Lake, New York.

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DAVID J TAYLOR, 02 010 625, 2d Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant and 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company D, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 2 to 9 January and on 17 March 1945. While infiltrating enemy troops cut off Lieutenant Taylor's observation post and disrupted his communications, he returned to his unit at night through the enemy lines. The following morning, under heavy artillery and mortar fire, he established another CP from which he directed effective heavy weapons fire on the enemy near Philippsbourg, France, from 3 to 9 January. On 17 March he voluntarily led a rescue party forward and under a daylight surveillance evacuated 11 wounded men who were lying in an exposed position close to the enemy lines, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

GENE TURNER, 6 541 082, 1st Sergeant, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, at Holz, Germany. Entering an enemy town with Headquarters Platoon a few minutes after another platoon of the troop had raced through, First Sergeant Turner was ordered to select a combat patrol and lea it in a mopping up operation when small arms fire was encountered. Selecting 20 men, including cooks, armorers, and mechanics, he led the group with such spirit and dash that within two hours, 100 Germans had been captured, a fire set by the enemy to destroy an arsenal was brought under control, and the arsenal captured intact. His aggressive tactics and complete disregard for personal safety during the action was the major contributing factor in overcoming a numerically superior enemy force and subduing the town of 2000 inhabitants. Entered military service from Galveston, Texas.

ROY L VAUGHT, 01 307 889, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company (then Company A), 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945. In order to establish contact with the enemy who were reported to be withdrawing, Captain Vaught was ordered to move his company and its attached machine gun platoon out of Styring Wendel toward Saarbrucken, Germany. Gathering together his scattered company, he quickly moved out, under cover of darkness through dense woods and undergrowth not yet cleared of mines. By dawn he had gained high ground overlooking Saarbrucken and had established a strong position before the enemy were aware of his activities. His outstanding leadership and control of the movement were largely responsible for the successful operation. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM M VERBERG, 32 990 615, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945, near Rothbach, France. When an enemy night counterattack, supported by intense machine gun fire, drove within 10 feet of Staff Sergeant Verberg and his companion, the enemy threw three hand grenades into their foxhole. Staff Sergeant Verberg recovered the first grenade and hurled it from the foxhole while his companion stepped on the second which, however, did not explode. While attempting to remove

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the third, Staff Sergeant Verberg was seriously wounded when the grenade exploded. Despite his grave injury, he and his comrade continued to resist the enemy advance and assisted in breaking the counterattack. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

MELVIN O WICKS, 37 594 943, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945. When his squad's advance across open ground toward Wingen, France was held up by machine gun and rifle fire, Private First Class Wicks maneuvered to the flank of the hostile gun. Opening up with his Browning Automatic Rifle, he diverted the enemy's attention from his squad to himself. Continuing to operate his gun in the face of direct machine gun fire, he enabled his squad to overrun the position with a minimum of casualties. As a result of his courageous action numerous enemy dead were found around the gun. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CLARENCE C WIRTZ, 35 831 721, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achivement in action on 5 January 1945. After one messenger had failed to complete his night mission because of enemy rifle fire, Sergeant Wirtz, then a messenger, succeeded in locating the position of an advance platoon near Wingen, France. Again defying the hostile fire, he returned to his company and guided two platoons forward to provide flank defenses for the advance unit. His courageous action resulted in the establishment of a defense line which enabled his company to move into attack the following morning. Entered military service from Crown Point, Indiana.

TROY L WREN, 34 945 973, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Wren was a member of a combat patrol sent forward to secure information of hostile fortifications around and beyond the Siegfried Line, in front of Saarbrucken, Germany. Observing a bunker, he and an officer led three men past an anti-tank barrier, through barbed wire entanglements and a schu mine field to within 25 yards of a trench connecting this bunker with another. With daylight approaching, they received heavy enemy rifle fire, and although temporarily held back, the two men boldly maneuvered the subpatrol across the same obstacles previously encountered. At the barrier, they were assualted by machine gun fire but, undaunted, the entire patrol was regrouped and returned to friendly lines with the desired information. Staff Sergeant Wren's intrepid action exemplifies the highest standards of courage. Entered military service from Cullman, Alabama.

JOHN E WRING, 35 840 106, Private First Class, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. Holding hard won ground in Etzling, France, Private First Class Wring's company was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack supported by heavy mortar and artillery fire. In order to bring effective friendly artillery fire upon the advancing troops, he moved

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under hostile observation to high ground from which his radio operated more efficiently. Although exposed to artillery concentrations, he steadfastly performed his duties until the counterattack was broken. His courageous action materially assisted his company in holding its objective. Entered military service from Marion, Kentucky.

HENRY F ZAMPIER, 42 141 986, Private First Class, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Private First Class Zampier, a radio operator, was on duty with his mortar forward observer, when the platoon to which they were attached was counterattacked on three sides. For 90 minutes, under heavy machine gun and sniper fire, he transmitted the adjustments of the observer, providing mortar support which ultimately resulted in repelling the counterattack. Entered military service from Troy, New York.

II --- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following individual:

KARL F ZIEGLER, 01 184 182, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 2d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy while participating in aerial flight from 4 April to 25 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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GERALD E BOYEA, 01 318 275, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 7 March 1945, in Styring Wendel, France. Entered military service from Malone, New York.

DAVID B GURALNIK, 35 530 032, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, from 16 March to 27 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

DICK J HAYCOCK, 19 171 186, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, from 16 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Panguitch, Utah.

EDWARD F IDDINGS, O 364 856, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, from 2 to 20 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Entered military service from Moscow, Idaho

FERDINAND R JANAS, 18 022 979, 1st Sergeant, Company M, from 1 January to 20 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Freesoil, Michigan.

JOE C KOVALCIN, 20 731 978, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, on 3 March 1945, in Styring Wendel, France. Entered military service from Grandin, Missouri.

IRVING H LAMBRECHT, O 550 196, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, from 4 January to 12 March 1945, in Alsace and Lorraine, France. Entered military service from Suisun, California.

VICTOR B Mc POLAND, 01 299 083, Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 25 December 1944 to 6 February 1945, in France. Entered military service from Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

BERNARD A NURRE, 01 318 073, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters from 25 December 1944 to 31 March 1945, in Alsace, France, and Germany. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

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LEROY P SCHULTZ, 37 009 636, Master Sergeant, Service Company, from 25 December 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

FORREST D TAFT, 01 289 648, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, from 16 February to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

JAY C UNDERWOOD, 01 315 743, Major (then Captain), Infantry, Service Company, from 25 December 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waukegan, Illinois.

HERBERT F WICKHAM, O 264 034, Major (then Captain), Infantry Headquarters 1st Battalion, from 25 December 1944 to 6 February 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered military service from Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

LEON M WOOLFORD JR, 33 066 695, Staff Sergeant, Company K, from 17 February to 24 March 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered military service from Lans Downe, Maryland.

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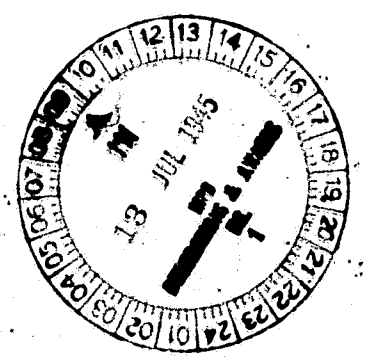

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individual for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated.

KEIRN C BROWN, 02 006 878, 2d Lieutenant, 70th CIC Detachment, on 24 March, 3 April, and from 17 to 21 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Lockport, New York.

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