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GENERAL ORDERS) 5 July 1945
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ORIGINAL ORDER

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

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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated:

NORMAN A ANDERSON, O 305 686, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 725th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 January to 21 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

LLOYD J ROSS, 37 572 068, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 6 February to 24 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wabasha, Minnesota.

JOHN J DRENNAN, 01 168 645, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 70th Division Artillery, from 14 February to 21 March 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered military service from Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

AUGUST V GROSSKOPF, 01 592 878, 1st Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, MIS ETOUSA, from 7 January to 2 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Great Neck, Long Island, New York.

BURTON H HOLMES, 01 165 743, Captain, Field Artillery, 70th Division Artillery, from 14 February to 21 March 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered military service from Lima, Ohio.

HOWARD J JOHN, 015 802, Colonel, Field Artillery, 70th Division Artillery, from 14 February to 21 March 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered United States Military Academy from Fulton, Missouri.

PAUL E KOEFOD, 01 031 734, 1st Lieutenant, Cavalry, 70th Reconnaissance Troop, from 8 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bemidji, Minnesota.

JOHN P LARRICK, O 389 309, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 70th Division Artillery, from 14 February to 21 March 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered military service from Middletown, Virginia.

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THOMAS J LEONARD, 37 072 217, Staff Sergeant, 570th Signal Company, from 6 February to 25 February 1945, in St Jean Rohrbach, France. Entered military service from Ponca, Nebraska.

ANTHONY J MACIULEWICZ, 36 762 969, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 70th Infantry Division, from 26 December 1944 to 2 February 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM J MINIHAN, 01 032 164, 2d Lieutenant, Cavalry, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, from 15 February to 11 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Casper, Wyoming.

RICHARD P MURPHY, O 325 544, Major, Corps of Engineers, 270th Engineer (Combat) Battalion, from 10 December 1944 to 3 February 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

CHARLES A PENNINGTON, 20 823 601, Sergeant, 570th Signal Company, from 11 February to 6 March 1945. near Farschwiller, France. Entered military service from Arkansas City, Kansas.

ORVILLE E QUINN, 37 250 238, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 26 December 1944 to 3 February 1945, in France. Entered military service from Doland, South Dakota.

MILTON E ROSS, O 287 541, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 70th Division Artillery, from 14 February to 21 March 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered military service from Westchester, Iowa.

EDWIN N RZEPECKI, 36 536 405, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 26 December 1944 to 3 February 1945, in France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM A SAXTELL, 01 166 370, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 February to 21 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

JAMES M STEWART, 37 536 004, Technician Fifth Grade, 570th Signal Company, from 26 February 1945 to 4 March 1945, in Forbach, France. Entered military service from Kansas City, Kansas.

WILLIAM L THOMPSON, 37 572 017, Sergeant, 570th Signal Company, from 26 February to 5 March 1945, at Forbach, France. Entered military service from St Peter, Minnesota.

THOMAS A VADEN, O 174 869, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 863d Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 January to 21 March 1945, in Alsace, France. Entered military service from Montgomery, Alabama.

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II --- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section I, General Orders 53, this Headquarters, dated 2 July 1945, as pertains to GRANT W WALTER, 35 [illegible]69 978, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 276 Infantry which reads "Award, posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read "Award, posthumous, of the 1st Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal".

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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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 individual for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 4 February to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany.

GEORGE H Mc DONALD, O 316 824, Captain, Infantry, 70th CIC Detachment. Entered military service from Keene, New Hampshire.

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GENERAL ORDERS) 7 July 1945
NUMBER 59) ORIGINAL ORDER

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

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:

EDGAR E TOPP, 39 705 792, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945 in the Stiftswald, France. When a surprise night attack by enemy infantry and tanks threatened to disorganize his platoon, Technical Sergeant Topp left cover and rallied his men into a position to combat the fierce attack. On one occasion, he deliberately exposed himself to direct fire to point out for a rifleman the location of an enemy automatic weapon. By force of his courageous leadership in the face of hostile fire, a close defense was established around the battalion command post and the heavy attack was halted. While moving from position to position to further secure the defense of the sector, he was killed by enemy fire. His gallant action exemplifies the highest standard of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Anna Topp (mother), 2771 E Street, San Bernandino, California.

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:

GEORGE A BARTEN, O 362 040, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Codorus, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD M BERLS, 01 284 086, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 January to 16 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

CHARLES H EWING, O 354 366, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Morgan, Kentucky.

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T J HAMM, 38 479 549, Private First Class (then Private), 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. Entered military service from Alba, Texas.

FRANK J HILLYARD, 6 248 774, Corporal, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. Entered military service from Canutillo, Texas.

ROBERT P NEWMAN, 37 540 197, Technician Fifth Grade, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop. Entered military service from Hannibal, Missouri.

For heroic achievement in action on 21 and 22 February 1945. When direct enemy artillery and mortar fire drove the 3d platoon from its position on a hill near Zinsing, France, two 1/4 ton trucks had to be abandoned, together with valuable ammunition, radio and armament equipment. The following night, though aware that enemy guns were zeroed accurately on the position, these men volunteered to man a half track as driver and gunner and car commander respectively, in an attempt to retrieve the vehicles and equipment. Encountering such heavy fire that several times they were forced to retire to cover, they nevertheless continued their mission until they had hooked onto and successfully towed the vehicles to the safety of our lines. Their voluntary and courageous action saved valuable equipment and enabled the 3d platoon to continue effectively in action.

SAMUEL H HENDERSON III, O 541 595, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 3 to 22 March 1945, at Forbach and Klein Rossellen, France. Entered military service from Ferriday, Louisiana.

JAMES J PECORELLA, 32 875 282, Private First Class, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Returning from a reconnaissance mission, under artillery fire, Private First Class Pecorella and his companion entered upon open ground which they did not know was mined. When his comrade stepped on a mine and was seriously injured, Private First Class Pecorella immediately went to his side and called to nearby men for assistance. After a soldier had responded to his call, they hastily constructed a makeshift litter and courageously carried the men across the mine field to the aid station. His prompt action was an inspiration to the men of his company. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

LAWRENCE L LEE, 35 840 139, Private First Class, Company F, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During the battle for Kreutzberg Ridge, Private First Class Lee heard the calls of a fellow soldier for assistance in evacuating a comrade who had been seriously wounded by a mine explosion. Fully aware of the existence of mines, he unhesitatingly crossed the open ground under artillery fire to reach the

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men. After the hasty construction of a makeshift litter, he courageously assisted in carrying the wounded man from the mine field. His prompt action was an inspiration to the men of his company. Entered military service from Portland, Indiana.

VERNON D WILCHMAN, 38 511 598, Private First Class (then Private), Anti-Tank Company, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period from 6 February to 22 March 1945. Throughout this entire period of active contact with the enemy, Private First Class Wilchman performed his duties in an outstanding and effective manner. On 19 March, near Furstenhausen, Germany, when, for the lack of its radio, the fire of his platoon could not be coordinated to support an infantry crossing of the Saar River, he volunteered to retrieve the instrument, which had been dropped on open ground. Exposing himself to daylight observation, he raced across open terrain, through the aimed enemy fire from pillboxes, to the radio and returned with it over the same hazardous route. His courageous action made possible the needed coordination of fire from his platoon, contributing greatly toward the successful accomplishment of the regimental mission. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

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HEADQUARTERS 70TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS) 10 July 1945
NUMBER 60) ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Soldier's Medal..... I
Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal. II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... III

I ---- 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:

DOMINIC J CANTALO, 32 165 522, Staff Sergeant, 142d AAA Gun Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 20 December 1944 in France. When an M4 tractor hit and severed a high pressure gasoline line the highly volatile fuel was sprayed over two tractors loaded with 90mm ammunition. The two vehicles burst immediately into flames. With great presence of mind and courage, Staff Sergeant Cantalo, perceiving the potential danger to nearby troops, quickly organized his men, rushed into the flames and passed the ammunition out before it could ignite and explode. His courageous action in the face of possible disaster undoubtedly saved a number of troops from injury or death. Entered military service from Caldwell, New Jersey.

II --- 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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated:

THOMAS E BRENTNALL, 01 318 125, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 2 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Montebello, California.

HUNTER A COPELAND, 01 293 012, Major (then Captain), Infantry Headquarters 3d Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 20 February to 12 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated:

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JOHN S CARRIER, 01 311 606, Major (then Captain), Infantry, headquarters 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 17 February to 21 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Marshall, Texas.

JOHN N DIMAS, 39 166 063, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 275th Infantry, from 1 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Long Beach, California

ROBERT J PENCL, 36 682 770, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 16 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

HAROLD W HUMPHREY, 02 006 171, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 275th Infantry, from 25 February to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Taylorville, Illinois.

RODNEY H KIRKPATRICK, 01 312 566, Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 275th Infantry, from 1 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Alexandria, Louisiana.

REYNOLD C KLEMETSMO, 37 573 684, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 275th Infantry, from 1 January to 14 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Eveleth, Minnesota.

FRANK J KLOIBER, 01 315 072, Captain, Infantry, Headquarter 275th Infantry, from 1 January to 17 February 1945 and from 8 April to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

GEORGE L LYNN, 37 537 580, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 275th Infantry, from 26 December 1944 to 15 April 1945, in Alsace, France, and Germany. Entered military service from Odessa, Missouri.

ROBERT F O'DONNELL, 023 228, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 24 February to 15 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered United States Military Academy from New York City, New York.

FRANK B PELTON, 36 405 087, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, 275th Infantry, from 1 January to 8 May 1945, in Alsace and Lorraine, France, and in Germany. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

CHARLES W PLAPP, 01 315 510, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, 275th Infantry, from 2 January to 27 February 1945, in France. Entered military service from Rockford, Illinois.

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GEORGE SPARK, O 4o6 489, Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 275th Infantry, from 1 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

GORDON S THOMAS, 01 315 387, Captain, Infantry, Cannon Company, 275th Infantry, from 1 January to 2 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

PAUL H WILKINSON, 33 738 251, Technical Sergeant, Headquarter Company 3d Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 20 February to 18 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

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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, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated:

FRANKLIN D ANDERSON, 36 806 062, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, from 5 January to 22 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

JACK R ANDERSON, 39 403 906, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, from 26 December 1944 to 6 February 1945, in the province of Mosel France. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

JULIUS R ANDERSON, 37 357 353, Sergeant, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, from 2 January to 17 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Thermopolis, Wyoming.

JOHN D BELL, 6 283 017, Technical Sergeant, Company G, from 5 to 13 March 1945, in Forbach, France. Entered military service from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

CHARLES W BILLER, 35 833 771, Private First Class, Cannon Company, from 6 February to 22 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

WALTER M BOTT, 39 281 714, Private First Class, Company H, from 1 January to 22 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Riverside, California.

CHARLES W CLEMENTS, 6 286 974, Sergeant, Company H, from 1 January to 22 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

JAMES W CONKWRIGHT, 37 536 270, Sergeant, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, from 4 January to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Clay Center, Kansas.

ROBERT H COOK, 19 152 998, Technician Fifth Grade, Company L, from 20 February to 11 March 1945, in Oetingen and Forbach, France. Entered military service from Baker, Oregon.

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JAMES J DOYLE, 32 992 323, 1st Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company L, from 6 January to 22 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ARNOLD C HABERICHTER, 02 007 127, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, from 2 to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN R HOWELL, 37 536 641, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, from 18 to 20 March 1945, in Gauslautern, Germany. Entered military service from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

ROBERT M HOWLEY, 17 083 406, Corporal, Cannon Company, from 6 February to 20 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Haddam, Kansas.

MYERS C JOHN, 16 177 454, Private First Class, Company G, from 26 December 1944 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES E KOLLER, O 549 395, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, from 8 January to 6 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Edgemont, South Dakota.

JOHN L LINVILLE, 39 337 269, Master Sergeant, Service Company, from 24 December 1944 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

MICHAEL A MARCHOK, 16 034 317, Private First Class, Headquarters Company from 8 to 10 March 1945, in Forbach, France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

RICHARD T OLSON, O 332 178, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters from 26 December 1944 to 19 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

ELMER PARKIN, 39 902 822, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, from 4 January to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

FRANKLIN A RETZKE, 01 286 705, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, from 24 December 1944 to 22 March 1945, in France and German Entered military service from Sandusky, Ohio.

FRANCIS B SCHWAB, 37 550 308, Technician Fifth Grade, Company L, from 20 February to 11 March 1945, in Oetingen and Forbach France. Entered military service from Stanton, North Dakota.

TRAVIS W SKIPPER, 38 013 752, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 276th Infantry, from 30 December 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France, and Germany. Entered military service from Silver City, N. M.

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WILLIAM B STIERLE, 35 832 981, Private First Class, Company M, from 3 January to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

HENRY P TREIS, O 369 917, Captain, Infantry, Service Company, from 24 December to 22 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

VERNON J UFFLEMAN, 36 761 890, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 276th Infantry, from 30 December 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chester, Illinois.

PAUL D VANCELETTE, 01 056 921, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, from 13 March to 20 March 1945, in Pettite Roselle, France. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

FORNIA J WARD, 34 101 444, Private First Class, Anti-Tank Company, from 6 February to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Motevallo, Alabama.

WILLIAM J WARD, 12 107 629, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, from 17 to 28 February 1945, in Oetingen and Forbach, France. Entered military service from Niagara University, New York.

JOHN A WELTE, 37 620 755, Private First Class, Company A, from 1 January to 22 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

JOHN F WILBUR, 01 300 736, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, from 17 February to 4 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from North Bennington, Vermo

LAWRENCE B WILD, 16 133 755, Sergeant, Company M, from 29 December 1944 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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13 July 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, 261st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated in Germany:

ANDREW J ANDERSON, 36 025 223, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, from 23 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN S BROWN, 39 201 276, Corporal, Battery C, from 27 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

HERMAN M CARNEAL, 20 367 391, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, from 23 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Fredericksburg, Virginia.

RAYMOND T CHAPMAN, O 289 476, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, from 23 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

JAMES E HASTINGS, 01 165 396, Captain, Field Artillery, Service Battery, from 23 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Evanston, Illinois.

KENNETH W HALL, O 305 797, Captain, Field Artillery, Battery A, from 1 April to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

WILBUR L KEESECKER, 01 178 527, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, from 1 April to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Martinsburg, West Virginia.

JAMES J Mc ALLISTER, O 460 960, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, from 1 April to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Gladstone, Oregon.

RETE R ODOM, 33 041 522, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, from 23 February to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

GIRARD SCHAFFER, 39 284 188, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, from 23 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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ROBERT J TOLLY, 01 669 369, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, from 27 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Hillsdale, Michigan.

LOUIS P WESSELLS, 39 326 931, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, from 23 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

RALPH L WINTER, 33 029 598, 1st Sergeant, Battery A, from 23 February to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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HEADQUARTERS 70TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS) 14 July 1945
NUMBER 61) ORIGINAL ORDER -

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

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:

RICHARD I Mc CLINTOCK, 01 062 247, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945, at Wingen, France. Aware that rifle fire could not eliminate two enemy machine guns and snipers which had pinned down his platoon, Lieutenant Mc Clintock fearlessly crawled under hostile fire and observation to an exposed position from which he could direct mortar fire on the enemy emplacements. While thus engaged, he was mortally wounded by fire from enemy weapons. The mortar fire he directed, at the sacrifice of his life, successfully knocked out the enemy positions. His intrepid actions enabled his command to advance and participate in the capture of the town. Next of kin: Jewell P Mc Clintock (wife), 4 Hude Park Place, Tampa, Florida.

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:

IVAN R ADAMS, 39 410 420, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery B, 261st Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945. Advancing with a patrol through enemy infested woods near Harkenbleck, Germany, Technician Adams was hit in the chest by an enemy hand grenade but, by dropping quickly to the ground, he averted injury from the explosion. Then, with well aimed shots, he killed his assailant. Fearlessly continuing on, he shot an enemy soldier who had been firing panzerfaust rounds from an entrenched position. Proceeding with the advance, he assisted in the capture of 40 enemy and their weapons. His courageous action hastened the withdrawal of hostile troops, and contributed much to the success of his battalion's mission. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

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GEORGE L HIBBS, 32 270 586, Private First Class, Company K, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945. While combing a thickly wooded sector near Waldageshein, Germany, for enemy troops, Private First Class Hibbs and his comrades were fired upon by two SS soldiers. Seeing the spot from which the fire came, Private First Class Hibbs immediately returned the fire, killing one, and fatally wounding the other. This action resulted in the surrender of a third man, a civilian, who had been aiding the soldiers. From the documents removed from these men, information was obtained leading to the discovery of a huge mine, stocked with tremendous amounts of demolitions, ammunition, and rations sufficient to last enemy saboteurs approximately two years. His prompt action was a major contribution to crushing enemy resistance in this area. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

GREGORY F HOSFORD, 35 048 451, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 and 7 February 1945, near Cetingen, France. When his battalion attacked at night against strong enemy fortifications, Private First Class Hosford (wire crew chief) led his men forward with one of the assaulting companies. Working directly under artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he extended his line until the wire supply was exhausted. In order to maintain contact with the company, pending the arrival of additional wire, he advanced with the assaulting unit as a rifleman. When, on the following day, the wire supply was not delivered, he braved heavy artillery fire to locate the wire team of an adjacent unit, and ingeniously combined the two crews in laying wire between the two companies, thus providing one of the companies its sole communications with the battalion command post. His courageous actions, skillful leadership and tireless devotion to duty are symbolic of the highest standards of the Signal Corps. Entered military service from Chardon, Ohio.

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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 in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated:

DONALD D ALLEN, 37 156 782, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 413th AAA Gun Battalion, from 1 March 1944 to 7 May 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

GUSTAVE P BRUCKER, 31 103 267, Private First Class, 103d AAA Group, from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

JAMES H BURROUGH, W2 135 342, Warrant Officer (JG), 768th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

DOUGLAS O CROOKSTON, 39 915 464, Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), 472d Field Artillery Group, from 11 to 24 December 1944 and from 23 February to 6 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Logan, Utah.

GUSTAVE GOODMAN, 42 049 920, Private First Class, 472d Field Artillery Group, from 1 February to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

WILLIAM F HAYWARD, 32 558 021, Master Sergeant, 103d AAA Group from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

EDWARD A HILDEN, O 468 487, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 768th Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 February to 7 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

FRANCIS F HIMPSL, 32 562 126, Technical Sergeant, 103d AAA Group, from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

STANLEY JOHNSON, O 254 708, Captain, Field Artillery, 768th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

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LARRY LYLES, W2 113 412, Chief Warrant Officer, 768th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

HARRY D MODEL , 13 081 188, Corporal, 103d AAA Group, from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MYRON E ROPELLA, 01 051 749, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, 49th Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, from 1 January 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, Belgium and France. Entered military service from Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

EARL R SCAHILL, 01 046 943, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, 103d AAA Group, from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

ALFRED M SOEDER, 35 527 342, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 472d Field Artillery Group, from 23 February to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from University Heights, Ohio.

JOHN J TIERNEY, 32 551 595, Corporal, 103d AAA Group, from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

ROBERT J VANAS, W2 108 983, Warrant Officer (JG), Headquarters 433d AAA (AW) Battalion, from 1 January 1944 to 30 April 1945 in Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

FRANCIS R WEYANDT, 32 364 345, 1st Sergeant, 103d AAA Group, from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

JOE L WIGGINS, 18 126 398, Technician Fifth Grade, 472d Field Artillery Group, from 31 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Howe, Texas.

GEORGE H WOODIER, 32 557 366, Master Sergeant, 103d AAA Group from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

RICHARD A ZIMMER, O 453 722, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters 472d Field Artillery Group (then Battery C, 261st Field Artillery Battalion), from 23 February to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal..... I
Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal... II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal.....III
Award of the Purple Heart..... 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 amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

RODNEY J MURRAY, 19 030 183, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 to 6 February 1945, in France. Next of kin: Mrs Ned Wicks, (mother), Route 1, East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

II ---- 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:

GEORGE L MUNDELL, 01 291 678, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 April to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tucumcari, New Mexico.

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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated:

RAYMOND BIZIOREK, 36 177 711, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 275th Infantry from 1 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

JOHN J BLESSINGTON, 39 266 242, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 1 January to 21 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

PAUL A BROWN, O 453 730, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headqaurters 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 14 March to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Galveston, Texas.

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JAMES H CAMPBELL JR, O 360 914, Major, Medical Corps, Headquarters 370th Medical Battalion, from 6 February to 24 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Santa Barbara, California.

WILMER F JEAN, 01 286 847, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 10 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Brighton, New York.

WALTER J KOSEDNAR, 17 [illegible] 622, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 16 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

HARRY W LYNN JR, O 554 760, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, 275th Infantry, from 14 March to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Floral Park, New York.

EDGAR K LUCKEY, 01 318 560, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 1 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

FRANK J POLITI, 01 297 775, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 14 March to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

JAMES S RODDELL, 36 830 627, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 276th Infantry, from 29 December 1944 to 6 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROBERT W ROTI, 37 442 604, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 275th Infantry, from 1 January to 21 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Spencer, Iowa.

ROBERT W THORNE, O 334 823, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division from 1 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bay City, Michigan.

THOMAS R YANDELL, 39 321 511, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 276th Infantry, from 24 December 1944 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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IV --- 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:

FRANCIS J CUFFARO, 33 514 027, Corporal, (then Private First Class), Company B, 749th Tank Battalion. Entered military service from York, Pennsylvania.

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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:

ROY E BEDIENT, 39 326 854, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Battery, 261st Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, at Arnum, Germany. In risking his life to silence an enemy machine gun, thereby saving members of his patrol and assisting in cleaning up operations vital to the safety of the battalion, Technician Bedient displayed courage and resourcefulness beyond the normal call of duty. By his demonstrated initiative and ability under hostile fire, Technician Bedient has shown a true devotion to duty which reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

GEORGE O'ROURKE, 01 179 697, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 261st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Mound City, Kansas.

FRED J SAUNDERS, 01 173 065, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters 261st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 29 January to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

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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 194 as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on dates indicated:

JOHN R HENDERSON, 31 241 139, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company I, 12 January 1945. During the bitter battle for Hill 403 in the Litchenberg Forest, France, the advance of his platoon was held up by heavy enemy fire coming from well dug-in positions. Private First Class Henderson and a comrade, disregarding the intense automatic weapons and small arms fire, deliberately charged the hostile positions. Armed with automatic rifles and hand grenades, they moved from one position to another, killing six and capturing four of the enemy. His courageous action in eliminating the strongpoints enabled his platoon to reach its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Franklin, Massachusetts.

DANIEL M SCOTT, 01 309 101, Captain, Infantry, Company F, 5 March 1945. Ordered to take his company forward and establish a roadblock, near Forbach, France, Captain Scott decided to attack at night because of the unrestricted enemy observation of the only route of advance over a railroad embankment behind which a strong force was entrenched. Surprising the enemy, he boldly led his men in the assault and, after fierce fighting, dug the enemy out of their positions. Captain Scott personally cleared one bunker with the use of handgrenades and his bayonet. Only after he became aware that his unit was isolated and that daylight would make his position untenable, did he lead his men back over the track. Establishing a defense, they repelled three counterattacks later in the morning. His gallant action gained information which was invaluable for the ensuing successful attacks and was an inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT M WALL, 33 939 813, Private First Class (then Private) Company I, 12 January 1945. During the bitter battle for Hill 40 in the Litchenberg Forest, France, the advance of his platoon was held up by heavy enemy fire coming from well dug-in positions. Private First Class Wall and a comrade, disregarding the intense automatic weapons and small arms fire, deliberately charged the hostile positions. Armed with automatic rifles and hand grenades, they moved from one position to another, killing six and capturing four of the enemy. His courageous action in eliminating the strongpoints enabled his platoon to reach its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Peckville, Pa.

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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, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on dates indicated:

EDWARD B ARNOLD, 6 664 078, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 3 January 1945, near Wirgen, France. After his heavy machine gun squad had driven back a large enemy combat patrol, Staff Sergeant Arnold discovered that other rapidly advancing enemy forces had isolated them from friendly troops. Choosing between capture or a hazardous withdrawal through territory now held by the enemy, he chose the latter. For three hours he skillfully and courageously held his men together as a fighting unit, while they slowly fought their way through the hostile forces over rough snow-covered terrain and icy creeks to friendly lines. By his great fortitude and gallant leadership, his men and their heavy equipment were saved from capture by the enemy and were available for the ensuing battles. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

CHARLES H BIRKLE, 35 076 860, Private First Class, Company D, 21 February 1945, at Forbach, France. After learning that 24 wounded comrades were stranded in the basement of a hospital 3 miles away, Private First Class Birkle volunteered to make the attempt of evacuating these men, although it was known that the road to be travelled over was subjected to heavy shelling and small arms fire. He boldly drove his truck over the hazardous road, three times, until all the wounded were brought to safety. His intrepid action and personal concern for the welfare of the wounded contributed to the saving of many lives. Entered military service from St Bernard, Ohio.

JOHN W CARROLL, 33 028 700, Corporal, Headquarters Company 20 March 1945, in Germany. Corporal Carroll was ordered to lead a small patrol of the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon across the Saar River to gain contact with the 3d Army. With little knowledge of the enemy situation, due to the speed with which the Regiment was moving, Corporal Carroll successfully led his patrol to its limiting point, at the same time marking the location of three mine fields and neutralizing an enemy delaying force. Later, he was instructed to enter the town of Volklingen to determine the strength of the enemy forces. In accomplishing this task Corporal Carroll proceeded deep into territory possibly occupied by hostile troops to gain the information which would allow uninterrupted passage of the regiment through the town. Entered military service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

FRED COLLINS, 34 434 455, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 12 January 1945, near Obermunthal, France. When intense artillery fire had necessitated the withdrawal of his squad from its position, Staff Sergeant Collins was quickly aware that he could not account for all of his men. Without thought of his own safety, he returned to the squad's former location, still under heavy enemy

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artillery fire, and found the missing members of his command wounded. Braving the fire, he assisted his men to positions of safety. His devotion to duty and personal heroism, probably saving the live of the wounded who had been uable to withdraw without his aid, was an inspiration to the men of hi company. Entered military servic from Bessemer City, North Carol na.

AMES ELMER, 39 109 501, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 12 February 1945. Following a raid on strongly protected enemy position near Oetingen, France, an enemy counterattack split Staff Sergeant Elmer's company in two parts. Surrounded on three sides by hostil troops, Staff Sergeant Elmer, realizing the importance of consolidating the company, led a patrol through enemy lines to establish contact with the rear units of the company. By his skillful selection of a route, he made it possible for the balance of the forward units to rejoin the company without casualties and reform the lines to meet the counterattack. His courageous action exemplific a high standard of military service. Entered military service fro Oakland, California.

MARVIN FREED, 33 815 676, Private First Class (then Private Company F, 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Company F, 276th Infantry, was attached to the 274th Infantry during actio on Kreutzberg Ridge and place in position with orders to hold at all costs. Private First Class Freed and five comrades volunteered to lay trip flares, and despite exposure to heavy enemy fire at dusk for one and a quarter hours, they completed the installation 200 yards in front of the company. As a result of their courageou action, several attempts to infiltrate during the night were detec ed, and the participating enemy cut down by fire from the company. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J HENNESSEY, 026 793, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Compa G, from 10 January to 17 March 1945, in France. Throughout this period of contact with the enemy, Lieutenant Hennessey constantly displayed heroism beyond the call of duty. Between 10 and 13 Janueary he aggressively led his platoon in an attack through heavily wooded hills in bitterly cold winter weather. During this action, he often exposed himself to small arms and artillery fire, directing his men in an aggressive assault against the enemy. During 5 to 17 March, as company commander, Lieutenant Hennessey constantly led his unit in an attack and eventual pursuit of the enemy. Exhibiting great personal courage and devotion to duty, he often exposed himself to sniper and mortar fire to issue orders, move abou his platoons, organize defenses and generally insure a successful completion of his mission. Entered United States Military Academy from Chicago, Illinois.

WILBUR L ILEY, 33 131 009, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Company F, 276th Infantry, was attached to the 274th Infantry during action on Kreutzberg Ridge and placed in position with orders to hold at all costs Technical Sergeant Iley and five comrades volunteered to lay trip flares, and despite exposure to heavy enemy fire at dusk for one ar

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a quarter hours, they completed the installation 200 yards in front of the company. As a result of their courageous action, several attempts to infiltrate during the night were detected and the participating enemy cut down by fire from the company. Entered military service from Street, Maryland.

DANIEL W JURY, 33 514 333, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 12 January and 21 February 1945. On 12 January, when his platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties, during the heavy fighting near Obermunthal, France, Technical Sergeant Jury took command, reorganized the unit and led it successfully to its objective. During this action, although wounded, he personally crawled to an exposed position and killed an enemy rifleman who had been inflicting casualties among his men. On 21 February, he deliberately exposed himself to intense enemy fire to lead his men forward to knock out an enemy enemy strongpoint which had been holding up the advance of elements of two rifle companies near Forbach, France. His courageous leadership in accomplishing difficult missions under fire was an inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from Millersburg, Pennsylvania.

EMANUEL KRASNOFF, 02 006 194, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company D, 4 January 1945, near Wingen, France. When his inexperienced troops were confronted with a sudden enemy attack, Lieutenant Krasnoff, then a staff sergeant, quickly put into action his 81mm mortar section. Exposing himself to enemy fire, he personally, with the assistance of a squad leader and gunner, set up the two weapons and with effective fire slowed the enemy's attack. By its constant fire and exposed position, his section drew much of the enemy's fire power, enabling the riflemen to improve their regrouping at a most critical time. This daring and steadfast action, in turn, aided the remainder of the battalion in its stand against the strong enemy attack. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHNNY W NIENHOUSE, 36 42[illegible]926, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, from 19 to 21 February 1945. During the battle for Forbach, France, telephone lines and radio communications between the battalion's rear and forward command posts were continuously severed and jammed. Private First Class Nienhouse, the battalion commander's driver, made repeated trips over the only road available, delivering vital messages, despite his exposure to hostile machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. Twice, when his vehicle was disabled by artillery fire, he delivered his message by foot, then returned to his vehicle to effect its evacuation. Private First Class Nienhouse further displayed outstanding heroism during the bitter night fighting by locating several wounded men and carrying them to safety. Entered military service from Grand Haven, Michigan.

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MAURICE A ROBINSON, 35 563 541, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 4 January 1945, near Wingen, France. When Staff Sergeant Robinson's company was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, he was ordered to place his 81mm mortar in action. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Staff Sergeant Robinson unhesitatingly emplaced his mortar in an open area subjected to heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire, and directed accurate fire upon the enemy. When his gunner was wounded, Staff Sergeant Robinson replaced the crewman and with professional skill, fired three successive bursts among one group of enemy soldiers, effecting 17 casualties. His markmanship had such effect, the enemy diverted the greater part of their fire upon him. His intrepid action materially assisted his company in improving its tactical position, which granted additional time for his battalion to prepare for the attack. Entered military service from Brownsburg, Indiana.

LEONARD C ROSS, 35 065 439, Sergeant, Company F, 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Company F, 276th Infantry, was attached to the 274th Infantry during action on the Kreutzberg Ridge and placed in position with orders to hold at all costs. Sergeant Ross and five comrades volunteered to lay trip flares, and despite exposure to heavy enemy fire at dusk for one and a quarter hours, they completed the installation 200 yards in front of the company. As a result of their courageous action several attempts to infiltrate during the night were detected and the participating enemy cut down by fire from the company. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAN W SMITH, 37 556 988, Sergeant, Company M, 9 March 1945 near Forbach, France. Sergeant Smith's heavy machine gun emplacement was under constant enemy small arms fire from concealed positions at extremely close range. One of many enemy grenades falling in the vicinity dropped into the position occupied bb Sergeant Smith and a fellow squad member. Acting unhesitatingly, he picked up the grenade and hurled it from the emplacement, saving the live of his comrade and hiiself. Entered military service from Pipestone, Minnesota.

GLENN E TEN BRINK, 36 913 170, Private First Class (then Private), Company F, 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France Company F, 276th Infantry, was attached to the 274th Infantry during action on Kreutzberg Ridge and placed in position with orders to hold at all costs. Private First Class Ten Brink and five comrades volunteered to lay trip flares, and despite exposure to heavy enemy fire at dusk for one and a quarter hours, they completed the installation 200 yards in front of the company. As a result of their courageous action, several attempts to infiltrate during the night were detected and the participating enemy cut down by fire from the company. Entered military service from Zeeland, Michigan.

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CHARLES TERPSTRA, 37 646 169, Private First Class (then Private), Company F, 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France Company F, 276th Infantry, was attached to 274th Infantry during action on Kreutzberg Ridge and placed in positinn with orders to hold at all costs. Private First Class Terpstra and five comrades volunteered to lay trip flares, and despite exposure to heavy enem fire at dusk for one and a quarter hours, they completed the installation 200 yards in front of the company. As a result of thei courageous action several attempts to infiltrate during the night were detected and the participating enemy cut down by fire from the company. Entered military service from Oskaloosa, Iowa.

JOHNSON G WADE JR, 37 535 467, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 27 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Company F, 276th Infantry, was attached to the 274th Infantry during action on the Kreutzberg Ridge and placed in position with orders to hold at all costs. Staff Sergeant Wade and five comrades volunteered to lay trip flares, and despite exposure to heavy enemy fire at dusk for one and a quarter hours, they completed the installation 200 yards in front of the company. As a result of their courageous action several attempts by the enemy to infiltrate during the night were detected and the participating enemy were cut down by fire from the company. Entered military service from Osborne, Kansas.

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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 individual for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, near Arnum, Germany.

PAUL J ARINO, 39 410 429, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 261st Field Artillery Battalion. While performing his duties as driver for the battery commander, Technician Arino was caught in a cross-fire of 88mm guns. Exposing himself to hostile artillery and small arms fire, he drove his vehicle to safety. On the way back to his battery to secure help, Technician Arino observed a friendly convoy heading toward the enemy strong-point of 3 88mm guns and several machine gun and bazooka emplacements, and successfully halted its advance, which achievement undoubtedly prevented casualties, and destruction to equipment. Later, Technician Arino was among others who volunteered to clear the town of Arnum. His courageous actions and tenacious devotion to duty materially contributed to the success of his battalion's mission. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

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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:

ALFRED G CASEY, 36 907 842, Private, Company C, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1945. As his company advanced through a heavily wooded area in the Hardwald Forest France, Private Casey, as lead scout, encountered a strong enemy machine gun position which forced him to take cover. Realising that his company's objective had to be taken before the approaching darkness and that the concealed gun was a serious threat to the lives of his comrades, he courageously charged into the gun position. Upon locating the gun, he prepared to throw a hand grenade but, in so doing, he was exposed to the hostile fire and was instantly killed. His action revealed the gun position to his advancing comrades who eliminated the strong point and enabled his company to gain its objective on schedule. His courageous action exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Alfred Casey (father), 5146 South Halstead Street, Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT H Mc DANIEL, 02 006 175, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945. When enemy infantry, pointed by a Tiger tank, were attacking fiercely in the Stiftswald, France, Lieutenant Mc Daniel took it upon himself to attempt to knock out the tank. Working his way up to a short distance from the constantly firing tank which was protected by enemy infantrymen, he fired an anti-tank grenade and immobilized the tank. Still under heavy fire from the crippled vehicle, he moved toward a dugout, but he was sighted by enemy gunners as he entered the cover and was instantly killed. His gallant action frustrated the enemy attack and exemplifies the highest standard of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Dorothy D Mc Daniel (mother), 978 Salem Street, Chico, California.

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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:

ROSS W CARLISLE, 35 840 248, Private First Class, Company C, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945. During a heavy engagement with the enemy in a wooded area overlooking Saarbrucken, Germany, Private First Class Carlisle, a lineman, repeatedly left cover to service communication lines under observed enemy artillery and mortar fire. On one occasion, when a line was broken by closely concentrated artillery fire, he crawled out of his foxhole and had started along the line to find the break when he was killed by the hostile fire. His courageous action in attempting to maintain vitally needed communications exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Donald G Carlisle (brother), 135 South McKinley Avenue, Alliance, Ohio.

FRANCIS R HETZEL, 35 546 812, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. As his point squad advanced through heavy enemy artillery fire in the Hardwald, France, Staff Sergeant Hetzel's two lead scouts were killed by machine gun bursts from an unknown direction. Realizing that the company had to take its objective before the approaching darkness and that the concealed guns were a threat to the lives of his comrades, he deliberately exposed himself to the hostile fire to point out the location of the enemy gun. In so doing, he was instantly killed by enemy fire. The strongpoint was then eliminated and the company moved forward to its objective on schedule. His courageous action exemplifies the highest standard of bravery in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Frida E Hetzel (mother), 102 N Worpole Street, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany.

ALEXANDER S WALLACE JR, 01 312 735, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, 275th Infantry. Entered military service from New Orlean Louisiana.

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:

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EDWARD A CLOONAN JR, 31 421 631, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January and 21 and 22 February 1945. On 3 January, when the enemy strongly attacked the company and battalion command posts near Philippsbourg, France, Sergeant Cloonan directed his men in setting up their machine guns and in firing with deadly effect throughout the four-hour assault. Subsequently, on 21 February, during the attack to gain high ground overlooking Saarbrucken, Germany, and the enemy counte attack the following day, Sergeant Cloonan worked constantly with his men, under hostile small arms and tank fire, and contributed greatly to the successful operations against the enemy. His courageous leadership and tireless devotion to duty were a constant source of inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from Waltham, Massachusetts.

DAVID E GRAY, 01 051 150, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 to 25 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from North Hollywood, California.

LOUIS A KLETTLINGER, 35 247 105, Sergeant, Company D, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 2 January to 20 March 1945, in France. Over an extended period of time, Sergeant Klettlinger constantly displayed heroism beyond the call of duty. Often he volunteered for patrols and guard duty on hazardous posts. When necessary he acted as a rifleman, proving himself an exceptional soldier. Between 21 February and 20 March, his machine gun squad performed in a superior manner in driving back numerous enemy counterattacks. When enemy riflemen counterattack. supported by tanks he kept his squad in position at all times even after his rifle support had withdrawn, frustrating the hostile force. Sergeant Klettlinger's intrepidity has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to the men who served with him. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

EUGENE C STOUDER, 35 559 438, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company C, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945. During intensive action against a strongenemy position in the Stiftswald, France, Sergeant Stouder discovered that his forward machine gun section was badly wanting ammunition. On his own initiative, he carried the ammunition forward under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. Observing that the mortar sections of his and an adjacent company were not firing cohesively, he reorganized the units and placed effective fire upon the enemy. His courageous action was an inspiration to all the men, and frustrated an imminent enemy attack. Entered military service from Toledo, Oh

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ROBERT S BREMER, 01 283 541, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 20 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH J SCHMIDT JR, 024 672, Major (then Captain), General Staff Corps, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 10 December 1944 to 4 February 1945. Entered United States Military Academy from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ROGER G SEELY, O 281 842, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 29 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Melrose, Massachusetts.

CHARLES R SMITH, 01 311 440, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 10 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ardmore, Oklahoma.

ELIAS C TOWNSEND, O 336 074, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 5 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Cartersville, Georgia.

HERMAN H WAGNER, O 226 947, Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps, 570th Signal Company, from 23 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Braintree, Massachusetts.

DUANE M WITT, 01 283 181, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 18 January to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

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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, 142d AAA Gun Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operation against the enemy from 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany.

LESLIE W BACHE, 36 114 074, 1st Sergeant, Battery D. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ALVIN L BEVERBURG, O 405 827, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps Entered military service from Gillet, Arkansas.

STURGISS T DAVIS, O 299 453, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps Entered military service from Clermont, Indiana.

BERNELL J De LOACH, 14 011 868, 1st Sergeant, Battery A. Entered military service from Blackshear, Georgia.

LAWRENCE C DESMOND, O 294 237, Major, Coast Artillery Corps Entered military service from Vallejo, California.

JOHN R DILLER, 01 049 129, 1st Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

PETER GARVEY, 32 098 919, Staff Sergeant, Battery C. Entered military service from Mount Vernon, New York.

ANDREW P GIANES, 36 033 398, Technical Sergeant. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES W LIDDICK, 37 483 543, Sergeant, Battery C. Entered military service from Red Oak, Iowa.

WILLIAM A MASS, 32 213 707, Technical Sergeant. Entered military service from Lynbrook, New York.

ROBERT L MARLOWE, 36 666 486, Sergeant, Battery C. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DONALD B Mc GRATH, O 451 368, Major, Coast Artillery Corps, Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

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HAROLD G NIXON, 02 025 297, 2d Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery B. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

ROBERT L NORTHWAY, 36 666 583, Staff Sergeant, Battery B. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

IRVING RUBIN, 02 048 132, 1st Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

THOMAS B WEIR, 35 149 001, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B. Entered military service from Cayuga, [illegible].

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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 to the following individual, posthumously, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France.

SIG RUSLEY, 39 612 867, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 275th Infantry. During Company C's attack against a numerically superior enemy emplaced in well prepared positions, the unit was subjected to a heavy concentration of artillery fire causing the friendly rifle forces to slow down their advance. Seizing the initiative, Technical Sergeant Rusley leaped to his feet, shouting for his men to follow. He boldly exposed himself to enemy observation when he moved in front of the rifle elements and succeeded in quickening their advance; then he assisted in moving one machine gun crew forward. When in the process of advancing the second machine gun squad he was wounded by hostile sniper fire. In the ensuing engagement, as he was directing his section's fire, Technical Sergeant Rusley was killed as a result of an artillery tree burst. His gallant sacrifice exemplifies the finest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Alberta Raethke (sister), NE 99th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

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 for gallantry in action on 24 February 1945, near Bosiar, Germany.

WILLIAM F BRITTON, 01 184 991, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 252d Field Artillery Battalion. As an air observer in a liaison plane, Lieutenant Britton located and brought effective artillery fire against enemy guns that were holding up the attack of friendly tanks and infantry. Without regard to personal safety and with high ability, he neutralized enemy materiel and personnel. This allowed our advance to continue with a minimum of casualties to our forces. His outstanding courage and coolness under fire reflects great credit on the military service of the United States. Entered military service from Burlington, New Jersey.

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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:

ELMER F ARNBRECHT, 0228 816, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 February to 21 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

EARL E BROCK, 37 619 663, Sergeant, Anti-Tank Company, 276t Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 18 February 1945. Discovering that a seriously wounded comrade could not be evacuated because of the existence of Schu mines on the battlefield, Sergeant Brock, working alone, cleared a path to the man and effected his evacuation under heavy enemy artillery fire His courageous and prompt action beyond the call of duty contributed to saving the soldier's life. Entered military service from Joplin, Missouri.

ALFRED J GRINNELL, 01 315 819, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 27[illegible] Infantry, for meritorious service in connectio with military o[illegible]tions against the enemy from 21 January to 4 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

BILLY B Mc BRIDE, O 553 869, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 and 14 March 1945. Lieutenant Mc Bride, assigned to clear and temporarily hold Klarenthal, Germany, led hi patrol from midnight to daybreak through wooded, heavily mined terrain, to reach the town. Heavy fog and sniper fire necessitate his approaching all houses with extreme caution. After two sniper were located and eliminated the enemy withdrew. That afternoon, relieved by a rifle company, Lieutenant Mc Bride led his men under constant mortar and small arms fire, to establish an observation post closer to the Saar River. During the return trip, small arms fire from across the river checked Lieutenant Mc Bride's progress. By short rushes, he led his men to safety. His courageous actions and skillful leadership greatly contributed to the success of his regiment's mission. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska

FRANKLIN J O'LEARY, 18 089 388, Private First Class, Anti-Tank Company, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, in France. Private First Class O'Leary volunteered to drive his vehicle over a route subjected to heavy hostile fire in order to provide prompt medical aid for two wounded comrades. From the time he left Forbach, until he reached his destination at Oetingen, enemy artillery and mortar fire continuously burst around his vehicle. Although a shell fragment shattered his wind shield, he continued on his mission until it was successfully completed. His intrepid action and personal concern

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for the welfare of the wounded exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

STANLEY S PRATTE, 37 403 015, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bonne Terre, Minnesota.

JAMES C SMITH, 36 608 708, Sergeant, Company M, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 March 1945. During the battle of Forbach, France, enemy machine gun fire held back the advance of friendly rifle troops. Sergeant Smith (machine gunner) could not observe the source of this fire from his concealed position. Despite the hazards of the small arms fire falling about him, he moved his weapon to an exposed position and from there engaged his target until the hostile machine gun was silenced. Still defying the small arms fire, Sergeant Smith turned his weapon on the enemy riflemen, enabling the friendly rifle troops to continue their advance and medical aid men to reach the wounded. Entered military service from Coleman, Texas.

JOHN S ZIMMERMAN, O 344 821, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Carteret, New Jersey.

IV --- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-[illegible], 22 September 194[illegible] as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated in France and Germany:

BENJAMIN M DAVIS, O 531 687, 1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 February to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

VINCENT L DOWNER, 01 168 642, 2d Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, from 3 March to 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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EDWARD J ABBENANTE, 32 920 068, 1st Sergeant, Battery B. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

DANIEL S HOOLEY, 33 761 810, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery. Entered military service from Renovo, Pennsylvania

WILBERT L JONES, O 383 676, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH P LEWICKI, 32 120 405, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York.

WILLIAM H NICHOLSON JR, O 471 551, Captain, Headquarters Battery. Entered military service from Fairfield, Alabama

HARRY W PYLE JR, 34 349 709, First Sergeant, Battery D. Entered military service from Hinds City, Mississippi.

ANTHONY REDES, 20 259 311, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery. Entered military service from New York, New York.

HOWARD S WRIGHT, O1 040 260, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps Headquarters Battery. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

KENNETH A ZIMMERMAN, O1 700 722, Captain, Dental Corps, Headquarters Battery. Entered military service from Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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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
Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque 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 individual:

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HAROLD L WARD, 39 113 811, Private First Class, Company H, 274 Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945 near the Fagenwald Forest, France. When 10 enemy soldiers advanced within a few yards of his heavy machine gun position, Private First Class Ward joined in killing them with grenades and small arms fire. Aware that additional hostile troops were in the area, he and his comrades strafed the woods with heavy machine gun fire, killing at least40 and halting the enemy advance. During the actio Private First Class Ward was fatally wounded. His heroic sacrifice exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Minnie Ward (Mother) 621 Fifth Street, Vallejo California.

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 for gallantry in action:

JAMES R! THOMAS, 01 167 252, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 261st FA Battalion, in Germany. On 10 April 1945 when his party of two vehicles ran into a fortified road-block, Captain Thomas at close range and while constantly exposed to enemy fir , successfully directed the battalion artillery and lead the clean-up attack on the road block. On 13 April 1945 as a member of a reconnaissance party being ambushed he exposed himself, drawing enemy fire and firing a machine-gun, and covered his party's withdrawal. By his daring leadership, complete fearlessness and intrepidity in repeatedly risking his life Captain Thomas has been an inspiration to his men and has demonstrated on every occasion his devotion to duty, reflecting great credit on the military service of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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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 individuals of the 274th Infantry.

LEON E BARTRAM, 37 537 892, Staff Sergeant, Company C, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945. On 15 March, Company C attacked high ground south of Saarbrucken, Germany, receiving heavy fire from concrete gun emplacements. When friendly artillery laid a concentration on the fortifications, Staff Sergeant Bartram observed enemy soldiers moving out of trenches into the pillboxes, and immediately ordered his mortar section to place fire on the trenches. He then moved three hundred yards beyond his own lines to an exposed position from which he so effectively directed the fire of his section that a large number of the enemy were destroyed. His courageous action was an important factor in the accomplishment of his company's mission. Entered military service from Mattland, Missouri.

FRED J CASSIDY, O 553 863, Captain, Infantry, Company G, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. Spearheading the 2d Battalions attack on Styring Wendel, France, Captain Cassidy led his company against enemy forces firmly entrenched in fortified pillboxes and concealed positions. Remaining exposed to heavy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, he skillfully directed his men forward toward their objective. Inspired by his courageous actions, the men swept forward into the town, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and capturing a large number of prisoners. His gallant leadership was largely responsible for his company's success in accomplishing its mission. Entered military service from Lancaster, Nebraska.

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 of the 274th Infantry.

WILLIAM E BELDEN, 36 822 271, Private First Class, Company H. Entered military Service from Racine, Wisconsin.

RICHARD W HIRD, 31 467 238, Private First Class, Company H. Entered military service from Morrisville, Vermont.

HAROLD W KLINE, 37 517 031, Staff Sergeant, Company H. Entered military service from Kanopolis, Kansas.

GEORGE G LUTTRELL, 35 782 836, Private First Class Company H. Entered military service from Fireco, West Virginia.

FRED O MORGAN JR, 36 680 352, Sergeant, Company H. Entered military service from Plainville, Illinois.

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HYMAN SCHORR, 32 641 993, Private First Class, Company H. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

HERMAN L TRIER, 33 745 764, Sergeant, Company H. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.,

ALEXANDER VARGO, 36 878 574, Private First Class, Company H. Entered military service from River Rouge, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945, near Fagenwald Forest, France. When 10 of the enemy forces attacking under concealment of the woods, had advanced within a few yards of thefriendly machine gun position, these men destroyed them with grenades and small arms fire. Aware that additional hostile troops were in the area, they strafed the woods with heavy machine gun fire, killing at least 40 enemy. Their heroic action halted the enemy advance.

ROCCO DE GIORGIO, 32 901 290, Private First Class, Company L. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

ROBERT A HESSELL, 36 913 028, Private First Class, Company L. Entered military service from Centerline, Washington.

HOMER C HYSELL, 36 980 862, Sergeant, Company L. Entered military service from Muskegon, Michigan.

URBAN A KAUFMAN 35 849 504, Private First Class, Company L. Entered Military service from Ottawa, Ohio.

KENNETH M KIRBY, 18 069 827, Private First Class, Company L. Entered military service from Alamosa, Colorado.

W. D. LAWRENCE, 38 656 084, Private First Class, Company L. Entered military Service from Alexandria, Louisiana.

JUAN [illegible] TORRES, 38 102 928, Private First Class, Company L. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

For heroic achievement in action on 6 March 1945, near Styring Wendel France. During an attack of their company, these soldiers, realizing that the intense enemy artillery and small arms fire was preventing the evacuation of many wounded men, volunteered as a squad to advance under extremely hazardous conditions and by using all their fire power, so distracted the enemy that their comradeswere able to safely evacuate the casualties. Their brave action at great personal risk was a contribution to the saving of many lives.

GERALD BERKOWITZ, 42 135 331, Private First Class, Company E for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. Advancing with his platoon through dense woods under heavy artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, Private First Class Berkowitz upon contact with the enemy, called to them in German to surrender to a superior force. Threatened with death should

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they not su ender, approximately 12 of the enemy gave themselves up. At this point Private First Class Berkowitz was wounded and was evacuated from the battlefield. His quick thinking and courageous action, deceiving the enemy as to the actual strength of the attacking force, weakened the resistance and enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York

JOSEPH L BOWMAN, 38 539 929, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, for heroic achievement in action from 3 to 5 March 1945. Under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire for three days during the attack on Styring Wendel, France, Private First Class Bowman laid wire and traced for wire breaks over hilly and open terrain. On 5 March, under a cover of darkness, while laying wire to his battalion command post he was seriously wounded by a mine and was evacuated. His courageous attention to duty in maintaining vital communications greatly contributed to his battalion's successful operations. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

HERBERT G BURK, 38 694 323, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 16 February to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Over an extended period of time Private First Class Burk materially assisted in the efficient operation of his battalion's intelligence section. On 1 March while manning the battalion observation post, he cooperated in destroying a hostile regimental command post by accurately directing artillery fire. On 6 March, he was instrumental in breaking up a counterattack of enemy tanks, again with skillfully adjusted fire. While under a heavy concentration of fire it became necessary for him to change his position, to properly observe a particular section. In so doing, Private First Class Burk was wounded. His courageous action and devotion to duty greatly contributed to the success of his battalion's attack. Entered military service from Vernon, Texas.

SAMUEL T CLARK, 33 244 287, Private First Class, Company C, for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945, near Philippsbourgh, France. Scouting for a forward patrol that was having difficulty in moving out of enemy territory during a heavy show storm, Private First Class Clark and a comrade encountered a two man enemy outpost. They courageously rushed the position and captured both men and considerable ammunition and equipment before a shot could be fired. By his aggressive action, Private First Class Clark saved the patrol from ambush and enabled it to complete its important mission successfully. Entered military service from Hershey, Pennsylvania.

ALVA G COMER, 38 469 191, Private First Class, Company K, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. Private First Class Comer, already exhausted from recent action against hostile troops on the outskirts of Styring Wendel, France, volunteered to clear four enemy occupied houses situated between two friendly companies. Disregarding sniper fire, he attacked with grenades and rifle fire and as a result of his aggressive assault, the houses were cleared, 7 enemy soldiers captured and 21 civilians believed to be Nazi sympathizers taken prisoner. His intrepid action and exemplary devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Harmon, Oklahoma.

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WILLIAM R GORDON, 17 176 845, Private First Class, Company K, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. Private First Class Gordon, exhausted from recent action against hostile troops on the outskirts of Styring Wendel, France, volunteered to clear four enemy occupied houses situated between two friendly companies. Disregarding sniper fire, Private First Class Gordon attacked with grenades and rifle fire and as a result of his aggressive assault the houses were cleared, 7 enemy soldiers captured and 21 civilians believed to be Nazi sympathizers taken prisoner. His intrepid action and exemplary devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wichata, Kansas.

ROCCO D FESCINA, JR 33 463 941, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, for heroic achievement in action from 19 February 1945 to 4 March 1945. On 19 February, when his squad leader was wounded in the attack on Behren, France, Staff Sergeant Fescina assumed command of his 60mm Mortar squad and effectively supported the infantry inflicting many casualties on the enemy. On 3 March, he took charge of the entire platoon, after the platoon leader and Sergeant had become casualties in the attack on Styring Wendel, France. His courageous leadership thereafter, in reorganizing the remnant of his platoon, under heavy artillery and mortar fire, enabled his unit to continue on its mission. Entered military service from Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT T FISK, 17 161 089, Sergeant, Company K, During the battle for the commanding ground overlooking Etzlingen, France, the enemy was temporarily driven back. Sergeant Fisk, realizing the importance of immediate exploitation of this success and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, plunged forward with a volunteer patrol of four men into the heart of the enemy position. Advancing through a volume of small arms fire, this patrol was able to establish a strong point considerable forward of the leading rifle troops, and courageously held on to this strong point until the remaining members of their squad could bring a heavy machine gun forward and put it into action. The gallant action of Sergeant Fisk resulted in the gaining of a tactically important position and the prevention of an immediate enemy counter-attack. Entered military service from Overland, Missouri.

MARTIN L FRISCHMANN, 36 979 419, Private First Class, Company K, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. When it became necessary to use messenger service because of poor radio reception, Private First Class Frischmann carried out his duties of platoon messenger between the front lines and the company command post. Heavy enemy fire and two large mine fields created a most hazardous route. During one trip, he was struck by shell fragments in the hip and thigh. Despite his wounds, he refused medical attention in order to continue his mission, and delivered messages until

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evacuated the following day. Entered military service from Des Plaines, Illinois.

FRED R HABERMAN, 42 115 823, Private First Class, Company C for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945, near Philippsbourgh, France. Scouting for a forward patrol that was having difficulty in moving out of enemy territory during a heavy snow storm, Private First Clall Haberman and a comrade encountered a two man enemy outpost. They courageously rushed the position and captured both men and considerable ammunition and equipment before a shot could be fired. By his aggressive action, Private First Class Haberman saved the patrol from ambush and enabled it to complete its important mission successfully. Entered military service from Hershey, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT E HENTZELL, 39 049 528, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. On his own initiative, Private First Class Hentzell, Medical aid man, assumed a mission of evacuating a seriously wounded soldier. Driving toward the location of the casualty without a guide, he became lost in the darkness and was subjected to five hours of concentrated artillery fire. Reaching the wounded man, he constructed a litter carry in his peep and began his return trip. When his peep was immobilized by a shell, Private First Class Hentzell carried the man on his back over a mile of unknown terrain to a point where further transportation was available. Although several shells dropped nearby, he never once dropped the man. His courageous action and outstanding efforts to provide the seriously wounded comrade with medical care as soon as possible probably save the man's life. Entered military service from Oakland, California

ALBERT M HOMER, 19 177 796, Private First Class, Company I, for heroic achievement in action on 3 and 4 march 1945. During his company's attack on Styring Wendel, France, Private First Class Homer advanced with the leading elements, maintaining communication with a SCR 300 radio. When the front platoon was held up by heavy enemy fire, crept through broken fences and over walls in search of the hostile strongpoints. Locating several pillboxes, he directed tank fire on them which neutralized the enemy fortification. Later while at an observation post, Private First Class Homer discovered two enemy soldiers in hiding and effected their capture. His courageous actions and initiative enabled his platoon to advance and seize its objective. Entered military service from Beverly Hills, California.

KENNETH K LUDWIG, 39 694 187, Private First Class, Company A for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. Repeatedly seizing the initiative in an attack through the wooded hills south of Styring Wendel, France, Prive First Class Ludwig effectively supported the advance of the riflemen with automatic weapons fire. Although the enemy made numerous attempts to hit him he continued to move from position to position to fire on prepared emplacements and hostile guns. On one occasion he pinned down a machine gun crew while two comrades moved up and knocked out the strongpoint. His gallant action under continuous artillery, machine gun and

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Small arms fire, was instrumental in the final success of his platoon in accomplishing his mission. Entered military service from Santa Barbara, California.

ANTHONY J! MARCACCIO, 36 979 690, Private First Class, Company K, for heroic achievement in action from 3 to 12 March 1945. For eight consecutive days, Private First Class Marcaccio gave effective machine gun support to the rifle companies in clearing the enemy from Styring Wendel, France. Exposing himself to hostile machine gun, rifle, mortar and artillery fire, he operated his machine gun so accurately that the riflemen were able to advance rapidly. His courageous action minimized casualties and enabled his company to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

RONALD G MARSHALL, 36 828 422, Private First Class, Company K, for heroic achievement in action from 3 to 12 March 1945. For eight consecutive days, Private First Class Marshall gave effective machine gun support to the rifle companies in clearing the enemy from Styring Wendel, France. Exposing himself to hostile machine gun, rifle, mortar and artillery fire, he operated his gun with such accuracy that the riflemen were able to advance rapidly. His courageous action minimized casualties and enabled his company to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsi

ROBERT B RYSSO, 20 624 878, Technical Sergeant (then StaffSergeant, Company B, for heroic achievement in action on 15 Mar 1945 near Saarbrucken, Germany. Ordered to take high ground in an assault against the Siegfried Line, Technical Sergeant Rysso led his platoon under heavy fire with the aid of only one other non-commissioned officer. He maintained control of his unit at all times and gave a detailed running account of the action by radio to his company command post. His accurate reports of the strength of the defenses in that part of the Siegfried Line facilitated control of the attack. Technical Sergeant Rysso's superior performance and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN S WARRINER, 33 831 016, Private First Class, Company K for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. Private First Class Warriner, already exhausted from recent action against hostile troops on the outskirts of Styring Wendel, France, volunteered to clear four enemy occupied houses situated between two friendly companies. Disregarding sniper fire, Private First Class Warriner attacked with grenades and rifle fire and as a result of his aggressive action, the houses were cleared, 7 enemy soldiers captured and 21 civilians believed to be Nazi sympathizers taken prisoner. His intrepidity and exemplary devotion toduty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Edgemont-Lansford, Pennsylvania.

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▼ - - -AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of Section 1, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded the following units for outstanding devotion to duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks:

THE 70TH MILITARY POLICE PLATOON, from 1 January 1945 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany.

THE 770TH ORDNANCE COMPANY, from 1 February 1945 to 1 April 1945 in France and Germany.

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GENERAL ORDERS) 2 August 1945
NUMBER 83)

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:

WILL A McCULLOUGH, 15 335 145, Technician Fourth Grade, Troop C, 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for heroic achievement in action on 4 August 1944, at Chateauneuf, France. While on a reconnaissance mission, when the armored car in which he was riding was caught in a heavy barrage of artillery, Technician McCullough continued to transmit information by radio concerning enemy positions. The Platoon leader ordered the vehicle abandoned but Technician McCullough continued to transmit the messages until an artillery shell hit the vehicle, fatally wounding him. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Lois I. Rosasco, 742 Carrollton Court, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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:

RAYMOND N GROSSO, 32 873 518, Private, Troop C, 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for gallantry in action on 31 March 1945, at Lunen, Germany. Cut off from the rest of the platoon, the vehicle in which Private Grosso was serving as machine gunner was subjected to heavy hostile fire. He continued to man his gun, covering the wounded men in his vehicle until the driver was hit by enemy fire and lost control of the car, which turned over on its side in the ditch. Continuing to fire the overturned gun, Private Grosso foiled enemy advances and after the weapon went out of action, maintained the fire with his sub-machine gun until the wounded were evacuated and the platoon was reformed. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

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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:

HARRY BURKE, 12 038 889, Staff Sergeant, Troop A, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations, from 2 August 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

EVERETT D MESSENGER, 35 375 768, Sergeant, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 2 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Clarksburg, West Virginia.

GEORGE O SINBORN, 32 514 779, Technician Fourth Grade, Troop [illegible], 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 3 August 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France, Holland, and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

LEONARD J STALZER, 37 039 186, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 2 August 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Haverhill, Iowa.

LLOYD F STULLER JR, 32 550 747, Technician Fourth Grade, Troop A, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 2 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

OLIVER C SWENSON, O 454 429, Captain, (then First Lieutenant) Cavalry, Company F, 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 3 August 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS II

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, 109th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated.

WILLIAM J CAPRAUN, 32 606 495, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, from 11 June 1944 to 25 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered military service from Irvington, New Jersey.

JOHN J CONNORS, 33 263 100, Staff Sergeant, Battery B, from 11 June 1944 to 25 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. Entered military service from Etna, Pennsylvania.

VICTOR S DEBS, 32 145 581, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, from 1 April 1943 to 25 March 1945, in the United States England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WARREN H FISHER, 33 366 090, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, from 11 June 1944 to 23 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered military service from Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL HOCK, 32 712 568, Staff Sergeant, Battery B, from 11 June 1944 to 25 March 1945 in France Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

ROGER N HUTCHINSON JR, 32 711 056, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, from 11 June 1944 to 23 March 1945, in France Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

JOSEPH S KOK, 33 183 735, Staff Sergeant, Battery A, from 11 June 1944 to 24 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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RAY C MEREDITH, 01 046 893, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, from 9 June 1944 to 20 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military Service from San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM T NUGENT, 18 105 962, Staff Sergeant, Battery A, from 11 June 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered military service from San Marcos, Texas.

ABRAHAM RUBIN, O 887 493, First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, from 11 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

EDWARD S SMUDA, 32 604 751, Staff Sergeant, Battery B, from 11 June 1944 to 24 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered Military service from West Orange, New Jersey.

RAYMOND B SULLIVAN, 32 487 178, Staff Sergeant, Battery A from 2 October 1944 to 24 March 1945, in Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered military service from Delaware Gardens, New Jersey.

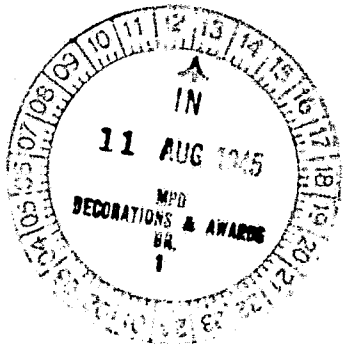
II --- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of General Order 80, this headquarters, dated 31 July 1945, as pertains to Pfc Harold L Ward, 39 113 811, as reads "Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read "Award, Posthumous, of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal".

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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, 134th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile) for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated.

WILLIAM E BARKMAN, O 308 723, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps from 10 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England France and Germany. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

HUBERT G.CUMMINGS, 01 047 079, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, from 16 to 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Elmira, New York.

LUTHER F FLEMING, 01 040 024, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps from 10 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, France, and Germany. Entered military service from Glendale, California.

LAWRENCE J FOLEY, O 400 674, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps from 10 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in England, France and Germany. Entered military service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

EDWARD A KAPALA, 36 113 636, First Sergeant, Battery D, on 18 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan

JOHN C LENEAUS, 01 045 809, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery D, from 16 December to 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.

WILLIAM C MILLS, 01 057 561, First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, from 22 to 29 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

JAMES L PLACE, 33 311 565, Master Sergeant, from 10 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in England, France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Claire, Pennsylvania.

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3 August 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 43, 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.

JAMES W CARR, 13 050 308, Master Sergeant, Headquarters, 18th AAA Group, from 10 January to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Princeton, Kentucky.

RALPH F DILLON, 17 080 488, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 49th Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, from 7 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Albert Lea, Minnesota.

CARLIS C LOFTIS, 38 141 510, Staff Sergeant, Battery A, 413th AAA Gun Battalion, from 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Pueblo, Colorado.

ROBERT L MACK, 01 048 881, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters 18th AAA Group, from 30 March 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

SAMUEL S SCALFANO, 34 290 739, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 413th AAA Gun Battalion, from 1 January 1943 to 1 May 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Alexandria, Louisiana.

WILLIAM D SEGO, 34 703 327, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 18th AAA Group, from 1 August 1944 to 17 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Tuskegee, Alabama.

GEORGE S THEMELIS, 32 164 874, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 142d AAA Gun Battalion, 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

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JAMES W WILL, O 392 557, Captain, Field Artillery, 252d Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

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NUMBER 87) 3 August 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following individuals:

FRED B BANGERT, 37 393 828, Staff Sergeant, 70th Military Police Platoon, from 5 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

GINO J CELONI, 39 077 289, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 70th Infantry Division from 10 December 1944 to 6 Februa 1945, in France. Entered military service from Woodland Californi

ALBERT J DRAKE, 32 993 001, Sergeant, 70th Military Police Platoon from 5 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

SHELBY D DUKES, 01 002 905, Captain, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division from 23 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Caldwell, Idaho.

WILLIAM T POWELL, 0 534 156, Captain, Corps of Chaplains Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 4 January to 15 March 1945 in France. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland

JAMES T SHANAHAN, 01 633 537, First Lieutenant, Signal Co 570th Signal Company, from 4 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

CHARLES F VAN NORMAN, 01 546 751, Captain, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 370th Medical Battalion, from 8 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Elko, Nevada.

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NUMBER 88)

7 August 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

Award, Posthumous of the Bronze Star Medal I
Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star II
Award of the Silver Star III
Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal . IV
Award of the Bronze Star Medal V
Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque VI

I --- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No.9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal, not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, during the period indicated is awarded Posthumously, to the following named individuals of the 274th Infantry.

GERALD F BAKER, 32 141 148, Private, Company L, for heroic achievement in action near Spicheren, France, on 24 February 1945. When an enemy tank threatened the entire position of his company and was inflicting casualties by direct fire, Private First Class Baker, bazooka-man, with four others, voluntarily moved over fire swept terrain under direct enemy observation, to a position from where the German tank could be engaged by bazooka fire. Reaching this position, it was discovered that an enemy machine gun prevented the men from assuming a firing position. Private First Class Baker, in total disregard of the stream of enemy fire, rose up to fire upon the hostile machine gun and was instantly killed in his courageous attempt. His gallant sacrifice exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Thelma L Baker (Wife), 186 Broadway, Rochester, New York.

JOHN L FOSTER, 17 044 974, Technician Fifth Grade, Company D, for heroic achievement in action near Philippsbourg, France on 11 January 1945. Although his main duties consisted of handling mail, Technician Fifth Grade Foster displayed exceptional courage and devotion over and beyond the call of duty when he voluntarily assumed a wounded machine gunner's position. He continued in that position, firing the gun with accuracy and effect, accounting for many enemy casualties, until killed by hostile shell fire. His gallant sacrifice exemplifies the finest tradition of the military service. Next of kin: Mr James C Foster (Father), Irwin, Missouri.

LEON J LA COURSIERE, 37 572 685, Staff Sergeant, Company D, for heroic achievement in action near Philippsbourg, France on 4 to 5 January 1945. Staff Sergeant La Coursiere displayed outstanding leadership and heroism when he assumed command of his

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mortar platoon and from a position under intensive enemy mortar and artillery fire directed effective mortar fire upon hostile positions His leadership and courage enabled advancing troops to seize their objective. Staff Sergeant La Coursiere was killed in a subsequent action. Next of kin: Alice La Coursiere (Wife), 319 Eleventh Street North, Moorhead, Minnesota.

THOMAS A LYON, 37 565 570, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945. When communications to an important outpost in Neue Clashutte, France, were severed by heavy enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Lyon was a member of a wire party assigned to re-establish contact. Under observed small arms and artillery fire the party moved across 600 yards of open terrain with no assurance that the outpost had not already been captured. Repairing one wire break the party finally reached the outpost only to learn that communications were still out. Private First Class Lyon and his comrade then rechecked the old line with enemy bullets cutting patterns all around them. By his gallant action under intense enemy fire and full observation, he reestablished communications with the isolated outpost In a subsequent engagement, Private First Class Lyon was killed in action against the enemy. Next of kin: Mrs Shirlee Lyon (Wife), RFD No. 4, Huron, South Dakota.

NEWBERN S MC CULLAR, 35 732 991, Sergeant, Company K, for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945. When the patrol of which he was a member returned from a mission, Sergeant McCullar volunteered to return 400 yards into enemy territory, under fire coming from two enemy machine guns, to evacuate a member of the patrol who had fallen wounded. Braving the intense hostile machine gun fire, Sergeant McCullar crawled over the fire swept, open terrain, under enemy observation, and succeeded in evacuating the wounded man to safety. Sergeant McCullar was killed two days later in a subsequent action. His gallantry exemplifies the highest standard of courage. Next of kin: Mrs Mary E McCullar (Wife), Murry Kentucky

WARREN C PURCELL, 37 535 458, Staff Sergeant, Company K, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945. During the attack upon Styringen Wendel, France, against a determined and strongly entrenched enemy, Staff Sergeant Purcell led his squad across a mine infested field under intense hostile machine gun and rifle fire to set up a base of fire to cover the maneuver of another squad. His right arm was riddled by enemy machine gun fire, but he continued to brave the hazards of the mine field and enemy fire to deploy his squad. Despite the severity of his wound, he crawled back through the mine field and brought up a bazooka team through the same area to support his squad. Maneuvering across the field, he struck a mine and was instantly killed. His courage and devotion over and beyond the call of duty bring credit to the armed forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Charles D Purcell (Father) 214 West 67th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

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FRANK UHERKO, 33 939 556, Private First Class, Company L for heroic achievement in action near Behren, France, on 20 Februar 1945. During the attack against enemy positions near Behren, Franc Private First Class Uherko, messenger, constantly braved enemy mortar and artillery fire to deliver vital messages to and from the Company CP and his platoon. When the shelling was uncommonly heav and an important message had to be delivered, he volunteered to do so and was killed by enemy artillery fire during the course of his mission. His courage and devotion to duty exemplifies the finest tradition of the armed forces. Next of kin: Rose Uherko (Mother) 2055 North Fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

II --- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43 WD 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following-named officer, 274th Infantry.

PHILLIP P IGNASZEWSKI, 02 011 636, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, for gallantry in action on 23 February 1945. Whi attacking strong enemy positions over uneven terrain covered with heavy undergrowth, the advance of Company B, was held up by heavy fire from two machine gun nests and riflemen and by heavy mortar fire. Despite the grave danger involved, Lieutenant Ignaszewski picked up a light machine gun and advanced in the assault firing i from his hip, halting only occasionally to throw grenades into the hostile positions. As a result of his gallant leadership in the face of concealed enemy fire both hostile machine gun nests and their crews were wiped out, a number of riflemen killed, and his company enabled to take its objective with light casualties. Enter military service from Wells, Minnesota.

III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, un the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 4 WD 1918) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, a Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded the following-named Officer.

WILLIAM E COLEMAN, 02 011 640, Second Lieutenant, (then Staf Sergeant), Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. During an attack upon fiercely defended German positions in a dense wood, w the intense enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire succeeded inflicting numerous casualties upon his platoon, Lieutenant Colema disregarding the severe hostile fire, and despite a painfully injured knee, assumed control of the platoon and led it forward. His aggressiveness, courage, and determination in the face of the heav German fire and his own injury, so inspired his men that they over came the tenacious enemy resistance and achieved their objective. 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 Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States, during the period indicated is awarded to the following named individuals of the 274th Infantry.

JOSEPH L BOWMAN, 38 539 929, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945. After the wire party of which he was a member had succeeded in repairing communication lines across 600 yards of open terrain to an isolated outpost, Private First Class Bowman found that communications were still out. With an officer unreeling a new line, Private First Class Bowman and a comrade began reeching the old line back across the fire swept terrain. When the officer became entangled in the reel of wire, he rushed across 100 yards under observed enemy fire, and with bullets cutting a pattern all around him, freed the officer. He, then, continued on with his own mission and re-established communications with the outpost Entered military service from Houston, Texas

OWEN R LLOYD, 33 581 141, Staff Sergeant, Company C, for heroic achievement in action near Habsterdick, France, on 6 March 1945. When his daylight patrol, which had the mission of locating hostile mortar and troop positions, had been fired upon by small arms 300 yards behind the enemy lines, Staff Sergeant Lloyd display heroic action and outstanding leadership when he and his automatic rifleman remained as a holding force killing five enemy and wounding many more. His great display of courage enabled the patrol to return intact with the desired information. Entered military service from Bristol, Pennsylvania.

V ---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following named individuals of the 274th Infantry.

CLARENCE F ANDERSON, 20 949 797, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade) Company I, for action on 17 February 1945. As Company I advanced against strong enemy positions near Behren, France, the weapons platoon came under intense enemy rifle, automatic weapons and bazooka fire and sustained heavy casualties. Realizing that his platoon was cut off from the rest of the company and that the existance of his unit was gravely threatened, Technical Sergeant Anderson and a comrade moved a machine gun 100 yards up the side of a hill under armed enemy fire. Gaining a point of vantage, they sustained a near hit of bazooka fire but recovered from the explosion to [redacted] effective fire upon the [redacted] enemy, killing one,

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wounding many, and capturing eight. His gallant action in face of grave dangers enabled his platoon to gain its objective. Entered military service from Lander, Wyoming.

CALVIN K ANTON, 37 584 881, Private First Class, Company I, on 17 February 1945, near Behren, France. When his platoon was temporarily halted by hostile automatic and machine gun fire coming from 100 yards to their front and 200 yards on their flank, First Class Private Anton crawled 75 yards over fire-swept terrain dragging a machine gun which he set up in a shell hole. Singlehandedly engaging the enemy machine gun on the flank, with enemy fire blazing about him, he succeeded in killing the German gunner, driving the crew away and silencing the gun. He then turned his gun upon the enemy to the front, neutralizing the hostile fire and enabling his platoon to move forward and attain its objective. Entered military service from Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

J W BOLAND, 02 010 568, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company K. Lieutenant Boland displayed great leadership ability and courage near Philippsbourg, France, from to 20 January 1945, when, in spite of deep snow and well camouflaged positions of the enemy, he successfully led patrols which resulted in obtaining valuable enemy information. He again displayed outstanding leadership near Behren, France from 17 to 22 February 1945. when, during heavy enemy artillery fire he so skillfully deployed his platoon, that the enemy, counter-attacking and adjacent company, was caught in his platoon's flanking fire. Lieutenant Boland's outstanding leadership and courageous action resulted in the defeat of the counter-attacking enemy troops. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

MARVIN BRANSCUM, 38 511 160, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Second Battalion, on 4 March 1945. After the Second Battalion, had taken important ground overlooking Styring Wendel, France, the enemy opened up with a heavy concentration of artillery fire causing many casualties in the area. In the early morning hours Private First Class Branscum was driving a litter squad forward to a prearranged collecting point when he learned that the point was still under intense fire. Unloading the litter squad he drove ahead alone but in so doing his jeep hit and was demolished by an enemy mine. Although shocked and injured by the blast and flying fragments he crawled forward 200 yards to the collecting point and despite his painful injuries, worked until all seriously wounded men were removed to the aid station. His gallant action helped to save the lives of many of his comrades. Entered military service from Blytheville, Arkansas.

ROBERT CALLAHAN, 38 580 161, Private First Class, Company C on 18 February 1945. During a hostile counterattack in the wooded heights above Styring Wendel, France, Private First Class Callahan, maneuvering as he advanced, fired his rifle with such volume that the enemy was distracted and brought their fire to bear on him. His action enabled his platoon to maneuver to a better position, which

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ultimately led to repelling the counterattack, with the enemy suffering many casualties. Private First Class Callahan's intrepidity and ability to seize the initiative reflects high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Ysleta, Texas.

KENNETH R CARLSON, 01 050 205, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L. from 20 February to 3 March 1945. On 20 February, Lieutenant Carlson led his weapons platoon along with one rifle platoon in an assault on the outskirts of Styring Wendel, France, Upon capturing several buildings, he extablished and maintained this outpost under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire until the battalion attack resumed on 3 March. During this period 15 of the enemy were taken prisoners, 9 killed, and many wounded. His gallant leadership contributed much to this successful operation against the enemy. Entered military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

ROBERT M CARLSON, 02 010 726, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) Infantry, Company C, on 19 February 1945. After his superior officers became casualties, Lieutenant Carlson assumed command of his platoon and skillfully led it deep into enemy territory near Styring Wendel, France. When his advance was temporarily halted by determined enemy resistance and any maneuvering was extremely hazardous under the intense enemy artillery and automatic weapons fire he deliberately exposed himself to enemy observed fire to direct the fire of his men. As a result of his gallant action the hostile troops were temporarily forced to withdraw and his men were enabled to consolidate their positions with the company. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CHARLES R CATLETT, 38 511 848, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, on 10 March 1945, near Styringen Wendel, France. When two comrades had their feet blown off by enemy mines, Private First Class Catlett, leaving his litter team in a defiladed position, voluntarily went forward alone through an enemy mine field under enemy observation and under heavy enemy machine gun fire to reconnoiter a possible route of evacuation. After reaching the casualties and realizing that an immediate evacuation was necessary, he returned to his litter team and led them through the dangerous mine field to successfully evacuate the wounded. His courage and outstanding leadership resulted in saving the lives of the wounded. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

ROBERT E CONNER, 02 006 371, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, on 3 March 1945. When his attacking platoon reached the outskirts of Golden Brenn, France, and came under intense enemy automatic weapon, small arms and mortar fire, Lieutenant Conner refused to take cover. Instead, he moved from position to position to see that each man had proper cover and established a base of fire. Then, under the continuing enemy firing, he went to the rear and personally led two aid men forward to care for the wounded.

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Since the aid men were fully occupied, he gave first aid to two wounded anti-tank crewmen. Remaining in an exposed position he directed 81mm mortar fire with such effectiveness that the hostile troops were driven from their advantageous positions. His gallant action enabled the platoon to take its objective shortly after without further casualties. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

PATRICK H CONROY, 36 960 039, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, near Philippsbourg, France, on 23 January 1945. When his four man reconnaissance patrol had been attacked by a strong enemy force, Private First Class Conroy voluntarily remained to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of the patrol one of whom had been seriously wounded. Through his courageous action, the patrol returned with valuable information which aided a successful later maneuver of friendly troops. Entered military service from Eaupaca, Wisconsin.

CHESTER E CURTIS, 36 616 974, Technical Sergeant, Company C on 5 March 1945. During the attack on Golden Brehmen, Germany, Technical Sergeant Curtis, a weapons platoon sergeant, voluntarily crossed an open field swept by heavy enemy fire, to take charge of a rifle platoon which had lost its leaders. Disregarding the severe hostile fire to which he exposed himself, he skillfully led the rifle platoon in clearing houses in the village, running from man to man and shouting encouragement. His inspired leadership was highly instrumental in wresting the village from the enemy. Entered military service from Waukegan, Illinois.

JOSEPH P DITO, 01 048 333, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company on 13 January 1945 at Philippsbourg, France. When an enemy shell hit the company command post, Lieutenant Dito was thrown against the wall and injured by flying debris. Although stunned he quickly made his way through the wreckage to a jeep and drove through the heavy artillery fire to the battalion aid station. Refusing treatment for himself he drove the aid men back to the command post and worked with the aid men until all the wounded were treated and evacuated. Then, before consenting to be evacuated, he organized a command personnel group to carry on the battle against the enemy. His gallant action under heavy artillery fire in all probability saved the lives of some of his men and contributed much to the continuation of successful action against the enemy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

GEORGE A DVORCEK SR, 35 076 595, Private First Class, Company C, on 13 January 1945 near Philippsbourg, France. When he and two comrades had been seriously wounded by enemy artillery, Private First Class Dvorcek displayed heroism of highest degree when, despite serious wounds of both arms and face, he aided his two comrades 600 yards down a steep, wooded and rocky hill under heavy artillery concentrations. Despite having been knocked down several times by artillery bursts, Private First Class Dvorcek continued dauntlessly and courageously until he and his wounded comrades had reached a point of safety. His courageous action exemplifies the highest tradition of the armed forces. Entered military service from Wheeling West Virginia.

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JOHN J ELDER, 36 072 034, Private First Class, Company I on 15 January 1945. When his attacking company came under heavy enemy machine gun fire from concealed positions near Neiderbronn, France, Private First Class Elder, on his own initiative, moved 20 yards ahead of the front lines to gain a point of vantage. From his exposed position he delivered light machine gun fire upon the hostile positions, killing two of the enemy and pinning down the balance. His gallant single-handed action in the face of enemy fire was an inspiration to all the men and enabled his rifle platoon to resume its advance. Entered military service from Bowen, Illinois.

THEODORE B FLECK, 33 745 576, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, on 6 January 1945, near Wingen, France. When the attack of his company was temporarily stalled by accurate and deadly German sniper and machine gun fire, which succeeded in inflicting heavy casualties, Technician Fifth Grade Fleck, in total disregard of the proximity of enemy bullets, went from one wounded man to another administering aid. When he himself was wounded in the leg he refused evacuation until he had completed his task of treating the casualties. His devotion to his comrades and hiscourage were an inspiration to the troops which pushed forward against the fierce and determined enemy resistance. Entered Military Service from Caldwell, New Jersey.

JAMES B HAINES, O 557 708, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company F, on 6 January 1945, near Wingen France. When his company was temporarily halted by enemy rifle and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Haines displayed outstanding leadership and courage when he successfully led elements of his platoon through concentrated enemy fire and cleared several houses of hostile riflemen and machine gun crews. The heroism and courage of Lieutenant Haines result in numerous casualties for the enemy and enabled the company to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

HERBERT W HEALD, 37 652 039, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, on 3 March 1945, near Styringen Wendel, France. When severe enemy artillery and small arms fire inflicted eight casualties in his company. Technician Heald advanced under the constant shell bursts and bullets of the enemy to treat and evacuate the casualties. Despite the hostile fire. and despite having to crawl to within three yards of an enemy-held trench, Technician Heald succeeded in rendering first aid to the wounded and evacuated them to safety. Entered military service from Earlham, Iowa.

WALTER HESS JR, O 557 691, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, on 22 March 1945, near Neunkirchen, Germany. After Company G broke through the enemy main line of resistance, Lieutenant Hess was ordered to provide a vehicular point to spearhead the advance against the rapidly retreating enemy. Realizing the need for speed he led his two machine-gun-mounted vehicles forward past large numbers of enemy personnel, until forced to stop by darkness. In order to place his guns in the best strategic location, he made a reconnaissance in Neunkirchen, Germany, where he located and captured four enemy soldiers who were in a pill box. His [redacted]nce at a time when

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the whereabouts of the enemy was unknown was an inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from Washington, D C.

ALONZO R HORTON, 38 515 774, Staff Sergeant, Company C, on 4 March 1945, near Golden Brehmen, Germany. When an attacking platoon sustained casualties among its leaders from enemy action, Staff Sergeant Horton, on his own initiative, took command of a squad and spearheaded it, under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, in its forward movement. Exposing himself to the severe hostile fire, in order to better place his men and direct their fire, he went from man to man, encouraging his squad and victoriously leading them in routing the enemy from a series of strongly defended houses. His skillful, determined and aggressive action was highly material in routing a fiercely resisting enemy. Entered military service from Comanche, Texas.

OWEN R LLOYD, 33 581 141, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company C on 24 February 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. After establishing an important road block on the Metz highway, Staff Sergeant Lloyd observed a large enemy force advancing up the road. With coolness and daring he held the fire of his squad until the hostile troops were within 15 yards of the road block. Opening fire from a standing position and throwing hand grenades he personally accounted for 8 enemy killed and 12 wounded while assisting in inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Later in the day he succeeded in completing a hazardous reconnaissance of hostile positions in the town and with the information gained directed effective mortar fire on the strong points. His gallant actions secured the road block and enabled his battalion to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Bristol, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H MARTIN, 37 574 241, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Company C, on 23 February 1945, near Forbach, France. With the mission to gain control of an enemy main supplyroute, Technical Sergeant Martin successfully established his patrol under cover of darkness within 150 yards of enemy pillboxes and trenches fortified by machine gun positions. He then deployed his platoon in advantageous positions along the route and established an effective road block. The following morning, after a company of enemy had been allowed to approach within 10 yards of the road block, Technical Sergeant Martin directed effective fire inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. His courageous leadership in deployment and control of his patrol ~~and platoon resulted~~ in effective control of the supply route. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

JAMES B MAHONEY, 33 926 838, Private First Class, Company L, on 24 February 1945, near Spicheren, France. Although two comrades were killed and two wounded in attemping to knock out an enemy tank supporting infantry troops, Private First Class Mahoney displayed courageous action when, as a member of a volunteer bazooka team, he moved beyond friendly troops over terrain under enemy observation and heavy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire and succeeded in forcing the tank to withdraw. In returning to his lines two enemy were captured. His heroism is an inspiring example of great courage. Entered military service from Hechscherville, Pennsylvania.

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CHARLES E MC FARLAND, O 360 766, Captain, Infantry, Company M, on 17 February 1945, near Behren, France. While moving forward with an observation post group, Captain McFarland discovered that one of his heavy weapons platoon and a rifle company were being held up by intense enemy fire. Despite the difficulty of ascertaining hostile positions in the fog, he immediately moved under the enemy fire to a position to the front of the leading rifle platoon and made repeated trips across the front to place his heavy machine guns in advantageous positions, from where they offered effective support which eventually dislodged the enemy. His action inspired all the men and contributed much to the continued advance of the rifle company. Entered military service from Palos Park, Illinois.

CHARLES R PETTY, 37 572 913, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant) Company F, on 6 January 1945. During the attack on Wingen, France, Staff Sergeant Petty, with tenacious devotion to duty, successfully led his platoon against strongly entrenched enemy forces under a heavy crossfire of automatic weapons. Although heavy casualties were sustained, including the company commander and the executive officer, and all communications destroyed, he coolly maneuvered his men forward under the frontal small arms fire. On two occasions he raced through the withering fire to drag wounded comrades to a point of safety. Under his courageous leadership his lead platoon gained its objective and contributed much to the success of the action. Entered military service from St Paul, Minnesota.

PAUL RUBIN, 32 861 472, Private First Class, Company C, on 6 March 1945, near Habsterdick, France. When his daylight patrol which had the mission of locating hostile mortar and troop positions had been fired upon by small arms 800 yards behind the enemy lines, Private First Class Rubin displayed heroic action when he, an automatic rifleman, and his patrol leader remained as a holding force killing five enemy and wounding many more. His great display of courage enabled the patrol to return intact with the desired information. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

THERON B TORSON, 37 589 853, Private First Class, Company I, on 16 March 1945, near Stangermuhle, Germany. In spite of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Torson volunteered to take one-half squad to reconnoiter the forward area for possible strong points of enemy resistance. After advancing within range of small arms fire, he ordered his men to seek cover while he advanced aggressively drawing enemy rifle and machine gun fire from pill boxes to his front. The heroism and courage displayed by Private First Class Torson resulted in obtaining essential information which enabled thorough planning of a future successful attack of his battalion. Entered military service from Perham, Minnesota.

HOWARD E SMITH, 36 423 573, Sergeant, Company L, on 7 January 1945, near Rothback, France. When an enemy rifleman had succeeded in silencing a friendly machine gun position, Sergeant Smith volunteered to guide litter bearers to the position. After having successfully evacuated his wounded comrades, he volunteered for a mission to neutralize the hostile rifleman's fire which was [redacted]

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hindering successful maneuvering of the company. Since effective small arms fire could not be brought upon the rifleman, Sergeant Smith and a comrade, securing a 60mm mortar, advanced to an exposed position under heavy enemy mortar fire and succeeded in dislodging the enemy rifleman with two well aimed rounds. Due to Sergeant Smith's heroic action, two successful evacuations were made and the harassing element of the enemy was eliminated. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

MALCOLM R RUTHVEN, 20 757 600, Technical Sergeant, Company [illegible] on 24 February 1945, near Styringen Wendel, France. After his platoon had successfully repelled an enemy attack upon a road block, the enemy began a new assault with intense machine gun and tank fire. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, Technical Sergeant Ruthven voluntarily made a forward reconnaissance under heavy enemy fire and located the enemy. From information gained by his reconnaissance, effective mortar and artillery fire was brought to bear upon the hostile positions, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. By his gallant action and superb leadership the enemy counter attack was broken. Entered military service from Cotter, Arkansas

KENNETH F WALBERG, 16 071 686, Private First Class, Company [illegible] on 17 February 1945. As Company I, advanced against strong enemy positions near Behren, France, the weapons platoon came under intense enemy rifle, automatic weapons and bazooka fire and sustained heavy casualties. Realizing that his platoon was cut off from the rest of the company and that the existence of his unit was gravely threatened, Private First Class Walberg and a comrade moved a machine gun 100 yards up the side of a hill under aimed enemy fire. Gaining a point of vantage, they sustained a near hit of bazooka fire but recovered from the explosion to lay effective fire upon the enemy, killing one, wounding many, and capturing eight. His gallant action in face of grave dangers enabled his platoon to gain its objective. Entered military service from Superior, Wisconsin.

EVERETTE W WILLIAMS, 39 303 087, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company I, on 7 January 1945 near Rothback, France. When an enemy rifleman had succeeded in silencing a heavy machine gun position, Sergeant Williams volunteered to guide litter bearers to the position. After having successfully evacuated his wounded comrades, he again volunteered for a mission to neutralize the hostile rifleman's fire which was hindering successful maneuvering of the company. Since effective small arms fire could not be brought upon the rifleman, Sergeant Williams and a comrade, securing a 60mm mortar, advanced to an exposed position under heavy enemy mortar fire and succeeded in dislodging the enemy rifleman with two well aimed rounds. Due to Sergeant Williams' heroic action, two successful evacuations were made and the harassing element of the enemy was eliminated. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

VI --- AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of Section I, Circular No. 345, War Department, 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to Service Battery, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks from 18 January to 20 March 1945, in France.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, Under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II Bul 3 WD 1944) and pursuant to authority in AR 600 45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service, not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 7 February to 21 March 1945, in Alsace, France, is awarded the following individuals:

PAUL DICKSON, O 265 507, Major, Field Artillery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered Military service from Columbia, Missouri.

JAMES G KALERGIS, O 453 613, Major, Field Artillery, 882d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 Feb 44 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 Sep 43, as amended, a Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement or meritorious service, not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following named individuals:

BUFORD E BOYD, O 256 619, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters 274th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operation against the enemy from 13 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany.

ERNEST L COUNTS, 02 006 350, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 274th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operation against the enemy from 20 January to 20 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas

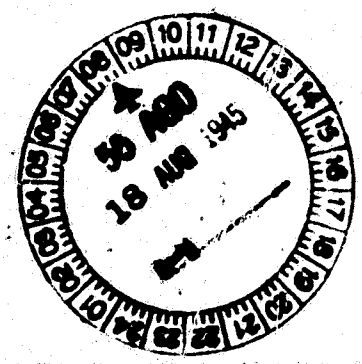
WILLIAM H HENDERSON, O 542 544, Captain, Corps of Chaplain, Headquarters, 274th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 December 1944 to 20 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Calhoun, Georgia.

MICHAEL F McPHELIN, O 543 081, Captain, Corps of Chaplains. Headquarters 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 January to 24 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.,

CHARLES L PENDLETON, O 542 623, Captain, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters Special Troops, 70th Infantry Division, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945. Learning that a night rescue party was leaving to evacuate three soldiers who had been injured when their vehicle hit a mine, Chaplain Pendleton asked permission to accompany the mission. Warned that the mine field was within the enemy lines he again repeated his request. Arriving at the scene of the accident, he immediately located the injured soldiers, gave them encouragement and helped the aid men. His courageous devotion to duty, despite the known existance of enemy mines was an inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from Shelby, Michigan.

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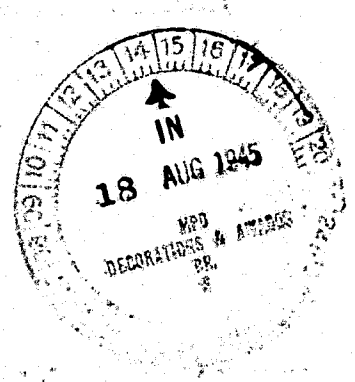


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ORIGINAL ORDER [illegible]

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944) and persuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service, not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 15 April to 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bad Kreuznach, Germany, is awarded the following named individuals:

HARVEY E GUTMAN, 39 323 075, Sergeant, 70th CIC Detachment, Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

~~JACOB KALISH, 13 052 704, Technical Sergeant, 70th CIC Detachment, Entered military service from Philadelphia~~, Pennsylvania.

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

I ——— AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43 WD 1918) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, a Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action is awarded Posthumously, to the following individuals, 276th Infantry.

ALFRED J BOUSQUET, 11 105 758, Private First Class, Company A, on 20 February 1945. During the bitter street fighting in Forbach, France, Private First Class Bousquet's platoon was subjected to devastating enemy machine gun, panzerfaust and mortar fire. Since the advance was being held up he obtained permission to move forward under full daylight observation of the hostile troops to gain closer contact. Defying the intense fire he reached a point where he could determine the key to the enemy positions and then in a final gesture of contempt for the hostile fire he charged the vital machine gun nest, killing or capturing the entire crew. His gallant action enabled his platoon to advance and exemplifies the highest standard of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. In a later action Private First Class Bousquet sustained wounds which proved fatal on 3 May 1945. Next of kin: Hormidas Bousquet (father), 156 Elmwood Street, Saundersville, Massachusettes.

KENNETH C MC CREADY, 39 207 037, Staff Sergeant, Company E, on 12 and 22 February 1945. When his attacking company encountered fortified enemy defensive positions on 12 February near Gaubiving, France, Staff Sergeant McCready twice volunteered to two night reconnaissance patrols. In each instance he courageously crawled forward under intense enemy fire and with hand grenades, destroyed enemy strong points, thereby enabling the patrols to complete the missions. On 22 February near Forbach, France, when two platoons became separated Staff Sergeant McCready volunteered to reestablish contact between the platoons despite the known danger of enemy snipers. Shortly after proceeding on this mission he was instantly killed by enemy sniper fire. His gallant actions exemplify the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Irving S McCready (Father) 505 Ave B Snohomish, Washington.

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for heroic achievement [illegible] participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded, Posthumously, to the following individuals, 275th Infantry.

RICHARD G FINLEY, 15 [illegible] 882, Private First Class, Company C, on 6 January 1945. When the advance of his platoon up an important hill flanking Wingen, France, was held up by the fire of two enemy machine guns, Private First Class Finley leaped to his feet and dashed over fire swept terrain, fully exposed toward the enemy machine gun positions. His disregard for his personal safety so startled the enemy gun crews and so inspired the members of his platoon that, despite Private First Class Finley being killed in his courageous charge, the enemy positions were overwhelmed and seized. The sacrifice of his life to inspire his comrades exemplifies the highest standard of courage. Next of kin: Mrs Margaret W Finley (Mother) 590 East Drive, Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, Indiana.

JAMES O GUMM, 37 353 116, Private First Class, Company C, near Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. With the mission of securing the exposed left flank of an attacking company, Private First Class Gumm and a comrade set up an automatic rifle position on icy, snow-covered, exposed terrain and proceeded to place heavy fire upon the enemy. Although counterattacked by a numerically superior hostile force, Private First Class Gumm continued to fire keeping the enemy at bay until he was at last overwhelmed by superiority of numbers and killed. His indomitable courage in the face of certain death is high tribute to the armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs Gladys B Gumm, (Mother) Hotchkiss, Colorado.

JOHN H MC CARTEN, 37 572 736, Sergeant, Company C, near Wingen, France, on 5 January 1945. When an enemy rifleman had inflicted two casualties upon his attacking squad, Sergeant McCarten left his covered position, dashed boldly across open terrain exposed to the full view of the enemy and succeeded in killing the enemy rifleman with one well-aimed shot. This action enabled his squad to advance and resume the attack. Sergeant McCarten was killed later the same day while leading an assault on an enemy machine gun position. His gallant sacrifice exemplifies the stirring example of devoted leadership of the armed forces. Next of kin: Merrill McCarten, (Brother) DuBois, Idaho.

[illegible] RUDOLPH, 35 892 036, Staff Sergeant, Company C, near Wingen, France, on 11 January 1945. When a member of his squad had been seriously wounded by enemy machine guns which had momentarily halted their advance, Staff Sergeant Rudolph

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realizing that immediate medical aid was necessary, picked up his comrade in his arms and carried him 400 yards over open and fire-swept terrain under heavy enemy fire to a covered position where proper medical aid could be administered. He then again dashed back across the same fire-swept terrain and successfully led his squad in an attack upon the enemy positions. His heroism saved the life of his comrade and was an inspiration to his men. Staff Sergeant Rudolph was killed in a subsequent action. Next of kin: Thomas O. Rudolph, (Father), Freetown, Indiana.

IVOR W SPONSLER, 38 609 12[illegible], Sergeant, Company C, near Wingen, France, on 5 January 1945. When his company had been momentarily halted by withering enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Sponsler voluntarily advanced 150 yards over frozen, snow-covered terrain under direct observation from the enemy and under heavy hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire to attempt to silence the hostile machine gun. While placing effective small arms fire upon the hostile position, he was fatally wounded by an enemy rifleman. His gallant sacrifice exemplifies the highest tradition of the Armed Forces. Next of kin: Eunice E Sponsler, (Sister), 433 No. Black Street., Bozeman, Montana.

GERALD D STONEHOUSE, 36 956 964, Private First Class, Company A, near Wingen France, on 5 January 1945. When a wounded comrade cried for help, Private First Class Stonehouse left his covered position and rushed across the snow covered terrain under enemy observation and fire to administer aid to the wounded man. Then, in his return from an ammunition dump 200 yards to the rear while under enemy machine gun fire, he observed another wounded comrade and proceeded to treat him under fire until he fell mortal wounded by hostile machine gun fire. The gallant sacrifice of Private First Class Stonehouse is a tribute of highest esteem to the armed services. Next of kin: Gerald G Stonehouse, (Father) 1550 West 12th Street, Davenport, Iowa.

JOHN S WILLMERT, 39 202 122, Private First Class, Company C near Wingen, France on 5 January 1945. When his company was temporarily halted by enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Willmert, voluntarily left his covered position to crawl 75 yards over icy, snow-covered terrain under enemy observation and fire to reach a position from where he could place effective fire upon the hostile position. He exposed himself boldly and continued to fire upon the enemy until mortally wounded by an enemy rifleman. His gallant sacrifice was a great inspiration to his comrades who continued to advance and gain their objective. Next of kin: Carl W Willmert (Father) 4410 Renton Ave., Seattle, Washington.

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III — AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Act of [illegible] 1918 (Bul 43 WD 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in action is awarded the following named individuals, 275th Infantry.

JOSEPH R ALLISON, 13 073 852, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant) Company G, on 5 March 1945, near Forbach, France. When the patrol of which he was a member came under the fire of two enemy machine guns, Technical Sergeant Allison crawled ahead of the patrol, into the chain of intense fire, to destroy the enemy guns. Despite the severity and proximity of the hostile fire, he worked his way to within hand grenade distance and hurled three hand grenades into the enemy positions, singlehandedly destroying and silencing both guns. He then moved behind enemy lines where he remained for six hours, returning with valuable information which served as the basis for a subsequent successful attack. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

THOMAS J CASEY, 01 043 292, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company [illegible], on 7 February 1945. After one squad had failed to eliminate a strong enemy machine gun position which was holding up his company's advance, Lieutenant Casey led two of his men forward and by skillful maneuvering gained a vantage point. After killing two of the hostile crew with well placed hand grenades he charged the machine gun nest and killed the third with carbine fir Then, the company in moving on to its objective by-passed some of the enemy. Later in the morning Lieutenant Casey led a patrol bac and in the mopping up operation killed two and captured 11 of the enemy. His gallant action reflect a high standard of military service. Entered military service from New Rochelle, New York.

WARREN R DICKEY, 37 481 557, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Company C, on 6 January 1945, near Wingen, France. When an attacking platoon was held up by intersecting enemy machin gun and rifle fire. Staff Sergeant Dickey, hearing calls for support of automatic weapons, picked up his machine gun and raced 400 yards under enemy observation and fire to the beleagured platoon. Then, firing from the hip, he moved forward and with effective fire silenced the enemy guns long enough for the platoon to resume its advance and take its objective. In the ensuing counter-attack, he held his position after the riflemen had withdrawn and singlehandedly repelled the strong enemy force and thereby enabled the platoon to reorganize and regain its objective. His gallant action saved his platoon from suffering heavy casualties and was an inspiration to all [illegible]. Entered military service from [illegible], Nebraska.

JAMES A DUNCAN, 36 075 532, Staff Sergeant, (then Technician [illegible] Grade) Company F, on 10 March 1945. While Staff Sergeant [illegible]'s company attacked through the wooded hills north of Forbac France, it encountered a heavy crossfire of enemy machine gun fire [illegible] small arms fire failed to neutralize the hostile guns, Staff [illegible] voluntarily picked up a bazooka and crawled forward [illegible] fire to a point from which he fired on one

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of the guns. Failing to knock out the position from his own location was directly exposed to enemy fire. Nevertheless, he reloaded his bazooka and taking careful aim destroyed the strongpoint. Crawling [illegible] for ammunition he [illegible] company to advance and complete its mission. Entered military service from Carbondale, Illinois.

EUGENE DAVIS, 39 465 492, Private First Class, Company A, on 4 January 1945. When during an enemy assault, a German combat patrol infiltrated past our front lines and threatened to split the company, Private First Class Davis, realizing the danger, exposed himself to the superior firing power of the patrol, to single-handedly engage it. Despite being wounded, he hurled two hand grenades into the midst of the enemy followed this by effective fire of his M-1 rifle, and succeeded in wiping out the entire enemy patrol and in removing the threat to his company. Entered military service from Vale, Oregon.

SYLVESTER J KUBALA, 18 033 101, Private First Class, Company C, near Vingen, France, on 4 January 1945. When an enemy machine gun threatened to halt his platoon's advance, Private First Class Kubala crawled 100 yards over snow-covered terrain in daylight, under severe hostile fire, to a position fromwhere he could engage the German gun. Disregarding the hail of enemy fire, he single-handedly charged the gun, firing his M-1 rifle as he ran, killing one of the crew and capturing four others. His intrepid and courageous action accounted for an enemy machine gun and six Germans, and enabled his platoon to continue its advance. Entered military service from Iowa Park, Texas.

CARLOS LEIJA, 38 561 566, Private First Class, Company A, on 6 March 1945 near Forbach, France. After several costly attempts had failed to knock out an enemy machine gun which, by its command of a road junction, was holding up the advance of his company, Private First Class Leija, volunteered to assault the position. While his squad placed fire upon the hostile position, he crawled forward alone through barbed wire and under observed enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. Working within range of the enemy he threw three hand grenades in rapid succession into the position and then charged the emplacement, subduing it. His gallant action in destroying the stubborn strongpoint enabled his platoon to advance and gain its objective. Entered military service from Weslaco, Texas.

HERMAN A REARDEN, 01 319 249, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Infantry, Company D, on 18 February 1945. During the attack upon a strongly defended enemy position on a hill near Oetingen, France, when his company was temporarily halted by hostile automatic weapon fire and booby-trapped barbed wire, Captain Rearden, armed with hand grenades and a Thompson submachine gun, moved to the fore of his company and, disregarding the heavy enemy fire, led an assault

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upon his objective. [illegible] Sergeant Vickery [illegible] American pressed the attack [illegible] hurling hand grenades and firing his submachine gun. His troops, inspired by his example of courage and audacity, swept over and demolished a seemingly impregnable enemy position. Entered military service from Missoula, Montana.

HUGH J VICKERY, 20 232 201, Sergeant, Company B. On 12 January 1945, near Rothbach, France, Sergeant Vickery, then Private First Class, having been wounded and awaiting evacuation, did, when the enemy launched a strong counterattack, in spite of his wounds and with utter disregard for his own safety, return to his machine gun section, assume command and calmly reorganized it. His action inspired such confidence in the men of the section that they successfully repulsed the counterattack. Sergeant Vickery was again wounded in this action but refused to leave his post until the enemy had been driven off. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

[illegible] T WILES, 37 481 124, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company F, on 13 March 1945, near Forbach, France. When a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and [illegible] fire killed or wounded all but two members of his squad, Staff Sergeant Miles crawled 50 yards under enemy machine gun and rifle fire to retrieve a Browning Automatic rifle, and remained in position firing to hold off an enemy counterattack. Utilizing a wounded comrade to fill the clips, he continued to fire his weapon for [illegible] minutes, single-handedly breaking up the enemy counterattack in his sector and inflicting heavy casualties. Entered military service from Keeping Water, West Virginia.

[illegible] Wright, 35 578 477, Private First Class, Company E, [illegible] 1945, learning of an [illegible] system of enemy [illegible] immediately to his company's front, Private First Class Wright, with two comrades, moved out to reconnoiter the positions. [illegible] heavy machine gun fire, Private First Class Wright, [illegible] that his companions were in grave danger, crawled forward [illegible] rifle fire and with well placed [illegible] silenced [illegible] firing two of the crew and causing [illegible] to flee. [illegible] moved forward to the silenced position and by [illegible] was [illegible] certified enemy casualties in five [illegible] [illegible] terrain to advance around the distracted [illegible] [illegible] Entered military service [illegible] high standard of military [illegible] entered military service from Pikeville, Kentucky.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL [illegible]:

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21 April 1945

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 58, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, dated 11 August 1944, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device to Ivor W. Spenaler, 20 000 126, which reads"20 000 126" is amended to read "20 000 126".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

H. H. Newman
Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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ORIGINAL ORDER -

11 AUGUST 1945.

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

I ---- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service, not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following individual, 447th AAA AW Battalion.

WILLIAM H TRIMBLE JR, O 362 973, Captain, CAC (AA), Battery D, from 16 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France Belgium and Luxembourg. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45 22 September 1943. as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service, not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded the following individual, 447th AAA AW Battalion.

GERALD S GILBERT, 01 043 640, First Lieutenant, CAC (AA) Battery A, from 8 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. Entered military service from Alma, Michigan.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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SPECIAL ORDER -

13 AUGUST 1945

Award of the Silver Star Medal 1
Award of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal III
Revocation of General Orders IV

I ---- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43 WD 1918) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action is awarded the following named Officer.

WALLACE R CHEVES, O 362 598, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Regimental Headquarters, 274th Infantry. On 6 January 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves commanded a battalion in an attack on Vingo France. Handicapped by treacherous terrain and tired weary troop who had been without rest for 60 hours, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves by his initiative and perserverance had his battalion ready for t attack. Operating from his Observation Post which was constantly riddled by machine gun fire, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves, although sick and refusing to be evacuated, made sound tactical decisions which were of prime importance during the attack. Company F, disorganized due to the loss of their officers, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves personally exposed himself to enemy fire to reorganize the Company and repel a heavy enemy counter attack. By his quick acti he saved the battalion from a breakthru, severe casualties, and becoming isolated. The courageous determination and unswerving devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Anderso South Carolina.

II --- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement, not involving participation in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States from 21 to 27 February 1945, is awarded the following named individuals of Company H, 274th Infantry.

WILLIAM E BELDEN, 36 822 271, Private First Class. Entered military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

RICHARD W HIRD, 31 467 238, Private First Class, Entered military service from Morrisville, Vermont.

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HAROLD W KLINE, 37 517 031, Staff Sergeant. Entered militar service from Kanopolis, Kansas.

GEORGE G LUTTRELL, 35 782 836, Private. Entered military service from Fireco, West Virginia.

FRED O MORGAN JR, 36 680 352, Sergeant, Entered military service from Jerseyville, Illinois.

HYMAN SCHORR, 32 641 993, Private First Class. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

HERMAN L TRIER, 33 745 764, Staff Sergeant, Entered militar service from Washington D C.

ALEXANDER VARGO, 36 878 574, Private First Class. Entered military service from River Rouge Michigan.

During the course of the heavy fighting to wrest Spicheren Heights, France, from strongly resisting troops, these men, comprising the second platoon, were isolated by a successful enemy counterattack. For seven days the enemy tried incessantly to capture the important position held by these men, but with grim determination each counterattack was repelled by pistol, machine gun and rifle fire. Throughout this period, the platoon carried on with less than half normal strength, under adverse weather and terrain conditions. Their courageous actions denied the enemy an important position and gave the second battalion necessary time fo consolidation and reorganization.

FRANK C SRP, 35 521 443, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, on 6 March 1945. When a rifle company's advance through heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire near Styrin, Wendel, France, was held up by intense machine gun and small arms fire, heavy casualties were being sustained. When a litter squad was hesitating about entering the fire swept area to evacuate a seriously wounded comrade, Private First Class Srp, although wound by a white phosphorous shell, inspired three other members of his squad to follow him on to the battlefield. Working well in advanc of his men under the withering fire, he led his litter team to the man and successfully effected his evacuation. His gallant ac tion in all probability saved the man's life. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

III--- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the president, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9419, 4 February 1944 (see II Bul 3 WD 1944) and persuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement, not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 21 to 27 February 1945, is awarded the following named individuals of Company H, 274th Infantry,

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TROY V BROCKLESBY, 35 632 529, Private First Class, Entered military service from Crestline, Ohio.

WENDELL CROSBY, 34 858 255, Private First Class, Entered military service from Cottageville, South Carolina

ALDO FONTANINI, 36 308 489, Corporal. Entered military service from Ankemy, Iowa.

GUY W HINES, 6 934 372, Private First Class. Entered military service from Manila, Arkansas.

GUY LEWIS JR. 35 803 733. Private First Class. Entered military service from Allock, Kentucky.

LOUIS L LUSSIER, 37 467 781, Private First Class. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

ALEX C JOHNSON, 36 768 855, Sergeant. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DAN D JOHNSON, 34 947 767, Private First Class. Entered military service from Pensacola, Florida.

JOSEPH F KRALOVICH, 39 017 295, Private First Class. Enter military service from Los Angeles, California.

WILLIAM E MACKEY, 35 240 425, Private First Class. Entere military service Shelby, Ohio.

ROBERT S MILLER, 6 856 681, Sergeant, Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

CHARLES B NEWSOM, 01 175 260, First Lieutenant. Entered military service from Worthington, Indiana.

THOMAS L PATTERSON, 6 289 840, Technical Sergeant, Entered military service from Corvallis, Oregon.

JOHN E RASMUSSEN, 12 004 636, Private First Class. Enter military service from San Francisco, California.

ARNOLD E SHERRICK, 35 223 323, Private First Class. Entere military service from Crooksville, Ohio.

During the course of the heavy fighting to wrest Spichere Heights, France, from strongly resisting troops, these men, comprising the second platoon, were isolated by a successful enemy counterattack. For seven days the enemy tried incessantly to capture the important position held by these men, but with grim determination each counterattack was repelled by pistol, machine gun and rifle fire. Throughout this period, the platoon carried on with less than half normal strength, under adverse weather and terrain conditions. Their courageous action denied the enemy an important position and gave the second battalion necessary time for consolidation and reorganization.

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KENNETH J LEACH, 35 225 169, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 to 3 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. When an infantry company, attacking to determine the strength of enemy defenses on the Siegfreid Line sustained many casualties from heavy enemy mortar fire and grazing machine gun fire, Private First Class Leach courageously continued his medical aid duties. Although a target for enemy rifleman, who ignored his Red Cross markings, and suffering from an earlier wound he remained exposed to the withering enemy fire to give first aid and encouragement to 19 casualties and to evacuate three dead. His gallant action and tireless devotion to the welfare of his comrades exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

HARVEY B LUCAS JR, 12 167 037, Private First Class (then Private) Company K 274th Infantry, on 3 March 1945. Private First Class Lucas, during his platoon's advance toward Styring Wendel, France, maintained vital contact with his company despite fire from enemy small arms, machine guns, mortar and artillery. Although frequently knocked down by the concussion of exploding shells, which were inflicting heavy casualties within the platoon, he repeatedly carried messages to the company headquarters. His courageous action under severe hazards were instrumental in the final success of his platoon's mission. Entered military service from Lombard, Illinois.

IV --- REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 97, this headquarters, dated 12 August 1945, as reads "LIEUTENANT COLONEL ELMS C TOWNSEND, O 336 074, General Staff Corps, relieved from detail to the General Staff Corps with Troops and as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, 70th Infantry Division effective 15 August 1945" is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HERREN:

LEO A BESSETTE
Colonal, GSC
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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Major, AGD
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14 AUGUST 1945

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

I ---- 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, for heroic achievement in action, is awarded the following individuals, 276th Infantry.

JOHN A KRUM, 11 070 741, Sergeant, Company C, near Forbach France, on 27 February 1945. When enemy mortar bursts had wounded four comrades, Sergeant Krum and a comrade left a covered position and rushed 100 yards down a street covered by intensive enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Crawling under the hostile fire, they reached and aided the casualties and then proceeded to half-carry and half-drag them one by one to a covered position of safety. The heorism and courage displayed by Sergeant Krum under intensive enemy fire saved the lives of four comrades and was an inspiration to his squad. Entered military service from Shaker Heights, Ohio.

JAMES C RAY, 38 487 761, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company C, near Forbach, France on 4 March 1945. When his platoon leader was wounded, Technical Sergeant Ray assumed command, prevented confusion among the men, and led them in successful house-to-house fighting, clearing the enemy from their position in that sector of Forbach, France. He then proceeded ahead of his platoon, under enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, cleared and marked a path through a mine field and led the platoon to its objective. Entered military service from Oakdale, Louisiana.

ROBERT F SCHRAM, 02 006 200, Second Lieutenant, (then Sergeant) Infantry, Company C, near Wingen, France, on 6 January 1954. When a swift change in the tactical situation necessitated a withdrawal of his platoon, Lieutenant Schram raced across 700 yards of open fire-swept terrain under full daylight observation to convey the necessary order. He assumed leadership of the platoon when the platoon leader was wounded, and, in Behren, France on 5 Februar 1945, skillfully deployed and led his men against a numerically superior enemy in a two day battle where his inspired leadership resulted in inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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JOHN F WILBUR, 01 300 736, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, near Forbach, France, from 18 to 22 February 1945. When enemy shell fire and mines constantly threatened damage to vehicles along an only supply route, Lieutenant Wilbur personally patrolled the route under fire to supervise repair and evacuation of damaged vehicles. After a friendly suppl. truck had been hit by enemy shell fire, he personally repaired the damage under hostile mortar and artillery fire. Again, When a trailer filled with mortar and small arms ammunition was struck by an enemy artillery shell, he mounted the vehicle attached to the trailer, and drove the exploding load of ammunition to a point whe it could do no further damage. His great courage, devotion to dut and skill insured a critical flow of supplies and was an inspirati to his drivers. Entered military service from North Bennington, Vermont.

II --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the Preside under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943 as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action is awarded the following individuals, 276th Infantry:

JOSEPH L BIRMER, 33 608 975, Technical Sergeant, (then Staf Sergeant) Company C, near Wingen, France, on 6 January 1945. Technical Sergeant Birmer, advanced over open terrain under heavy enem automatic weapons fire to establish an observation post for his mortars. Realizing the lack of communications at his chosen spot, he returned to his section over the same route, and with another comrade, succeeded in laying a line to the observation post. From an exposed position under constant observation by the enemy and subject to enemy automatic fire, he directed effective fire upon hostile positions. His heroism and leadership gave strong support to the advancing troops. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE E BOLIN, 35 816 465, Private First Class, Company C, near Hostenbach, Germany, on 18 March 1945. Private First Class Bolin displayed heroism and leadership when he led a volunteer night patrol 1000 yards over open terrain subject to enemy fire an filled with mine fields to within 50 yards of hostile positions. When enemy machine guns commenced firing upon his patrol, he safel led them over a defiladed route to safety. Reaching safety, he noticed two of the patrol missing and crawled and ran over 600 yar of open terrain under enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire, located the missing members, and guided them to safety. Through his courage and leadership, valuable information was obtained and not a life was lost. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

LORAN A BORAH, 38 044 100, Technical Sergeant, Company K, on 7 February 1945, near Oetingen, France. When an enemy counter-attack had inflicted heavy casualties in his platoon and threatene to isolate him from other friendly units, Technical Sergeant Borah continuously moved over 100 yards of terrain exposed to enemy fire encouraging his men and reorganizing the defensive positions.

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Again on 22 February 1945 near Forbach, France, he demonstrated outstanding leadership when he moved over 500 yards over terrain under enemy observation and under artillery and small arms fire to personally command his platoon. His outstanding leadership and courage resulted in successful completion of his company's mission. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

DILMUS T BROADDUS, 6 958 721, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company M on 4 January 1945. When two battalions of enemy troops swept into Wingen, France, Technical Sergeant Broadd moved the men of his machine gun section into a building and organized a defense. Since the attack moved so fast that the section was unable to set up its machine gun it was necessary to engage the hostile troops with small arms. Although a ring of fire was placed around the house and although the enemy made numerous assaults on their position, he refused to yield, personally accounting for five enemy dead and several wounded during the two hour fight. His gallant action against almost hopeless odds exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Caldwell, Texas.

ROBERT C BROWN, 39 049 106, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Company F, near Forbach, France, on 23 February 1945. When the platoon to which he was attached was separated into two groups by intensive enemy artillery and mortar fire, Staff Sergeant Brown led a rifle squad to clear two intervening houses held by the enemy. Flanking the houses, he brought such effective fire upon the enemy that he reduced hostile opposition and captured eleven of the enemy. His leadership and determination resulted in re-establishing tactical unity of the platoon which was thus enabled to continue its mission. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

GORDON J BOWAR, 36 830 503, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant Company A, on 5 January 1945, near Wingen, France. With his company exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire and running low on rations and ammunition, Staff Sergeant Bowar volunteered to obtain the needed supplies. Exposing himself to enemy daylight observation and fire he moved 200 yards across the snow covered terrain and returned over the same hazardous route with supplies. Then, further endangering his life, he moved from foxhole to foxhole distributing rations and ammunition to the men. His gallant action was an inspiration to all the men in their fight against the enemy. Entered military service from Cross Plains, Wisconsin.

LELAND D COOK, 39 476 098, Private First Class, Company C, on 5 January 1945, as Company C prepared to attack across open ground, it was caught under devastating machine gun fire from enemy positions concealed in the woods across a clearing. Realizing the urgency of locating the hostile guns, Private First Class Cook moved to an exposed position and, although instantly subjected to direct enemy fire, he located the hostile guns. Then, dashing 150 yards through the heavy fire he reached a mortar observation post and directed effective fire upon the enemy guns. His gallant acti

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silenced the guns sufficiently to permit his company to reorganiz and resume the attack. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

FRANK D COX, 35 076 135, Private First Class, Company M, on 3 January 1945. During a daring enemy thrust into Wingen, Fra Private First Class Cox's machine gun section was isolated after a brief fire fight with the hostile troops. Later in the morning when a friendly tank drove the enemy back, the section again went into action until the tank had to withdraw. At this point, Priva First Class Cox, under full enemy observation, ran 75 yards to hi peep, started the vehicle and, after his squad had loaded, drove through intense enemy fire to a position where they set up for action. Then, returning into the town, under constant enemy fire, he assisted in evacuating soldiers who otherwise would have been trapped by the enemy. His courageous action was an inspiration t all the men. Entered military service from Athens, Ohio.

JOHN L DASCH, 33 670 328, Corporal, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, near Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. After many vehicles and communication equipment had been abandoned in face of a superior enemy attack, Corporal Dasch volunteered to re trieve it. Going through an area under small arms and automatic weapons fire of both enemy and friendly troops, he mounted a vehic and in driving back to his own lines was fired upon by his own troops. Leaping into a ditch he crawled to the friendly machine gun position to identify himself, and then continued his perilous journey over the rough, snow covered road within a close range of an enemy patrol. Two more times he braved the enemy fire, and brought back two more vehicles. His courage resulted in saving three vehicles and much valuable communication equipment. Entered military service from Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD G DULAY, 33 609 244, Private First Class, Company C on 5 January 1945, near Wingen, France. When a comrade fell wound ed and blinded by enemy fire, Private First Class Dulay obtained permission to leave his squad to rescue the man. By taking advanta of all possible cover and concealment and by making rushes across fully exposed areas he successfully crossed 600 yards of fireswept terrain to the man. Leading the sightless man, they crawled for about 100 yards. Then Private First Class Dulay half carried him through the remaining 500 yards of hostile fire to safety. His gallant action in behalf of a wounded comrade exemplifies the high est standard of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Homesdale, Pennsylvania.

MATHEY FANNIN, 35 076 709, Private First Class, Headquarter Company, Third Battalion, near Hemsingerhof, France, on 8 February 1945. When a 17-man ration party became lost in the darkness, stumbled into a mine field and brought down intense enemy automat weapons and small arms fire on themselves, Private First Class Fan nin, taking the initiative, ordered the others to take cover while

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he cleared a path thru the mine field. With complete disregard for his own safety from both the mines and the hostile fire, he crawled across the field, removing four "S" mines and numerous Schu mines, cleared a path and returned for the remainder of his party and led them to safety. By this action of excellent leader ship and superb courage under fire he saved 17 men from likelihood of death or injury and enabled them to return safely to their duties. Entered military service from Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

RICHARD M. FERGUSON, 37 529 738, Sergeant (then Private Fir Class) Company C, near Obermunthal, France on 10 January 1945. When his platoon had been temporarily halted by heavy machine gun and artillery fire, Sergeant Ferguson left a covered position and crawled 100 yards over observed terrain, under severe enemy machi gun and small arms fire, to destroy the enemy machine gun. Reach- ing a position of vantage, he opened fire with his Browning Auto- matic Rifle and neutralized the enemy gun, permitting a comrade to destroy the position with a hand grenade. His courageous acti enabled his platoon to complete its mission. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

CHARLES R FREER, O 555 930, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, near Obermunthal, France on 10 January 1945. When the Battalion command post was threatened by an enemy attack, Lieutenant Freer quickly organized a combat patrol from various elements of Headquarters Company and led it against the main enemy force, only 500 yards from the command pos His aggressive and skillful leadership resulted in completely routing the enemy troops after a fierce fire fight, and in captur- ing seven Germans. His courage and audacity prevented the Battal- ion command post from being captured. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

FRANK R GILLEY, 6 268 796, Technical Sergeant, Company B in Forbach, France, on 23 February 1945. When the advance of his company through Forbach, France, was temporarily stalled by fanat enemy resistance in several buildings, Technical Sergeant Gilley picked up a light machine gun, and firing it from the hip, advanc down a fire-swept street to rout the enemy forces in the building Despite the intense enemy fire ricocheting all about him, he placed such effective fire upon the hostile positions that he dro the Germans from them and enabled his company to continue its advance. Entered military service from Cleveland, Texas.

LOUIS R GOETZ, 35 076 888, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Company B, on 20 February 1945. During the period of heav enemy artillery and mortar fire upon his company's earthen positi Sergeant Goetz heard cries for help. Leaving cover, he immediate went out into the devastating fire and found one comrade buried up to his mouth in dirt. Learning that another soldier was comple tely buried in the foxhole, Sergeant Goetz dug furiously with his hands until he had an air shaft through to the buried man. Then,

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disregarding the continuous shelling he dug both men free. Later in the day he voluntarily led a rescue party across 600 yards of fire swept terrain and successfully evacuated a seriously wounded comrade. His gallant actions exemplify the highest standard of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered militar service from Fairmont, West Virginia

HAROLD B GRINOLS 36 981 171, Private First Class, Company F on 6 March 1945 near Forbach, France. When his company had been momentarily halted by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Grinols, volunteered to take a 60mm mortar across open terrain to attempt to knock out the hostile positions. Disregarding his own safety he advanced over open terrain under hostile machine gun fire with a mortar tube and twelve rounds of ammunition, and from a semi-defiladed position he delivered effective fire upon the hostile positions without the use of the bipod or baseplate neutralizing the enemy fire, and enabling his company to gain its objective. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan

JEROME J HAGGERTY, 12 192 214, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, on 22 March 1945. Occupying an observation post, Private First Class Haggerty left the comparative safety of his position and exposed himself to hostile fire to gain a better view of the enemy activities in Volkingen, German Despite heavy artillery, mortar and aimed rifle fire he moved across open terrain to a point from which he saw elements of hostil troops withdrawing from the town. Although the enemy attempted to dislodge him, he directed artillery fire with devastating effect upon the enemy until all targets had been disposed of. His gallant action under hazardous enemy fire frustrated an important withdrawal movement of hostile troops and equipment. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

WILLIAM C HARRER, 37 174 074, Sergeant, Infantry, Company K near Oetingen, France, on 10 February 1945. Sergeant (then Privat First Class) Harrer crawled in broad daylight to the foxhole of a wounded comrade and, as the foxhole was not big enough for the two of them, lay for three hours in the open, under continuous and direct enemy small arms fire while holding a severed artery in the wounded man's neck. He did not release preasure on the artery or seek cover until, with the aid of darkness, he was able to evacua the wounded man. Entered military service from Ramsey, Minnesota.

KENNETH A HATFIELD, 02 010 759, Second Lieutenant, Company I. During the period 20 January to 20 March 1945, Lieutenant Hatfield, led nineteen reconnaissance patrols into enemy territory, under extremely hazardous conditions, against a well entrenched and wary enemy. Performing with consummate skill in both day and night operations, Lieutenant Hatfield never failed to return with desired information which was of material aid in the action in the vicinity of Marianeau and Forbach, France, and in the crossing of the Saar River. His courage, determination, intelligent and aggressive leadership were outstanding. Entered military service Savanna, Illino[redacted]

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WILLARD W HAWKE, 01 302 462, Captain, Infantry, Company B, near Spichern, France, on 20 February 1945 and near Saarbrucken, Germany on 23 February 1945. While acting company commander, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Hawke proceeded to direct his company in an attack on an enemy occupied hill near Spichern, France, despite a heavy enemy concentration of 120 mm mortar and 88mm fire which had wounded him at the outset of the attack. His mission accomplished, he refused to be evacuated for his wound and continued to command his company in their attacks until near Saarbrucken, Germany, he led his company in repelling six vicious counter attacks supported by three enemy tanks, when he was again wounded and allowed himself to be evacuated only after assuring himself that the enemy was defeated and his company continuing successfully on its mission. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

ELROY M HERRMANN, 39 619 946, Private First Class, Company C, near Obermunthal, France, on 11 January 1945. When, during an attack, his platoon was temporarily halted by intense fire from an enemy machine gun, Private First Class Herrmann left cover and crossed 30 yards of open, snow-covered terrain, to a position where he could place effective BAR fire upon the hostile gun. Despite coming under severe enemy small arms and machine gun bullets to which he was exposed, he fired so effectively that he neutralized the enemy machine gun and thus enabled a comrade to move up and destroy the German position with a hand grenade. His courage and skill was a prime factor in keeping his platoon moving forward. Entered military service from Ledi, California.

PAUL E HOBAN, 11 131 079, Staff Sergeant, Company B, near Forbach, France, on 24 February 1945. When the enemy concentrated heavy mortar and machine gun fire on his isolated outpost, Staff Sergeant Hoban, realizing other means of escape were impracticable, led his men through a sub-terranean passage to a street and began the hazardous journey to their company. While crawling 500 yards under hostile mortar and machine gun fire, he alone killed two enemy machine gunners and his squad inflicted many more casualties upon the enemy. His outstanding leadership and courage resulted in safely leading his men to cover without a casualty. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

GEORGE M HOGAN, 39 476 035, Private First Class, Company C near Wingen, France, on 5 January 1945. When our troops were temporarily halted by intersecting fire of three enemy machine guns, Private First Class Hogan, messenger, discovered that one of the friendly machine gunners had been killed. Under the heavy enemy machine gun fire he crawled 50 yards and manned the friendly gun. For four hours he continued manning the gun and was forced to move it several times to a new position when enemy fire became extremely intense. Successfully, he held off the enemy and enabled his platoon to withdraw to more secure positions. Through his courageous and heroic action, his company gained needed time to reorganize and complete a successful attack. Entered military service from Independence, Oregon.

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GERALD E HOLTZ, 37 620 568, Sergeant, Company I, on 20 February 1945. While his company was engaged in bitter battle with the enemy on Castle Hill, near Forbach, France, and was in danger of being cut off. Sergeant Holtz repeatedly traversed and repaired the sole remaining communication line under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Barely escaping death or injury on many occasions he was finally wounded in the performance of his mission. Despite his wounds he continued his work until he was again hit and seriously wounded. While receiving first aid he directed the work of other soldiers in repairing the line and it was over his protests that he was evacuated. His gallant action exemplify the highest standard of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

DONALD L JACOBSON, 36 801 097, Sergeant, Company G, near Oetingen, France, on 6 February 1945. When an enemy counterattack supported by artillery, mortars, and armor was launched and heavy casualties were inflicted by hostile automatic weapons, Sergeant Jacobson proceeded to fire upon the enemy with his 60mm mortar. Despite a shattered sight and with only the base plate and tube, he fired accurately and effectively under enemy machine gun and mortar fire. His courage and heroism eliminated a serious threat to his entire company. Entered military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

LESTER N JENKINS, O 556 313, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A. on 12 January 1945, at Obermunthal, France, When his platoon was subjected to intense artillery fire, Lieutenant Jenkins deployed his men to protected positions and then returned through the hostile fire to assist the wounded. When the group of wounded men he was leading was halted by an enemy soldier who had an automatic rifle poised to fire, Lieutenant Jenkins took cover behind a nearby rock, fired and killed him. He was the last to leave the untenable position. His intrepidity, skillful leadership and personal concern for the welfare of the wounded reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

AUTHAR F JOHNSON, 34 776 542, Private First Class, Company M, on 3 January 1945. During a daring enemy thrust into Wingen, France, Private First Class Johnson's machine gun section was isolated after a brief fire fight with the hostile troops, during which he sustained an arm wound. Three hours later, when a friendly tank drove the enemy back, the section again went into action until the tank had to withdraw. At this point Private First Class Johnson rushed outside his shelter, started his peep, and after his comrades had loaded, drove the vehicle through intense enemy fire to the woods south of town where they again set up for action. His courageous action, in spite of his wound, was an inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from North Wilkensboro, North Carolina.

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JOSEPH T KABALA, 13 115 418, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, near Obermunthal, France, on 9 January 1945. When a company radio operator was killed and the SCR-300 radio had been destroyed by enemy fire, Technician Kabala volunteered to take a new radio forward over a one mile route under constant enemy artillery fire. Although coming under enemy automatic weapons fire, he crawled forward for two hundred yards dragging the radio behind him, until he reached a wooded area from where he got to his feet and continued under the hostile artillery and mortar fire. Placing the radio in operation he maintained radio communications for 24 hours. The communication established through his heroism aided in the success of the company's mission. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE KAPETANOVICH, 36 596 567, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Company K, near Forbach, France, on 4 to 6 March 1945. When the platoon leader and platoon sergeant had become casualties from enemy fire, Technical Sergeant Kapetanovich, assumed command of his platoon and under intensive enemy artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire organized the platoon and led it on its mission. He again displayed outstanding leadership when he exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in leading his men to a covered position. His courage inspired his men to follow him that night and under fierce enemy small arms fire they captured twenty enemy. His heroism and leadership maintained an effective fighting unit to accomplish the missions assigned. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM H KEENER, 36 969 051, Private First Class, Anti-Tank Company, near Forbach, France, on 3 March 1945. When an enemy mine field impeded the progress of an armored attack, Private First Class Keener and an assistant crawled from their covered position to the minefield under heavy enemy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire and working in the darkness and in a prone position they succeeded in removing the mines and enabling the armor to give the attacking infantry close support in accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ELMER W KEEZER, 35 849 250, Private First Class, Company E, near Etzling, France, on 2 March 1945. When a panzer Faust dud fell near his foxhole, Private First Class Keezer, realizing the danger of his comrades, should it explode, left his covered position and under enemy small arms fire, picked up the dud and rushed with it toward the enemy. Placing the projectile on a point directed toward the enemy, he rushed back under heavy enemy small arms fire to his covered position. Entered military service from Defiance, Ohio.

RAYMOND F KING, 02 011 764, Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant) Anti-Tank Company, near Forbach France, on 27 February 1945. With the mission to lay a mine field across a road, Lieutenant King ordered all but one man to seek cover when he found the area to be under intensive enemy artillery and mortar fire. After his assistant was wounded, he continued the task alone working in

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the prone position. Always under enemy fire, the task was even more dangerous because of the susceptibility of the mines to sympathetic detonation. His courage prevented enemy tank from attaining positions from where they could place effective fire on our troops. Entered military service from Goldthwaite, Texas

JOHN A KRUM, 11 070 741, Sergeant, Company C, on 12 January 1945. During the attack on Obermunthal, France, Company C. was held up by intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire from strong positions. Realizing the need for placing mortar fire on the hostile strong points, Sergeant Krum, despite warning of danger from the company commander, crawled forward under the observed enemy fire to gain a vantage point. Although exposed for one half an hour to enemy fire he directed the fire of his mortars with such accuracy that the enemy was forced to withdraw. By his gallant action the company was enabled to resume its advance and gain its objective. Entered military service from Shaker Heights, Ohio.

LA VERNE G LA GUIRE, 36 971 069, Sergeant (then Private) Company A. near Furstenhausen, Germany, on 12 March 1945. With the mission to establish contact with an adjacent battalion, Sergeant LaGuire skillfully led his patrol for five hours over terrain patrolled by the enemy and under heavy artillery and mortar fire. Many times the patrol was temporarily halted by enemy riflemen, but by excellent leadership he enabled the patrol to reach its objective safety. Sergeant La Guire's courageous action and excellent leadership resulted in establishing contact between two battalions so that a coordinated attack could be planned. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

GERALD W LOVEALL, 35 842 188, Private First Class, Company C, near Forbach, France, on 3 March 1945. When the forward movement of his company across a railroad embankment was temporarily halted by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and bazooka fire, Private First Class Loveall led a squad of men through the enemy fire with such speed and aggressiveness that he came upon an enemy machine gun nest and bazooka position and captured them. His courage, audacity and determined action under fire enabled the company to cross the railroad embankment and attain its objective. Entered military service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

EDWARD F MC MAHON, 33 793 251, Technical Sergeant,(then Sergeant), Company F, near Rothbach, France, on 12 January 1945. After his platoon leader had been wounded by enemy mortar fragmentations, Technical Sergeant McMahon assumed command of the platoon Despite heavy enemy fire and counter-attacks, he reorganized the platoon and its attached sections, and successfully led them in darkness over heavily wooded terrain to the company where it rendered effective support for an attack. While returning under the intensive enemy fire, twelve enemy were captured. His courage and leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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JACKSON MATTHEWS, 01 300 059, Captain,(Then First Lieutenan Infantry, Company A. on 5 March 1945. After friendly artillery and mortar fire had failed to dislodge a group of enemy from positions in stone houses in Forbach, France, Captain Matthews, fearing the attack would bog, rushed 100 yards under hostile observation and fire to join his forward elements. Then, urging his men to follow he led an assault upon the enemy strongpoints under observed machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. Inspired by his action, other units of the company joined the attack and cleared the houses, killing or capturing many of the enemy. His gallant action made it possible for the entire battalion to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Oran, Missouri.

BEN L MAYER, 35 602 952, Sergeant (then Private First Clas Company A, on 20 February 1945. During the attack to gain a foothold in the important city of Forbach, France, heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire temporarily halted the advance of Company A. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sergeant Mayer assumed the leadership of his squad, after his squad leader had been wounded, and courageously led his men through a hole that had been blasted in a stone wall. This action enabled them to pin down the hostile troops and permitted his platoon to advance. When the platoon leader fell wounded, Sergean Mayer took command and led his men to brilliant victory. Entered military service from Hartville, Ohio.

PAUL I MILLS, 35 488 239, Staff Sergeant, Company E, near Forbach, France, on 21 February 1945. When a comrade had been seriously wounded by enemy rifle fire, Staff Sergeant Mills left his covered position and ran 35 yards to an enemy concertina barrier, cut his way through two rolls, and crawled 40 yards under enemy small arms fire to evacuate the casualty. Shielding the wounded with his body, he dragged him 75 yards to safety. His heroism and courage resulted in a safe evacuation of his comrade. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

DEL S PERKINS. 026 016, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, near Forbach, France, on 26 February 1945. When an enemy artillery shell hit a gasoline trailer setting it afire and illuminating the entire area during a night attack so that the enemy was able to concentrate extremely heavy artillery fire on our forces, Captain Perkins, with complete disregard for his own safety from both hostile artillery and the added danger of an adjacent, unexploded gasoline tank, took fire extinguishers from the nearest trucks and tanks and boldly fought the fire until it was out. This act of extreme bravery enabled our forces to continue their attack under cover of darkness successfully without fear of direct enemy observation. Entered the military service from Brownsville, Texas.

DOMINIC J. PELLICIO, 01 310 873, First Lieutenant, Infantry Company K, near Forbach, France, on 26 February 1945. When an enemy artillery shell hit a gasoline trailer setting it afire and illuminating the entire area during a night attack so that the enemy was able to concentrate extremely heavy artillery fire on

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RICHARD S PERRY, O 552 048, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant) Infantry, Company F, near Rothbach, France, on 12-13 January 1945. When one man of his platoon was killed and four others wounded by enemy white phosphorus mortar fire, Lieutenant Perry, in spite of suffering from severe burns on his hands and arms, assisted in evacuating of the wounded. After he had his wounds treated, he volunteered to lead a party carring necessary ammunition and rations to his company. Twice under the intensive enemy artillery concentrations, the party faltered, but through Lieutenant Perry's aggressive leadership they completed the missio His courage and leadership exemplifies the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Los Angeles, Californi

WILLIAM M PLENGE, 20 750 416 Private First Class, Company D, near Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. When an overwhelming force of enemy had penetrated our front lines, Private First Class Plenge with his section leader and squad leader, set up their 81mm mortar under direct enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire an placed such effective fire upon the attacking enemy that the sudden onslaught was halted. Despite a serious arm wound from enemy automatic weapons fire, and despite the bitter cold, he continued to operate the mortar inflicting many casualties upon the enemy until ordered to receive aid. His courage and heroism enabled our troop to establish strong defensive positions against the hostile troops Entered military service from Fairmont, Minnesota.

JOHN D QUILL, 01 326 426, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters, near Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. When his platoo and company had been disorganized by an overwhelming attack of enemy forces, Lieutenant Quill gathered a squad of men to lead them in the darkness to other friendly units. Advancing through the darkness over the wooded terrain, they discovered a wounded comrad and encountered enemy resistance. Organizing a carrying party for the wounded, he broke contact with the numerically superior enemy forces. Through the next four bitterly cold days, he led his men through the enemy infested, snow-covered terrain. Several times they engaged the enemy, thus aiding other friendly units. His leadership and courage upheld the esprit de corps of the squad and they successfully contacted their battalion. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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MANSON T SANDERS, 44 036 611, Private First Class, Company C, near Forbach, France, on 20 February 1945. When his squad had suffered heavy casualties from a heavy crossfire of enemy machine guns and had withdrawn to a covered position, Private First Class Sanders, noticing that one of his comrades was missing, voluntarily crawled forward from his covered position 150 yards over open terrain under direct enemy observation and under hostile machine gun fire to rescue him. After treating the wounded man, he slowly and deliberately crawled back to his own lines dragging his wounded comrade with him. This courage and heroism displayed by Private First Class Sanders not only saved the life of his comrades but also proved an inspiration to his squad. Entered military service from Baldwin, Georgia.

FREDERICK J SCAMMELL, 39 421 173, Private First Class, Company B, near Oetingen, France, on 17 February 1945. When an enemy mine field threatened to slow up the progress of his platoon, Private First Class Scammell, lead scout, proceeded, under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, to clear and mark a passage through the mine field. Operating rapidly and skillfully despite the hazards of enemy fire and the possibility of exploding mines, he succeeded in securing a passage and, in the pitch darkness, led his platoon safely across the mine field and materially aided it in achieving its objective. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

DAVE M SMITH, 37 620 836, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant) Company C, near Wingen, France. Staff Sergeant Smith voluntarily and singlehandedly laid 200 yards of communications wire over snow covered terrain, under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire enabling a mortar observation post to direct effective mortar fire upon the enemy positions. Then, despite the hail of hostile fire, he left cover on two occasions to repair the wire when it was severed, and thus maintained necessary communication. His courage and devotion to duty were directly responsible for effective mortar fire which destroyed the enemy positions and permitted his company to advance. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

ROBERT S SOLOMON, 38 571 999, Private First Class, Company E, near Forbach, France, on 21 February 1945. When his platoon came under intense enemy machine gun, small arms and panzerfaust fire which inflicted several casualties, Private First Class Solomon and a comrade, acting as a bazooka team, voluntarily dashed 75 yards over coverless terrain, into the chain of enemy fire, to a position from where they could place effective fire upon the enemy. They proceeded to fire their weapon, rushing back twice to replenish their ammunition supply, constantly under severe enemy fire, until they succeeded in destroying an enemy machine gun nest and a panzerfaust team. Their indomitable courage in the face of continuous and heavy fire prevented further casualties to their platoon and enabled a general advance. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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WINFRED G STEVENS, 02 006 202, Second Lieutenant, Infantry Company F, on 17 March 1945. After establishing defensive positions to hold hard won ground in the woods near Forbach, France, Lieutenant Stevens' platoon was counterattacked by a strong enemy force supported with heavy artillery and mortar fire. When his platoon was ordered to withdraw he moved forward to the point foxhole and fired an M-1 and a Browning automatic rifle until every one of his men had begun to withdraw. He was the last man to leave his position. Throughout the sixteen hours of this action Lieutenant Stevens was constantly at the front of his platoon inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. His gallant action and courageous leadership saved the lives of many of his men and contributed much to maintaining the stability of the front lines. Entered military service from Vernon, Texas.

MURRAY A STRAND, 36 471 516, Private First Class, Company C near Klarenthal, Germany, on 15 March 1945. In order that his platoon could set up effective defensive positions at night, Private First Class Strand volunteered to make a daylight reconnaissance patrol over 1500 yards under enemy observation and subject to enemy fire. While on his dangerous mission, it was necessary for him to crawl 300 yards after being temporarily halted by enemy automatic weapons fire. He fired effectively upon the enemy forcing them to cease their fire. When enemy mortar fire was directed at him, he altered his course, and reconnoitered the terrain. Completing his mission he returned to his platoon under the enemy observation and fire. His heroism enabled his platoon to quickly move up through defilade under cover of darkness under enemy fire. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM V THORNE, 35 087 114, Sergeant, Company C, on 27 February 1945, when the advance of a rifle platoon was halted by a series of booby-trapped barbed wire fences in Forbach, France, Sergeant Thorne, a light machine gun squad leader, volunteered to go forward and clear a path through the fences. Under observed enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire he, with a comrade, crawled forty yards to the exposed fences and skillfully cut the strands of barbed wire. His gallant action in the face of hostile fire and of the hazard of setting off the booby-traps made it possible for the rifleman to advance to their objective. Entered military service from Grafton, West Virginia.

CLYDE H TOLLE, 32 008 845, Private First Class, Company E near Forbach, France, on 21 February 1945. When his platoon came under intense enemy machine gun, small arms and panzerfaust fire which inflicted several casualties, Private First Class Tolle and a comrade, acting as a bazooka team, voluntarily dashed 75 yards over coverless terrain, into the chain of enemy fire, to a position from where they could place effective fire upon the enemy. They proceeded to fire their weapon, rushing back twice to replenish their ammunition supply, constantly under severe enemy fire, until they succeeded in destroying an enemy machine gun nest and panzerfaust team. Their indomitable courage in the face of continuous and heavy fire prevented further casualties to their platoon and enabled a general advance. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

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GERALD THOMAS, 35 203 304, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment 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. Technician Thomas with a comrade then crawled under heavy automatic weapons fire and dragged the wounded soldier to a covered position where he administered first aid. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

REUBIN P THORNTON, 7 082 615, Sergeant, (then Private) Company B, on 5 January 1945, near Wingen, France. When an overwhelming enemy force savagely attacked the battalion motor pool in the early morning hours, Sergeant Thornton, then a jeep driver, manned a 50 calibre machine gun and held off the enemy until the gun jammed. Then using a rifle he continued the fight moving about among the trees and bushes. Seeing an officer fall wounded he went immediately to his aid and despite the enemy fire carried the office to a trailer in the motor pool. Remaining behind he engaged the enemy with such effectiveness that the entire motor pool was evacuated before the enemy could complete an encircling movement. He then worked his way through the hostile troops back to his unit. His gallant action reflects a high standard of military service. Entered military service from Raeford, North Carolina.

ADOLPH E VOIGT JR, 02 007 133, Second Lieutenant, Infantry Company L, Marienau, France, on 4 March 1945. When his company was temporarily halted by low grazing fire from a hostile machine gun emplaced in a house forty yards away, Lieutenant Voigt, braving the heavy hail of enemy fire, led a squad in a charge across open terrain to eliminate the German gun. Despite the intense enemy fire, the charge succeeded in overwhelming the hostile machine gun and eliminating it, thereby enabling the company to continue forward. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

JOHN R WARDLAW JR, 39 913 253, Technical Sergeant, Company K, in Forbach, France, on 4 March 1945. While engaged in fierce house-to-house combat, Technical Sergeant Wardlaw saw a wounded comrade lying in the street in an area about to be covered with a heavy friendly artillery concentration. Dashing 75 yards across open ground under direct fire from an enemy machine gun less than 100 yards away he picked the wounded man up and retraced his steps over the 75 yards to cover, still under the fire of the hostile machine gun. By this heroic action and disregard for his own safety he was able to save a wounded comrade from certain death. Entered military service from Tonopah, Nevada.

VERNON D WILCHMAN, 38 511 598, Private First Class (then Private) Anti-Tank Company, near Saarbrucken, Germany. Throughout this period of contact with the enemy, Private First Class Wilchman performed his duties in an energetic dependable manner. On 3 March, when his regiment was engaged in crossing the Saar River, he exposed himself to machine gun fire from pillboxes to retrieve a radio essential to coordinating his platoon's 57mm gun fire.

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Although fired upon by the enemy, he nevertheless continued on his mission, obtained the instrument and successfully completed the hazardous return trip. He then made trips over open ground to car ammunition to the gun crews. His courage and reliability in actio notably contributed to the success of his company's operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

CHESTER J MITKOWSKI, 33 884 402, Private First Class, Company I, On 5 January 1945, when another company had abandoned a vehicle in Wingen, France, Private First Class Mitkowski moved 800 yards under enemy automatic weapons fire and succeed in driving it to a covered position. On 3 March 1945 near Forbach, France, he volunteered for the mission of carrying ammunition to an attach armored unit. Driving through an under-pass covered by enemy artillery and mortar fire and along a route under hostile small arms fire, he successfully completed his mission. His courage and heroism enabled his company to gain its mission. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

RICHARD C WITT, 37 356 733, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, near Wingen, France, on 5 January 1945. When his platoon leader and five men had been momentarily halted by enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Witt unhesitatingly started to their rescue. Crawling over 400 yards of terrain open to enemy observation and under hostile automatic weapons and machine gun fire, he was severly wounded in the hip. Despite his wounds he continued to go forward, and from his comrades' position knocked out an enemy machine gun with anti-tank grenades. Placing rifle fire upon the enemy automatic weapons he enabled his comrades to withdraw safely His heroism and determination exemplify the highest ideals of the Armed Forces. Entered Military service from Laramie, Wyoming.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal I
Award of the Silver Star Medal 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 amended, the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action, is awarded posthumously to the following individuals, 275th Infantry.

ELMER T PETERSON, 6 533 685, Technical Sergeant, Company K, on 5 January 1945 at Philippsbourg, France. His company almost completely encircled by enemy troops, and without communication, Technical Sergeant Peterson crossed through heavy hostile small arms and burp gun fire in order to use the radio of an abandoned halftrack. Though subjected to observed enemy shelling, he crawled atop the vehicle to replace the aerial. Attempting to afford better protection for the halftrack, he rejoined his platoon and led them from house to house through the town. When his comrades were fired upon by an enemy burp gun, Technical Sergeant Peterson stepped into the street to better determine the position of the weapon and was instantly killed by enemy fire. His courageous devotion to duty, at all times, reflects the highest traditions of service in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Dorothy G Peterson (Wife), 5028 Muir Ave., Ocean Beach, California.

JOHN E SWEENEY, 36 535 268, Staff Sergeant, Company A, on 17 February 1945. Coordinating his unit with other elements of the second platoon, Staff Sergeant Sweeney directed his men in attack upon Lixing, France. Completely disregarding his own safety, he led them successfully through more than half the village, capturing or killing a large number of the enemy, without loss to his own personnel. While establishing security for his position, he was killed by an enemy sniper. His intrepid actions and devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs Margaret Sweeney (Mother) 11681 Indiana, Detroit Michigan.

II --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in action is awarded the following individuals of the 275th Infantry.

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VALDEE C DRYDEN, 19 012 639, Private, Company A, on 16 February 1945. Coordinating his unit with elements of his company, Private Dryden directed his men in an attack upon Lixing, France. When his men were held up by machine gun fire from a house, he ordered his men to cover and manuevered to eliminate the emplacemen He fired a rifle grenade into the house, killing the gun crew. Whil covered by his platoon, he crossed the street and entered the house to clear it. Immediately subjected to fire, he threw a grenade into the room from which it came, killing one of the enemy and wounding the second, whom he took prisoner. His intrepid action enabled his platoon to complete its mission without a casualty. Entered milita service from Eureka, California.

CHARLES KOWALCHUK, 33 625 517, Sergeant, Company K, near Philippsbourg, France, on 2 January 1945. When his company was temporarily halted by low, grazing fire from an enemy machine gun, Sergeant Kowalchuk rose from a protected position and dashed 50 yards across open ground through a hail of hostile machine gun fire to a wooded area where he crawled another 50 yards to an advantageo position, only 10 yards from the enemy gun. Raising himself up and disregarding the stream of fire directed at him, he hurled a hand grenade into the enemy position, destroying the gun and its entire crew. His courage and devotion to duty enabled his company to complete its mission. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

MARTIN M MEDELLIN, 39 051 273, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Company K, on 2 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Joining his platoon sergeant, who had just fired upon several enemy soldiers found hiding in a wooded area, Staff Sergeant Medellin crept forward to a vantage point from which he killed two of the enemy. Searching further through the woods, he and his comrade wounded two more enemy, scattering the remainder. Reaching the edge of the woods, Staff Sergeant Medellin, observing hostile soldiers cross a clearing to cover, maneuvered to within thirty yards of their position, and while his platoon sergeant attracted their attention, he killed two and silenced a machine gun. Discovering a large force of hostile troops, he withdrew under heavy small arms fire, to inform his commanding officer of this threat. Staff Sergeant Medellin's courageous actions reflect high credit on his organization. Entered military service from San Jose, California.

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, for heroic achievement in action, is awarded to the following individuals of the 275th Infantry.

FLORENTINE J BROWN, 01 320 301, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, Company K, on 5 February 1945. During the attack on Brandenbusch, France, Captain Brown led his men through a heavy mined field to their objective, despite furious enemy resistance.

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Then, skillfully deploying his company, he directed the repelling of several artillery supported counterattacks by a numerically superior infantry force. Being the only company to gain its objective and threatened with isolation, Captain Brown courageously supervised a withdrawal, remaining behind to make certain that all hasty bridges were removed in order to hinder any enemy offensive. By his skillful leadership heavy casualties were inflicted upon the hostil troops and none sustained by his own men. Entered military service from Stacyville, Iowa.

JIM C FRANKLIN, 38 699 841, Staff Sergeant, Company K, on 22 February 1945 at Spicheren Heights, France. When the advance of his company had been halted by a hostile machine gun, Staff Sergeant Franklin acted immediately to neutralize the enemy position. Realizing the importance of eliminating the hostile resistance, he crept cautiously forward to a position within 40 yards of the gun, from which flanking fire was possible, Firing several rifle-grenades, he silenced the weapon and caused eleven of the enemy to surrender. His courageous and expedient action allowed the company to continue its advance. Entered military service from San Angelo, Texas.

EDWARD J FISCHER, 02 006 159, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) Infantry, Company K, On 5 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France when his company was surrounded by enemy tanks and SS troops, Lieutenant Fischer exposed himself to enemy artiller and small arms fire to reach an abandoned half-track to remove the fifty-caliber machine gun. Carrying the gun to a covered position he fired tracer bullets into an enemy position in a house 500 yards away, setting the house on fire, driving the enemy from it, and thereby cutting a corridor through which reinforcing troops could advance and extricate the isolated company. Entered military service from Long Beach, California.

HARRY W SEVERANCE, 01 286 718, Major (then Captain) Infantry Headquarters, from 1 to 7 January 1945, During the week of intensive engagements with the enemy in the bitter winter weather at Philippsbourg, France, Major Severance constantly checked and supervised attack and defense formations under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. On 4 January, an overwhelming enemy force, supported by a tank, attacked the small group defending the village. By his tenacity he maintained communications and directed artillery fire on the hostile force, knocking out the tank. When communications finally failed he picked up a rifle and joined the troops in the street fighting. His gallant leadership and devotion to duty did much to prevent the enemy from taking the vital crossroads at Philippsbourg. Entered military service from Lake City, South 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 for heroic achievement in action is awarded the following individuals, 275th Infantry.

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ROBERT W ATKINSON, 39 344 123, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant)Company B, On 17 February 1945, at Lixing, France, Technical Sergeant Atkinson observed that a friendly rifle company, advancing up a long, sloping hill, was imperiled by an enemy machin gun emplaced at the hill's crest. On his own initiative, he led four men to the rear of the position, worked his way to within shouting distance of the weapon, and called upon the crew to surrender. When they refused, he rushed the enemy, in the face of their fire, killed the gunner and captured four other members of the crew, without casualty to himself or to his men. His intrepid action allowed the advancing company to continue toward its objective without casualties. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

LORENZO A BASSO, 39 076 161, Private First Class, Headquarte Company, Third Battalion, at Spicheren, France, on 4 March 1945. During a heavy enemy artillery concentration falling close to a battalion ammunition dump, several 81mm white phosphorous shells were exploded and some ammunition cases set afire. Despite the heavy fire, Private First Class Basso and a comrade left their cover and worked feverishly through half an hour, carrying the burning phosphorous shells from the ammunition dump, and extinguishing the fire. His courageous action, despite the enemy artillery and the danger of the ammunition dump exploding, saved the battalion's entire ammunition supply. Entered military service from Sacramento California.

ROBERT BENTLEY, 33 070 200, Technical Sergeant, Company L, on 3 to 6 January 1945. Detached from his company, Technical Sergeant Bentley was commissioned to lead a detail of ten men, one ill with pneumonia, and 4 enemy prisoners, to the battalion aid station in Philippsbourg, France. Reaching the town, he found it under heavy enemy attack, preventing any entrance. Caught behind enemy lines, isolated from friendly troops, he kept his group intact only by cool and skillful maneuvering and leadership, obtaining food at night by stealing into a former American encampment. He was finally able, after three days and nights, to slip his men into town, discharging them to the aid station. His intrepid action and keen judgment not only preserved his group, but kept the sick soldier alive. Entered military service from Forest Hills, Pennsylvania.

JOHN E BISHER, 33 927 501, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company B, on 22 February 1945. While a rifle platoon was attackin a strongly entrenched enemy force near Alsting, France, Staff Sergeant Bisher was ordered to place two mortars in an exposed positio to fire upon the hostile troops. However, only one gun was used because of the extremely precarious position. Although exposed to enemy mortar and 88mm fire, he directed the firing of the gun by a comrade for nearly an hour. Ordering his gunner to withdraw, he fired the last ten rounds himself and then removed the guns to a defiladed position. His gallant action eliminated two enemy machin guns, and , with the combined efforts of the riflemen, forced the enemy to withdraw. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

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BERNARD R BRENNAN, O2 047 931, First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, near Philippsbourg, France on 9 January 1945. Working at night and moving across rough, hilly terrain under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and rifle grenade fire, First Lieutenant Brennan led a rescue patrol to two seriously wounded rifleman lying only 150 yards from enemy positions. He stayed with the wounded men in this exposed position for two hours despite the fact that he was clearly outlined by flares set up by both forces and subjected to continuous concentrations of hostile mortar and small arms fire. He administered aid and comfort until another litter was brought up. He then evacuated the wounded men over the only possible route, directly towards the enemy, through a mine field, and back to our rear by road. His disregard for his own safe and intrepidity under fire contributed greatly to the saving of these lives. Entered military service from Garrett, Indiana.

THERMAN E COLEMAN, 33 888 400, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class) Company E, near Barenthal, France, on 15 January 1945. Scouting ahead of a friendly patrol, Staff Sergeant Coleman and a comrade encountered an enemy wire laying detail of four men. Staff Sergeant Coleman fired into the enemy and killed all four. Continuing ahead of his patrol, he discovered approximately 400 enemy troo located in a well defined draw. Returning to his organization, he accurately indicated on a map the exact location of the hostile forces. By his sure observation and keen judgment it was possible to place effective mortar fire on the enemy and inflict numerous casualties. Entered military service from Dahill, Virginia.

BERNICE J CONSTANTIN, 38 616 862, Sergeant (then Private) Company B, near Alsting, France, on 22 February 1945. While a rifle company was attacking strongly entrenched enemy positions near Alsting, France, Sergeant Constantin volunteered to operate a mortar from an extremely precarious position to bring fire upon the enemy. Although perilously exposed to enemy mortar and 88mm fire, he continued to operate the gun for nearly an hour when he was ordered to withdraw. His gallant action eliminated two enemy machine guns and, with the combined efforts of the riflemen, forced the enemy to withdraw. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

KENNETH G EDINGTON, 35 622 914, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, near Saarbrucken Germany, on 22 February 1945. When Technician Fifth Grade Edington's battalion command post was assaulted by a numerically superior force, supported by tanks and automatic weapons, he moved his 57mm anti-tank gun to an exposed position beside the command post and singlehandedly opened fire. Under the heavy concentration of hostile fire he repeatedly ran from his weapon to the ammunition supply dump and back to constantly keep his weapon in action. His singlehanded, courageous stand remained active until friendly troops arrived and frustrated the hostile attack. Entered military service from Marion, Ohio.

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ERNEST GREENE, 32 700 162, Private First Class, Company C, in the Stiftswald Forest, France, on 21 February 1945. During an enemy counterattack spearheaded by Tiger Tanks, Private First Class Greene volunteered to accompany his platoon leader over fire-swept terrain to attempt to destroy the lead tank. Firing from a completely exposed position and subjected to direct tank fire and rifle a machine gun fire, Private First Class Greene succeeded in destroying the tread of the lead tank with rifle grenades before being severely wounded in the thigh. His intrepidity under fire inspired his platoon in repelling the enemy's assault. Entered military service from Kings, New York.

QUINTON GRUBB, 35 796 846, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company B, on 26 February 1945. During the early reconnaissance of the Siegfried Line at Saarbrucken, Germany, Staff Sergeant Grubb volunteered to lead a night patrol into this area. Though subjected to heavy crossfire from hostile machine guns, Staff Sergeant Grubb ascertained the location of strategic pill boxes and mortar positio For four consecutive nights, he volunteered to lead such patrols, each time going deeper into enemy territory, and obtained invaluabl information which greatly strengthened friendly positions. Entered military service from Manchester, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES HACK JR, 35 490 051, Sergeant, Company B, near Alsting, France, on 20 February 1945. When both his squad leader and assistant squad leader were killed in an attack on a hill near Alsting, France, during a heavy enemy concentration of mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Hack tookimmediate control of the remainder of his squad, reorganized it and retaining his BAR continued the attack upon the hill. He led the squad and delivered extremely effective fire with his weapon, inspiring his men to victory. Entered military service from Evansville, Indiana.

JOHN KOMIS, 6 895 866, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Company E, on 9 January 1945. Leading a patrol through Obermunthal, France, Staff Sergeant Komis so skillfully deployed his men, that they were able to ambush, surprise and destroy a force of 30 German When two hostile machine guns from separate houses opened fire upon the patrol, Staff Sergeant Komis engaged both of them and succeeded in silencing both weapons with bursts from his M-3. A third enemy machine gun, opened fire upon the patrol from a distance of 50 yards. Although fully exposed, Staff Sergeant Komis silenced it, after firing several bursts into the enemy position. Entered military service from Twin Rocks, Pennsylvania.

PAUL E KAMOROSKE, 32 040 505, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, near Saarbrucken, Germany, on 25 February 1945. Almost completely surrounded, his platoon cut to only 14 men, yet holding a front of three to four hundred yards, Technical Sergeant Komoroske exercised outstanding and competent leadership to keep his unit intact. Enduring heavy small arms and artillery fire, he brought food and supplies to the men, and moved about from man to man, encouraging each individual, bolstering moral against the numerous counter attacks. When his platoon leader was hit, he

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assumed command, and his courageous actions and sound judgment were directly responsible for the successful stand of the platoon. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

RALPH F LA BAR, 20 201 063, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, near Spicheren, France, on 4 March 1945. During a heavy enemy artillery concentration falling close to a battalion ammunition dump, several 81mm white phosphorous shells were exploded and some ammunition cases set afire. Despite continuing enemy artillery fire, Technical Sergeant La Bar and a comrade left their cover and worked feverishly through half an hour, carrying the burning phosphorous shells from the ammunition dump and extinguishing the fire. This courageous action, despite the enemy artillery and the danger of the ammunition dump exploding saved the battalion entire ammunition supply. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

EDWARD J MALONE, 32 991 160, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Company E, near Barenthal, France, from 1 to 6 January 1945. Through six days and nights, Technical Sergeant Malone, alone maintained a forward observation post. With virtually no sleep or rest, and though constantly under enemy small arms and artillery fire, Technical Sergeant Malone, by accurate observation and adjustment of friendly artillery and mortar fire frustrated numerous enemy attacks. His company, newly committed to battle, was holding a strategic position, and Technical Sergeant Malone's devotion to duty and courageous action contributed much to bolstering the troops' morale, and to holding an almost untenable position. Entered military service from Annadale, Staten Island, New York.

JOHN A MERCY, 39 133 025, First Sergeant, Company C, near Stiftswald, France, on 22 February 1945. To secure the left flank of the company's objective and establish contact with another unit First Sergeant Mercy led elements of his company in attack. Constantly out in front of his troops, exposed to enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, he inspired them to move forward and complete their mission. Against newly established and insecure lines, two enemy tanks counterattacked. First Sergeant Mercy, commanding the company, crept from cover to direct fire upon the tanks, inspiring his men to hold their positions and beat off the attack. His intrepid actions secured the company's positions and discouraged further enemy attacks. Entered military service from Hollister, California.

GEORGE K PATTON, 33 655 439, Staff Sergeant, Company B, near Stiftswald, France on 1 March 1945. Ordered to destroy an enemy held building and observation post several hundred yards beyond the front lines, Sergeant Patton led a demolition squad in darkness, through enemy mine fields and barbed wire entanglements. Nearing their objective, the patrol encountered heavy hostile mortar fire. Nevertheless, Staff Sergeant Patton continued forward and demolished the building, and returned without sustaining any losses. His skillful leadership and calm judgment contributed materially to the successful completion of the mission. Entered military service from Abingdon, Virginia.

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DONALD G SHERMAN, 36 803 692, Private First Class, Company E near Philippsbourg, France, on 1 January 1945. When his company was momentarily halted by fire from several hostile machine guns, Private First Class Sherman, carrying only the tube of a 60mm mortar and several rounds of ammunition, flanked the company until he reached an exposed position, where, with heroic determination, he singlehandedly put his weapon into operation and succeeded in placing several direct hits on the most important enemy machine gun emplacement. He destroyed the gun, thus permitting his company to maneuver into a position from which they could knock out the remaining opposition and achieve their objective. Entered military service from Janesville, Wisconsin.

JOSEPH P STORC, 37 139 256, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant) Company C, on 17 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Storc, as squad leader of a 12 man patrol, moved out from his company command post to reconnoiter enemy fortifications behind the Siegfried Line, near Saarbrucken, Germany. While leading his patrol into a valley below the Saarbrucken woods the group was fired upon by a hostile machine gun. Upon determining the location of the enemy emplacement, he successfully eluded the strongpoint and continued forward on his mission. After passing through the "Dragon's Teeth", Staff Sergeant Storc stepped on a schu mine causing him to lose an arm and a leg. The enemy immediately opened fire with machine gun, mortors and "burp" guns and threw hand grenades. Gallantly, refusing help, he ordered his men to return with the information obtained. This information was instrumental toward the ultimate capture of Saarbrucken, where later, he was found in a German Hospital recovering from his wounds. Entered military service from Omaha, [illegible].

DANIEL A VALENTINE, 42 141 282, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Company A, on 25 February 1945. During the final attack on Saarbrucken, Germany, casualties were severe and the services of every man were badly needed. When his back was lacerated by flying shell fragments, he refused to stop for aid, and continued to lead his squad toward its objective. When ordered back to the aid station, he remained only long enough to be treated, and, refusing to be evacuated, returned to his squad. His courageous action and devotion to duty inspired his men and contributed materially to the final capture of Saarbrucken. Entered military service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

RALPH E WHITEHEAD, 37 204 534, Technical Sergeant, Cannon Company, near Zinzingen, France on 19 February 1945. When the unit to which he was attached as cannon forward observer was temporarily halted by a heavy enemy counterattack, Technical Sergeant Whitehead continually exposed himself to direct hostile fire in order to adjust his fire. After six hours he was offered relief but refused to go to the rear, arguing that he already knew the terrain and fire adjustments, and as a direct result of his extraordinary bravery, he was able to direct extremely effective cannon fire, which frustrated the enemy and enabled our forces to successfully complete their mission. Entered military service from North Kansas City, Missouri.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 102) 18 AUGUST 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.

JOHN C NOLL, 01 030 697, Captain, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 18 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ten Sleep, Wyoming.

CHARLES W SCHUDT, 01 280 024, Major, Finance Department Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 19 January to 26 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HAROLD D SHRADER, O 355 475, Lieutenant Colonel, Judge Advocate General's Department, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 5 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Holton, Kansas.

WILLIAM D ROGERS, W2 129 148, Chief Warrant Officer, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from December 1943 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 103) ORIGINAL ORDER - 20 August 1945.

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

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 the following named individuals for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated.

HAROLD BLACK, 38 671 041, Sergeant, Company A, 270th Engineers Combat Battalion, on 14 and 15 February 1945 near Styring Wendel, France. In preparation for an infantry attack, Sergeant Black made a successful night reconnaissance 400 yards beyond the front lines to locate a suitable site for the construction of a bridge across a large enemy tank trap. The following morning under observed artillery and mortar fire, he led his two unarmed engineer squads 100 yards in advance of the attacking troops and installed the important bridge. His gallant action mad it possible for the infantrymen to advance and gain their objective. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

JAMES W DENHAM, 37 574 423, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion, on 25 February 1945. When it became necessary to lay defensive mines forward of the front lines, Technician Denham and three other enlisted men were assigned the task. The positions were such that the minefield had to be laid under hostile observation and the enemy immediately concentrated direct artillery and mortar fire upon the mine-laying section. In spite of the extremely hazardous conditions, Technician Denham successfully and courageously completed the mission, protected a section of our front lines against surprise enemy attack and materially aided our forces to secure an important objective. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CHARLES E ELDRIDGE, 37 533 694, Private First Class, 70th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop on 20 February 1945. A four man reconnaissance patrol, of which the soldier was a member, was ambushed by superior enemy forces and set up defense in a house in Marienau, France. The enemy immediately encircled the spot and poured machine gun fire upon the defenders from all sides. When one of his comrades was mortally wounded, Private First Class Eldridge volunteered to make a break, leaping through a window, throwing hand grenades as he ran, crawling under the German fire, he made his way of escapt and ran to his platoon for aid

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Private First Class Elandge's vigorous and fearless execution of his voluntary mission not only made possible the success of his patrol's assigned work and saved his comrades from possible death or capture, but was an inspiration to all the members of his platoon. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

JOHN D PEARSON, 01 114 254, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer Battalion, near Forbach, France on 25 February 1945. With the mission to clear a barricade from an underpass, Lieutenant Pearson, upon making a personal reconnaissance of the area, discovered it to be subject to enemy artillery and mortar fire as well as automatic weapons and rifle fire. Deciding to use a tank dozer, he led it to the site and continued to direct it in its work for 45 minutes while in an exposed position and under intensive enemy fire. His courageous action enabled tanks to be used in passing through the underpass and knock out enemy resistance. Entered military service from La Porte, Indiana.

KERMIT A SIEGRIST, O 375 602, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer Battalion, near Forbach France, on 19 February 1945. When intense cross fire from enemy automatic weapons and machine guns was holding up the advance of a rifle battalion, Captain Siegrist made a personal reconnaissance of the area under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Discovering that a wall was further hindering the advance, he decided that it would be necessary to tunnel 15 feet so charges could be placed to blow the wall. Feverishly his men worked for an hour and a half under hostile machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire using hand tools and explosives in the operation. The courage displayed by Captain Seigrist and his men enabled the battalion to continue its mission and accomplish its objective. Entered military service from Meadville, Missouri.

II --- 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:

HENRY A PIECZONKA, 32 211 303, Technician Fifth Grade, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy near Aumenau, Germany, on 4 August 1945. When a comrade suffered a severe cramp and sank in midstream of a river, Technician Pieczonka without hesitation, boldly dived from a height of ten feet into shallow water, and despite a strong, cold current, swam swiftly, at the risk of his own life, to the drowning man. With the aid of a companion he pulled the unconscious victim ashore. Expeditiously and effectively he administered artificial respiration and restored the man to consciousness. Technician Pieczonka's courageous plunge into the swift river and his heroic rescue of his comrade reflect great credit

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credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

LAWRENCE D BROWN, 33 411 203, Technician Fourth Grade, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy near Aumenau, Germany, on 4 August 1945. When a comrade suffered a severe cramp and sank in mid-stream of a river, Technician Brown, without hesitation, boldly dived from a height of ten feet into shallow water, and despite a strong, cold current, swam swiftly, at the risk of his own life, to the drowning man. With the aid of a companion he pulled the unconscious victim ashore. Expeditiously and effectively he administered artificial respiration and restored the man to consciousness. Technician Brown's courageous plunge into the swift river and his heroic rescue of his comrade reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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SPECIAL ORDER

20 AUGUST 1945.

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 the following individuals of the 275th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated.

KURT LEKISCH, O 555 529, Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, from 27 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Midland, Texas.

EDWARD C PFAFF, 01 329 629, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Third Battalion, from 14 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

CLARK M RICHARDSON, O 548 670, Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, from 1 January to 30 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, Californi

EZRA I SILVER, O 326 744, Major, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, from 1 January to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from University Heights, Ohio.

DONALD L SOMERS, O 357 533, Captain, Infantry, Anti-Tank, Company, from 21 January to 15 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

FORREST O TATLOCK, 35 131 588, First Sergeant, Company K, from 27 December 1944 to 10 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Norwood, Ohio.

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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 the following individuals for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated:

LEO S ABRAMSON, 01 182 048, First Lieutenant, Field Artille. Headquarters Battery, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February to 10 March 1945, in France. Entered military service fro Revere, Massachusetts.

CONRAD AHRENS, O 353 824, Major, Field Artillery, 725th Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 Februar to 7 May 1945, in Franc and Germany. Entered military service from McAlester, Oklahoma.

JOHN P BOUXSEIN, 01 165 268, Captain, Field Artillery, Battery A, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 February to 20 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES L CRANE JR, 026 059, Captain, Field Artillery, Battery B, 883d Field Artillery Battalion. from 7 February to 20 March 1945, in France. Entered United States Military Academy from Shepherdstown, Virginia.

WALTER A EDENS, 023 563, Major, Field Artillery, 70th Infantry Division Artillery, from 7 February to 12 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Petersburg, Virginia.

WILLIAM S ELLIS JR, O 377 130, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 February to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rutherford College, North Carolina.

JOSEPH S FRUSCIONE, 36 380 844, Staff Sergeant, Battery C 884th Field Artillery Battalion, from 4 March to 5 March 1945 in France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CLARENCE V HICKEY, 31 181 241, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 22 Marc 1945 in France. Entered military service _ om Riverside, Rhode, Island.

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HARRY C LIENER, [illegible], Headquarters Battery 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February to [illegible] March 1945 in France. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM W NELSON 0328 771, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 February to 20 March 1945 in France, Entered military service from Montgomery, Alabama.

ARVID E RUED, 36 682 782, Corporal, Battery C, 884th Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February to 20 February 1945 in France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinios.

JAMES W WALTERS, 023 006, Major, Field Artillery, 725th Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 February to 7 May 1945 in France and Germany.

MEREDITY S WESTFALL, 20 233 019, First Sergeant, Battery B 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newburgh, New York.

NORMAN A WOOD, 36 278 230, Staff Sergeant, Battery B, 725th Field Artillery Battalion, from 22 February to 20 March 1945 in France. Entered military service from La Cross, Wisconsin.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 107)

ORIGINAL ORDER - AW

22 AUGUST 1945

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 the following individuals in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated.

ROBERT W. BANKS, 01 051 019, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps 149th AAA Operations Detachment, for heroic achievement in action at Normandy, France, on 6 June 1944. While making an assault on Omaha Beach on the morning of D-Day, 6 June 1944, with a British unit, to which he was attached as Liaison Officer, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Banks, despite his own severe wound, took command and led his Allied troops to a covered position when its commanding officer and six of eight British officers had become casualties of an intense enemy artillery and small arms fire concentration. He then reorganized the British unit, which was completely disrupted, and led them to a successful completion of their mission. By virtue of his untiring efforts he prevented the unit from being completely wiped out by the enemy. Entered military service from Orange, Virginia.

SAMUEL J GALBO, O 508 692, Captain, Medical Corps, Headquarters, 116th AAA Gun Battalion (Mbl), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 4 August 1944 to 20 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Hornell, New York.

GEORGE W HARRIS, 01 032 351, Captain, Cavalry, Troop E, 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for meritorious service in connection with action against the enemy from 3 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Calfax, Iowa.

MATTHEW M HOLLY, 32 328 407, Corporal, Coast Artillery Corps (AA), Battery B, 639th AAA AW Battalion, for heroic achievement in action in Butgenbach, Belgium on 22 December 1944. When his unit was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack with rifles, machine guns and tanks, Corporal Holly volunteered for the extremely hazardous task of directing the fire of his 40mm anti-aircraft gun from an open and exposed position, using his weapon in an anti tank role. With complete disregard for his own safety he went to this exposed position, which was under direct hostile tank and machine gun fire, and manned a machine gun while standing on top of his truck, at the same time directing the fire of his 40mm gun successfully on the nearest tank. He remained at this post until after he had been wounded and friendly tanks had arrived to frustrate the enemy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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FRANK C HORTON, O 412 762, Captain, Cavalry, Squadron Headquarters, 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 2 August 1944 to 5 March 1945 in France, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

Grade ~~Lieut~~. BY GO 110 -- Aug 22 1945 15/Sgt JOHN W HUNKEN, 39 133 535, CAC, Medical Detachment, 142nd AAA Gun ~~Battalion~~, for meritorious service in connection with action against the enemy from 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

CELESTINO PINERO, 32 704 672, Technician Fifth Grade, CAC Battery D, 109th AAA Gun Battalion (Mobile), for heroic achievement in action near Malonne, Belgium, on 10 September 1944. While a member of a battery firing patrol, Technician Pinero distinguished himself by his alertness and accuracy with small arms fire. When he discovered a member of an enemy patrol about to throw a grenade, he quickly shot him with three rounds of his sub machine gun. This enemy patrol consisted of five men who were heavily armed, but were forced to surrender by our patrol. His quick thinking and action resulted in probable saving of lives, injuries and damage to battery installations. Entered military service from New York, New York.

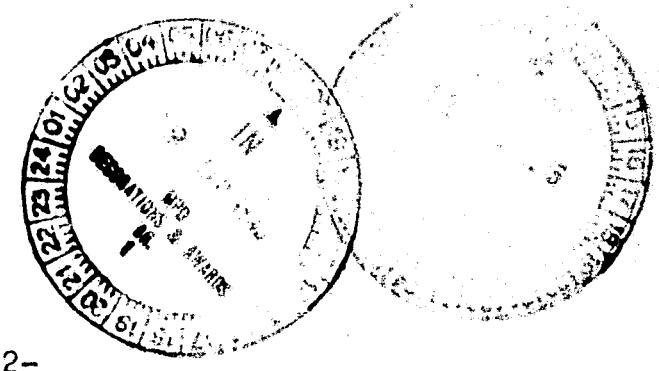
JAMES E SCHAEFER, O1 043 488, Captain, Coast Artillery Corps (Anti-Aircraft), 639th AAA Battalion for meritorious service in connection with military operations near Krinkelt and Butgenbach, Belgium on 16 December 1944 to 26 December 1944. Entered military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 108)

ORIGINAL ORDER [illegible]

22 August 1945

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 the following individual, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

WILLARD A MC DONALD, O 245 131, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 768th Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 February to 8 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Stamford, Connecticut.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 109)

ORIGINAL ORDER

25 AUGUST 1945.

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 the following individuals for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

DONALD E BOWLES, O 342 271, Lieutenant Colonel, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Groton, South Dakota.

EUGENE R INWOOD, 020 993, Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 29 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Matawan, New Jersey.

HARRY KLYNN, 01 551 657, Captain, (then First Lieutenant) Ordnance, 770th Ordnance Company, from 1 January to 1 April 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland Ohio.

DANIEL F MUNSTER, 024 467, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 23 March 1944 to 8 May 1945, in United States, France and Germany. Entered military service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

LEONARD C SORENSON, O 299 377, Lieutenant Colonel, Ordnance Department, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 1 January to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

ALLEN L TUCKER, O 350 617, Major, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 6 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
: WAR DEPARTMENT
NUMBER 110) 27 AUGUST 1945

Award of the Bronze Star Medal I
Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque 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 the following individuals, 276th Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on date indicated.

JOHN F CARY, O 356 852, Major, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, from 24 December 1944 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Reedsville, Wisconsin.

LAWRENCE T DALY, 37 621 039, Technical Sergeant, Company L, from 6 January to 25 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pine Lawn, Missouri.

JAMES B JEFFRESS, 39 004 858, Master Sergeant, Service Company, from 29 December 1944 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

THOMAS L MOSBY, O 513 282, Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, from 5 January to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New River, Tennessee.

GEORGE W RICE, 35 076 980, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, from 4 January to 15 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

II --- AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of Section I, Circular No. 345, War Department 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to Service Company, 276th Infantry, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks from 24 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany.

III -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section II, General Orders 99, this Headquarters, dated 14 August 1945, pertaining to Captain William W Hawke, 01 302 462, as reads "276th Infantry" is amended to read "275th Infantry".

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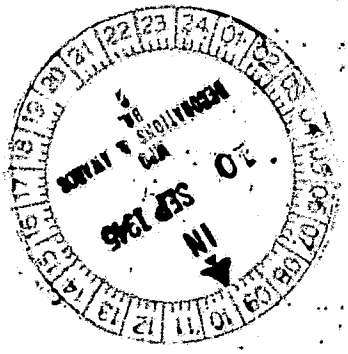
So much of General Orders 107, this Headquarters, dated 22 August 1945, as reads, "HUNKEN, 39 133 535, CAC" is amended to read "HUNKEN 39 133 535, Staff Sergeant CAC".

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ORIGINAL ORDER

27 AUGUST 1945.

Award, Posthumous, of the Bronze Star Medal I
Award of the Silver Star Medal 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 amended, the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action, is awarded posthumously to the following individuals, 276th Infantry.

JOHN H LUNSMAN, 32 454 808, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, on 15 March 1945, near Petit Rosselle, France. Despite direct observation by the enemy and heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Private First Class Lunsman, with great courage, repeatedly made trips over exposed terrain to locate and repair breaks in communication lines. On one occasion he volunteered to find and repair a severed communication line which was not assigned to him for maintenance. Refusing to take cover from the heavy enemy fire he traced the line and repaired the break. Shortly after he had reestablished the vital communications he was instantly killed by an enemy mortar burst. His gallantry under fire exemplifies the highest standards of courage and devotion to duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs Anna Lunsman (Mother), 340 Gist Place, Orange, New Jersey.

LEE H UNDERWOOD, 20 911 257, Private First Class, Company F, near Oetingen, France, on 7 February 1945. After having seized a vantage point from the enemy, Private First Class Underwood, machine gunner, borrowed a rifle from a comrade and moved into a tank trap under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. He succeeded in knocking out two of the enemy, and his comrades, inspired by his courage, joined him and succeeded in disposing of other hostile riflemen. He once more inspired his comrades when he remained at his post when an enemy counterattack under artillery, mortar and rocket fire was launched. His display of heroism and his inspiration to his comrades resulted in repulsing a strong enemy counter-attack. Private First Class Underwood was killed in a subsequent action on 8 March 1945. Next of kin: Ida L Smith (Mother), 936 N Laurel, Ontario, California.

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II --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action is awarded the following individuals of the 276th Infantry:

DON L DUBOSE, 38 655 718, Private First Class, Company A, on 4 January 1945. When his platoon's attempt to occupy previously prepared defensive positions near Wingen, France, was held up by automatic weapons fire, Private First Class Dubose volunteered to knock out the two enemy gunners. Crawling across the snow covered ground in daylight under the hostile fire he gained a vantage point from which he eliminated one gunner with a rifle grenade. Direct fire from the remaining gunner was so intense that he had to maneuver to another position from which he killed him with another rifle grenade. His gallant action in face of aimed automatic weapons fire enabled his platoon to establish its defensive positions. Entered military service from Indian Bayou, Louisiana.

RALPH C FOX, O 548 711, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company D, at Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. When an enemy force in overwhelming numbers overran a rifle company supported by a heavy machine gun section under his command, Lieutenant Fox directed the fire of his section in a gallant effort to hold back the assault. Moving back and forth between the two guns, and constantly exposed to fire, he inspired his men to withstand three fanatical attacks by the enemy. Hopelessly outnumbered, and with one of his gun crews separated from him by enemy infiltration, Lieutenant Fox led the remaining crew through the attackers who had all but surrounded him. For a mile and a half he fought a rear guard action setting up the heavy machine guns every 30 yards to hold back the advancing foe. Under his direction, his crew knocked out an enemy machine gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the assaulting troops. Covering the withdrawal of the remaining five members of his crew with his carbine, Lieutenant Fox killed or wounded four more of the enemy at point blank range. His gallant action held back a strong enemy assault long enough to permit the remainder of his battalion to organize a defense and ultimately to drive the enemy back to its previous positions. Entered military service from Logan, Iowa.

DUANE L IRELAND, 20 952 399, Staff Sergeant, Company L, in Forbach, France, on 2 March 1945. During a fierce house-to-house fight in Forbach, France, in which his squad leader was killed and his assistant squad leader wounded, Staff Sergeant Ireland immediately took command of his squad on his own initiative and courageously led them through 200 yards more of bitter fighting to their objective. At one strong point he cleared the way by killing four of the enemy and capturing two machine pistols. On reaching his objective he immediately made a personal reconnaissance before digging in for the night and on encountering three enemy troops behind our lines instantly killed them with the captured machine pistol. His intrepid action enabled his company to reach their objective which was vital to the final taking of the city. Entered military service from Wenatchee, Washington.

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WILLIAM E KNOX, 31 401 043, Private First Class, Company C, near Oetingen, France on 19 February 1945. Attacking a strongly entrenched position, the rifle squad of which Private First Class Knox was a member was held back in its advance by fire from three enemy machine-gun nests about 200 yards away. When the squad later maneuvered to better positions Private First Class Knox was left behind, no word of the tactical change having reached him in the darkness and the confusion of battle. He determined to knock out the three enemy machine guns, crawled through barbed wire and painfully edging forward along the muddy ground in bitter cold and rain, approached to within grenade-throwing distance of the center machine gun nest, only to find that his hands had become so numbed by cold he could not pull the safety-pins of the grenades Lying the remainder of the night in the mud and rain, he waited until the first light of dawn and then rose to his feet and assaulted the machine-gun position with fixed bayonet. Overcoming the crew of this position he next attacked a second machine gun nest, also capturing this weapon. Seeing that two positions were lost and the attackers were preparing to place machine gun fire on them, the crew in the third nest surrendered. By his gallantry and fighting spirit, Private First Class Knox had silenced three enemy machine guns, captured six crew members, and made it possible for his squad to resume the attack and attain its objective. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE H SHELLEY, 37 743 431, Private First Class, Company A, near Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. When his platoon was temporarily halted by intense enemy fire coming from a machine gun emplacement in a cellar, Private First Class Sheeley voluntarily, in a series of short rushes, made his way toward the enemy gun to destroy it. Every move he made was met by a stream of fire but he continued forward until he reached a position 30 feet from the hostile gun. He hurled three hand-grenades into the enemy position completely silencing the gun and enabling his platoon to continue its advance. Entered military service from Raymore, Missouri.

III -- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in action against the enemy is awarded the following individuals, 276th Infantry.

EARL E BROCK, 37 619 663, Sergeant, Anti-Tank Company, near Petit Roselle, France, on 15 March 1945. With the mission to clear enemy mine fields, Sergeant Brock led the way through the darkness and skillfully and courageously succeeded in clearing a path throug an enemy schu-mine field. When he located a hostile anti-tank mine field, he cleared it sufficiently to allow passage of vehicles. Sergeant Brock's attention to detail and courage contributed in a large measure to the successful operation of his regiment in accomplishing its mission. Entered military service from Joplin, Missouri.

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CHARLES R FREER JR, O 555 930, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, in Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. While setting up his platoon in a road block when the enemy counterattacked with a numerically superior force, well supported by automatic weapons, First Lieutenant Freer, successfully held off repeated enemy attempts to knock out the road block. During the attack scattered groups of our troops joined in the defense of the road block and Lieutenant Freer immediately organized these troops into fighting forces and engaged the enemy. His inspiring leadership and undaunted courage in this defensive action gained [illegible] time necessary for the deployment of our troops in the defense of the city, and was an important factor in complete victory over the enemy. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

FRANKLIN J O'LEARY, RA 083 388, Private First Class, Anti-Tank Company, near Forbach France, on 3 March 1945. When an enemy mine field impeded the progress of an armored attack, Private First Class O'Leary crawled from his covered position to the minefield under heavy enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire and working in the darkness and in a prone position, he succeeded in removing the mines and enabling the armor to give the attacking infantry close support in accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

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 for heroic achievement in action against the enemy is awarded to the following individuals, 276th Infantry.

GEORGE L ADKINS, 37 535 664, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, near Wingen France, on 4 January 1945. When a wounded soldier was discovered lying between the enemy and our troops, Technician Fifth Grade Adkins unhesitatingly went forward to administer aid. Crawling over rocky, snow covered terrain, he cut his way through a wire concertina and continued crawling for two hundred yards under the enemy fire. Upon reaching the wounded man, he found him to be an enemy but continued to administer aid until driven back by intensive hostile small arms fire. When automatic weapon fire halted him, he sought cover in a defiladed position and remained there in icy water for over one hour. His courage and devotion to duty to aid even his foe, exemplifies the highest tradition of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Cambridge, Kansas.

EUGENE M ALLEN, 01 180 395, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Infantry, Cannon Company, near Emmersweiler, France, on 25 February 1945. When hostile mortar fire wounded five members of an artillery crew, Lieutenant Allen left his covered position and crawled 50 yards over exposed terrain to a position from which he directed effective neutralizing fire against the hostile weapon. Crawling 100 more yards under enemy observation and small

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arms and artillery fire, he reached his wounded comrades. After carrying one man to safety and leading two others, he made two more trips under enemy fire to evacuate the casualties. His skill and courage silenced a hostile weapon and further saved his comrades from possible death. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

RALPH H BURNS, 39 706 090, Sergeant, Cannon Company, near Furstenhausen, Germany, on 12 February 1945. When enemy mortar and machine gun fire had temporarily halted our forces, Sergeant Burns left his covered position to establish a better observation post. Moving forward 200 yards in broad daylight under observation of the enemy, he reached a new position and from there effectively directed cannon fire upon the hostile machine gun and mortars. Through his skillful action heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and our troops were able to move forward and continue the attack, Entered military service from Los Angeles, California

GEORGE BUZULENCIA, 35 310 311, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, near Lichtenberg, France, on 12 January 1945. When severe enemy machine gun fire killed one comrade and wounded another, Technician Buzulencia crawled over fire swept terrain to administer aid to the wounded man. Caught in small arms cross-fire he nevertheless coolly and skillfully proceeded to render aid to the wounded man, improvised a litter and provided for safe evacuation of the casualty. His coolness and courage under fire saved the life of his wounded comrade. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

ROGER E CHARRIERE, 39 328 618, Staff Sergeant, Company F, on 6 March 1945. While his company was fighting its way through Forbach, France, Staff Sergeant Charriere volunteered to lead his understrength squad and two light tanks on a mission to contact a platoon which was threatened with isolation. Despite strong enemy resistance, they succeeded in establishing contact, capturing 15 enemy soldiers and four machine guns. Since two of his comrades lay seriously wounded in one of the buildings, Staff Sergeant Charriere obtained permission to evacuate the men. Making two hazardous trips under artillery, mortar and aimed small arms fire, he got the men to the company command post where medical aid was available. His gallant actions exemplify the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon City, Oregon.

JOSEPH J CHORBA, O 557 367, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, near Forbach, France, on 6 to 8 March 1945. When enemy automatic weapons fire impeded the progress of his platoon, Lieutenant Chorba, realizing that speed was essential, raced forward to his lead scouts, and after orienting himself with the hostile positions, charged forward storming the hostile positions. Quickly his platoon followed him and accomplished its mission with a minimum of casualties. On a subsequent action while assuming command

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of the company, he received orders to withdraw his troops which had advanced beyond enemy lines, and so thorough was his reconnaissance before withdrawal, that he efficiently accomplished this movement. His actions show the highest degree of leadership and courage. Entered military service from Follansbee, West Virginia.

WILLARD V COLLIVER, 37 537 890, Technical Sergeant, Company D, near Forbach, France, on 3 March 1945. When heavy enemy artillery fire had caused casualties in his platoon and it was in danger of becoming disorganized, Technical Sergeant Colliver acted quickly and effectively and reorganized his unit. Although enemy shells were striking the building in which his weapons were emplaced, he moved about from one weapon to another in an exposed position encouraging his men to man their weapons. Inspired by his courage and leadership, his platoon was quickly reorganized and resumed such effective fire that the unit which he was supporting was able to advance and capture its objective. Entered military service from Chillicothe, Missouri.

GENE A GADOMSKI, 36 300 879, Private First Class, Company E near Wimmenau, France, on 3 January 1945. While acting as security against a possible enemy tank attack, Private First Class Gadomski and two comrades observed ten enemy in the woods above them. In order to secure their position and to evacuate a comrade, they voluntarily moved up by fire and movement under heavy enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire to drive off the enemy and to rescue their comrade. After a short fire fight, the enemy surrendered and the wounded man was brought to safety. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ANDREW J JOHNSON, 02 042 666, First Lieutenant, Medical Detachment, from 5 January to 2[illegible] February 1945, at Wingen and Forbach, France. When a company aid man was wounded, Lieutenant Johnson, a medical administrative officer, voluntarily left cover to advance with the assaulting unit and render aid to the wounded. He evacuated two casualties to safety, 200 yards away, under severe enemy artillery and automatic weapons fire. Later, he successfully led a litter team over 600 yards of fire swept terrain to safely evacuate casualties. In another engagement, he drove to within 50 yards of the enemy, under fire, and evacuated two wounded soldiers. His intrepidity and personal concern for the wounded materially contributed to the saving of several lives. Entered military service from Creosote, Washington.

WALTER T KILE, 35 840 625, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company E near Wimmenau, France, on 3 January 1945. While acting as security against a possible enemy tank attack, Sergeant Kile and two comrades observed ten enemy in the woods above them. In order to secure their position and to evacuate a comrade who had been wounded, they voluntarily moved up by fire and movement under heavy enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire to drive off the enemy and to rescue their comrade. After a short fire fight, the enemy surrendered and the wounded man was brought to safety. Entered military service from Rushville, Indiana.

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KEITH J KOLCZAK, 39 928 765, Private First Class, Company A, near Forbach, France on 21 February 1945. When a comrade had been wounded by enemy fire, Private First Class Kolczak unhesitatingly went forward under the intense fire to evacuate him. Running 200 yards across the open terrain in daylight under small arms, automatic weapons, artillery, and mortar fire. he carried his comrade to safety. His courage and heroism saved his comrade from possible death or capture by the enemy. Entered military service from Landusky, Montana.

HAROLD G LLOYD, 39 925 733, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company A, near Forbach France on 4 March 1945. During bitter house-to-house fighting, Staff Sergeant Lloyd led his squad as a spearhead for his platoon's attack. Although the enemy was resisting with heavy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire as well as grenades, he skillfully maneuvered his squad and personally led them in the heavy fighting. During the 24 hours of savage fighting one enemy machine gun and many enemy riflemen were knocked out while four Germans were taken prisoner. Staff Sergeant Lloyd's outstanding leadership and courage made possible the accomplishment of his platoon's mission as well as that of his company. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

WILLIAM LOSCUTOFF, 39 051 037, Private First Class, Company A, near Furstenhausen, Germany, on 16 March 1945. When a reconnaissance patrol had been temporarily halted by the fire of three enemy machine guns, Private First Class Loscutoff, upon hearing the heavy firing, went forward with an assistant and his automatic rifle 150 yards under heavy enemy machine gun fire to aid the patrol. From an exposed position they delivered such effective fire that the patrol was enabled to withdraw and two of the hostile weapons were silenced. Entered military service from Sheridan, California.

JOSEPH W MARTIN, 37 365 055, Private First Class, Company near Forbach, France on 5 March 1945. When his platoon was momentarily halted by fire from a hostile machine gun located in a building, Private First Class Martin voluntarily crawled 75 yards in broad daylight down a street toward the building, with enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire enveloping him, to destroy the enemy gun. With total disregard of the intense enemy fire and his own safety, he reached a point from where he tossed two hand grenades into the enemy position, destroying the gun and a four man crew, including one officer, and enabling his platoon to continue forward. Entered military service from Evanston, Wyoming.

IGNACE F MATLA, 42 143 777, Sergeant, Company A, near Forbach, France, on 24 February 1945. When two platoons were temporarily halted by heavy enemy machine gun fire emplaced in a bunker, Sergeant Matla led members of his squad in an attack on the emplacement. Guiding his men 200 yards through enemy mortar and artillery fire under daylight observation, they came under

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fire from riflemen guarding the bunker. Dispersing his men they placed such effective fire upon the hostile riflemen that they caused them to withdraw. Then Sergeant Matla led his successful assault on the bunker and captured the position. Entered military service from Oakfield, New York.

RAY C J MARTIN, 38 666 617, Private First Class, Company near Forbach, France on 21 February 1945. When his company was temporarily halted by enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Martin moved forward with a bazooka to within 2 yards of the building in which the hostile weapons were emplaced Then, in the daylight, exposed to enemy observation and fire, he fired two bazooka rounds through a window and destroyed the machine gun and silenced the rifle fire. Through his courageous action, his company was enabled to advance and reach its objective Entered military service from Batesville, Arkansas.

RALPH C MITCHELL, 39 922 435, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company E, on 9 February and 2 March 1945 at Oetingen and Etzling, France, respectively. On 9 February, when his company was forced to move to a better position to avoid encirclement by strong enemy forces, Sergeant Mitchell remained behind and, under intense mortar and small arms fire, acted as an effective machine gun cover for the successful maneuver. On 2 March, when an enemy attack threatened to overrun his company's defensive positions, he left cover and, under devastating enemy artillery and small arms fire, moved from position to position, directing the men to take firing positions and meet the oncoming assault. His gallant actions in seizing the initiative twice frustrated serious enemy thrusts against his company. Entered military service from Kamas Utah.

MERRILL H MOORE, 33 768 635, Private First Class, Company near Furstenhausen, Germany on 16 March 1945. When a reconnaissance patrol had been temporarily halted by the fire of three enemy machine guns, Private First Class Moore, upon hearing the heavy firing, went forward as a member of an automatic rifle team 150 yards under heavy enemy machine gun fire to aid the patrol. From an exposed position, they delivered such effective fire that the patrol was enabled to withdraw and two of the hostile weapons were silenced. Entered military service from Port Matilda, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT J NATZEL, 023 459, Major, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, near Lichtenberg. Forest, France, from 10 to 13 January 1945. When the units of his battalion had been isolated from higher headquarters and communications were unreliable, Maj Natzel, realizing the danger of the positions of the units, moved under heavy enemy artillery fire to establish contact between units and although exposed to enemy small arms fire in the daylight, he succeeded in carrying out his task on the rugged snow-covered terrain. During the following days he organized evacuation facilities for the wounded by furnishing 5 vehicles and 20 men to aid the medical detachment to evacuate 66 men over 2000 yards of rugged terrain. Entered military service from Portland Oregon.

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JOE T ORR, 18 167 220, Sergeant, Company K, near Forbach, France on 5 March 1945. When a machine gun squad was temporarily halted by intensive enemy automatic fire, Sergeant Orr immediately took his squad and moved them to a position where they could place effective fire upon the enemy. He personally took the gunner's position when he discovered that in order to bring direct fire it would be necessary for the gunner to be exposed to direct enemy fire. Although the enemy fire twice struck the barrel of his weapon, he continued to place such effective fire that the hostile weapon was silenced and the adjacent friendly squad was enabled to maneuver to a new position. Entered military service from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

CHARLES W POTUCEK, JR., 37 728 024, Private First Class, Company E. When his company was attacked by enemy forces near Etzling France, on 2 March 1945, Private First Class Potucek left his covered position, and exposed to the intensive enemy shelling and hail of automatic weapons fire, proceeded to run from position to position, encouraging the men, many of whom were fresh troops, to resist an enemy onslaught. In an engagement with the enemy near Furstenhausen, Germany, on 15 March 1945, he successfully directed artillery fire from an exposed position which destroyed a building where hostile troops were emplaced and a concrete bunker used as an observation post by the enemy. His courage and heroism were an inspiration to his comrades and exemplify the highest tradition of the armed service. Entered military service from South Haven, Kansas.

MARCUS H ROBERSON, 38 368 781, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class) Company E, near Wimmenau, France, on 3 January 1945. While acting as security against a possible enemy tank attack, Staff Sergeant Roberson and two comrades observed ten enemy in a woods above them. In order to secure their position and to evacuate a comrade, they voluntarily moved up by fire and movement under heavy enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire to drive off the enemy and to rescue their comrade. After a short fire fight, the enemy surrendered and the wounded man was brought to safety. Entered military service from Dublin, Texas.

JOSEPH I RIOS, 39 286 583, Private First Class, Company G, near Styring-Wendel, France from the 5th to the 10th of March 1945. After leading his platoon 400 yards in daylight over terrain exposed to intense enemy fire to a new position, Private First Class Rios returned over the same route to aid a wounded comrade. Under the heavy enemy artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire he reached the wounded man, and dragged him over 300 yards to safety. His courageous action enabled his platoon to occupy new positions without delay and saved a comrades life. Entered military service from Oceanside, California.

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PAUL E SHORTS, 33 4[illegible] 037, Private First Class, Company D, near Forbach, France, on 25 February 1945. When temporarily halted by heavy enemy automatic weapons and machine gun fire, Private First Class Shorts observed enemy reinforcements moving to the enemy's flank. Sensing the grave danger which this maneuver might produce, he selected a spot from where he could place effective fire upon the enemy. Hanging several belts of ammunition around his neck, he dragged his heavy machine gun into an exposed position under enemy fire and delivered such effective fire upon the enemy that the maneuver was halted. His courage and alertness prevented the enemy from launching a counterattack and enabled his unit to resume its attack. Entered military service from Titusville, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES F SNYDER, 33 931 661, Private First Class, Company D, near Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. When thirty-two men of a battalion motor pool were isolated from their unit by an overwhelming enemy attack Private First Class Snyder called upon the drivers to man the seven vehicles and attempt to move out. Although under intensive enemy automatic weapons fire he coolly directed the men in turning their vehicles, and when one became stuck in the mud, he made certain it had been freed before the column moved. Then, with men firing from each vehicle, he led the convoy in the darkness through the enemy troops over rough and snow-covered terrain, in which enemy patrols were operating, to the safety of our troops. His coolness and leadership saved all the vehicles and men from possible capture by the enemy. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

IRVIN B TOUPS, 38 617 378, Private First Class, Company A, near Forbach, France, on 22 February 1945. When enemy bazooka and machine gun fire from well emplaced positions temporarily halted his company, Private First Class Toups volunteered to go for tanks to knock out the positions. Leading the tanks through an intensive enemy artillery and mortar concentration, he reached a point from which effective fire could be delivered, and despite the continued enemy fire he directed the tank fire so successfully that the hostile positions were destroyed. Through his courageous action his entire company moved forward to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Thibodaux, Louisiana.

ADOLPH E VOIGT JR, 02 007 133, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, near Marienau, France, on 4 March 1945. When a group of enemy soldiers, armed with automatic weapons, had established a strongpoint protected by barbed wire, and were delaying the advance of his company, Lieutenant Voigt led a squad against the enemy to eliminate the strongpoint. Despite a hail of hostile automatic weapons fire which killed two of his men, Lieutenant Voigt paced his men in a rush upon the enemy position and succeeded in demolishing it. His courageous and aggressive action enabled his company to continue its advance. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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BERNARD I ZALETA, 02 010 751, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant) Infantry, Company D, near Wingen France, on 7 January 1945. When the enemy had established a machine gun position in a culvert Lieutenant Zaleta crawled over open, snow-covered terrain in daylight to a point from which he could deliver effective fire upon the enemy gun. Although subjected to heavy hostile automatic weapons and small arms fire, he set up his heavy machine gun and succeeded in killing the entire German crew. Then, when the enemy threatened to infiltrate our lines, he remained at his post and directed such fire that the enemy infiltration was thwarted. Finally, he led his squad over the hazardous open terrain by fire and movement to a new position. Through his superb gallantry and skill and effective employment of his heavy machine gun, he prevented the enemy from infiltrating our lines. Entered military service from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

NORBERT S ZIELINSKI, 36 978 279, Private First Class, Company G, near Oetingen, France on 9 February 1945. When two platoons of his company had been surrounded by the enemy, Private First Class Zielinski, and two comrades volunteered to reconnoiter for a route by which they could escape. For four hours they moved over terrain either occupied by enemy troops or being subjected to heavy hostile artillery, mortar and automatic weapons. Contacting the two platoons, they successfully led them along a 1500 yard route through enemy lines. Through their courageous action, the company was enabled to continue its attack. Entered military service from Hamtamck, Michigan.

PAUL E ZOBEL, 37 126 701, Private First Class, Company H, near Rothbach, France, on 12 January 1945. When the enemy launched a fierce counterattack supported by heavy artillery and small arms fire, Private First Class Zobel displayed great courage and devotion to duty when, despite a wound in the chest and the leg, he remained at his position and delivered effective machine gun fire, repulsing the attack. His courage and heroism was a further inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Columbus, Nebraska.

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

1 --- 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 the following individuals for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

CHARLES A GALLOWAY, O 329 969, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, First Battalion, 276th Infantry, on 8 January to 22 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Nebraska City, Nebraska.

JOHN J MORGAN, O 408 801, Captain, Infantry, Company D, 274th Infantry, near Philippsbourg, France, from 4 to 21 January 1945. Entered military service from Miami, Florida.

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 the following individuals for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

HUGH E ANDREWS, 01 001 288, Captain, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 6 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Westbrook, Maine.

ROBERT E ARN, 023 470, Major, Field Artillery, 883d Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 February to 21 March 1945, in Alsace France. Entered military Service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ERNEST T BECKLEY, O 353 116, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters 882nd Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 February to 19 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

EDWARD C BRETT, O 337 935, Captain, Adjutant General's Department, from 6 February to 14 March 1945 and from 23 April to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

COMER CLAY, 01 177 333, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery Headquarters 882d Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 February to 19 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ranger, Texas.

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FREDERICK D DENNSTEDT, 01 165 297, Captain, Field Artillery 882nd Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 February to 19 March 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Harmony, Minnesota.

ARNOLD E EVENSON, 37 CiB 258, Staff Sergeant, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 26 December 1944 to 3 February 1945, in France. Entered military service from Austin, Minnesota.

BERNARD D FUNK, 01 283 751, Captain, Infantry, Cannon Company, 276th Infantry, from 1 October 1943 to 22 March 1945, in the United States, France and Germany. Entered military service from Willow Street, Pennsylvania.

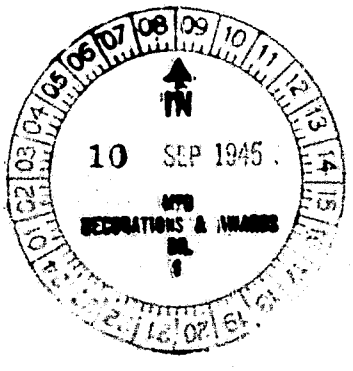
HERSHEY JULIEN, O 375 948, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters 882d Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 February to 19 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from California.

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

I ---- 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 for heroic achievement in action is awarded the following individual Company K, 274th Infantry.

ROCCO D FESCINA JR, 33 463 941, Staff Sergeant, near Styrin Wendel, France, on 3 March 1945. When his platoon leader had been killed and his platoon sergeant and other section sergeants had become casualties as a result of enemy fire. Staff Sergeant Fescin assumed command of the platoon. Going forward with the light machine gun section, he led them through an enemy mine field to give support to an attacking company. Returning to his platoon, he led his mortar section to new positions through the same mine fie During the period from 3 to 10 March 1945, he commanded his platoo and molded twenty five new men into a combat team. His outstandin leadership and aggressiveness aided in the success of each assigne mission. Entered military service from Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

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 for heroic achievement in action is awarded the following individuals Company K, 274th Infantry.

RAYMOND C BELANGER, 31 421 907, Sergeant, near Niederbronn, France, on 12 January 1945. While improving his position from whe he could observe the enemy, Sergeant Belanger detected approximate twenty-five enemy about to launch an attack against his platoon. Waiting until most of them were 100 yards distant, he opened fire with his Thompson sub-machine gun and succeeded in killing five enemy. Exposing himself boldly he directed members of his platoon to fire upon the confused enemy. His courageous and prompt action subdued enemy resistance which threatened to inflict serious casualties to our troops. Entered military service from Salem, Massachusetts.

JAMES G GOLL, 36 981 036, Private First Class, near Niederbronn, France, on 12 January 1945. When the enemy launched a fierce counter attack under a heavy artillery concentration,

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Private First Class Goll, with utter disregard of the intensive enemy fire, doggedly manned his automatic weapon forcing the hostile troops to withdraw. In this action an enemy shell fragment ation severed his arm, but he declined immediate medical attention nd encouraged his comrades to continue their fighting. His courag and heroism was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the armed forces. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

FLOYD W LONGLAND, 39 341 090, Private First Class, near Schonoken, France, on 5 March 1945. Upon hearing sounds coming fro the cellar of an adjoining house, private First Class Longland mov from his position and went down into the cellar to investigate. Up entering the cellar, he found seven heavily armed enemy whom he surprised and immediately took prisoner. His alertness and courage prevented possible serious casualties to our troops. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

JOHN B MAYERS, 33 958 325, Staff Sergeant, near Styring Wendel, France, on 3 March 1945. While under the fire of an enemy machine gun emplaced in a well fortified pill box, Staff Sergeant Mayers maneuvered his section so that effective fire could be plac upon the position and thus enable a tank to move up and knock out the German position. Later he led his section through an enemy min field and dense woods to the edge of the town. Going forward to observe enemy emplacements, he was caught in a heavy enemy mortar concentration and wounded. However, he continued to direct his se in successful action against the enemy until evacuated. His courag and heroism enabled his platoon to successfully complete its miss Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

DALLAS L WAITE, 36 535 295, Staff Sergeant, near Styring Wendel, France, on 20 February 1945. When his platoon was forced t continue the attack, Staff Sergeant Waite personally led his squa under heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. When he was ordered to stop advancing, he moved about from position to positio under enemy observation and fire to insure that the greatest possible volume of fire could be placed upon the enemy and that hi men were protected from artillery fire. Later, although having bee wounded in the chest by enemy shell fragmentation, he continued to direct his squad for three hours before being evacuated for medica treatment. His courage and leadership were an inspiration to his men and a credit to the armed services. Entered military service from Kensington, Kansas.

JOHN J E WHELAN, 38 653 059, Private First Class, near Schonoken, France on 8 March 1945. While clearing a house in the town, Private First Class Whelan was fired upon by the enemy while descending into a cellar. After a hand grenade and several shots i the cellar failed to bring out the enemy, he threw a white phospho grenade, whereupon three Germans surrendered and one was found wounded.

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His heroic action in the capture of the enemy resulted in obtaining information as to where other German soldiers were billeted and aid in final clearing of the town. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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HEADQUARTERS 70TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 461, U S ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS)
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ORIGINAL ORDER

29 August 1945.

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

I ---- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action is awarded the following individual of Company C, 276th Infantry.

WILLIAM R DAHL, O 551 990, First Lieutenant, Infantry, near Wingen, France, on 6 January 1945. When one platoon had lost its leader as a result of enemy fire, Lieutenant Dahl quickly assumed command and reorganized the confused platoon. Urging them to follow him, he led the way across snow covered, icy terrain in daylight under hostile automatic weapons and small arms fire to within 50 yards of enemy machine gun positions. Boldly he obtained a bazooka and succeeded in knocking out the two hostile weapons. Observing another enemy machine gun position, he again raced across open terrain exposed to enemy fire and silenced the weapon with hand grenades. While charging a fourth enemy machine gun position, he was wounded by hostile small arms fire but managed to crawl to safety unaided. His superb gallantry removed the machine gun fire which was hendering the advance of his entire company. Entered military service from Grafton, North Dakota.

II --- 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, Company G, 276th Infantry.

WANSON E HOFFMAN, 35 001 952, Private First Class, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy at Oberlahnstein, Germany on 29 May 1945. When one of his comrades was in danger of drowning in the Lahn River, Private First Class Huffman unhesitatingly plunged into the cold, swift stream and swam more than 100 yards to the now unconscious man. Due to the swift current and his own physical exhaustion, it was almost impossible for him to continue with his burden. Nevertheless, he reached shore, and, despite his exhausted condition, he revived the stricken man by artificial respiration. Through the quick action and physical fortitude of Private First Class Huffman, the life of a comrade was saved. Entered military service from Logan, Ohio.

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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 for heroic achievement in action against the enemy is awarded to the following individuals, 276th Infantry.

VIRGIL C COOK, 35 771 320, Staff Sergeant, Company A, near Wingen, France on 4 January 1945. While attacking enemy positions with his squad, Staff Sergeant Cook was wounded in the elbow. Despite his wound he began to maneuver his squad which had been momentarily halted by enemy machine gun fire. Leading his squad in an assault on a machine gun nest, he successfully knocked it out with hand grenades. With the fire power of his squad he successfully led his men in capturing other enemy positions. Entered military service from Eunice, West Virginia.

JACK J DELARGY, 02 006 826, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, on 19 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. The six cannons of Lieutenant Delargy's regiment, while firing in battery, were subjected to intense enemy artillery counterbattery fire. Although the friendly guns could continue firing unhampered because of their well dug-in positions, fire orders could not be received, since communication wires were damaged by the hostile fire. Lieutenant Delargy, in charge at the battery site, who was still able to hear at his listening post, but unable to communicate by phone, stepped into the open and walked from weapon to weapon in the midst of the continuous counterbattery fire, gave the adjustment orders verbally. For one hour, he remained in the open and adjusted fire with such effect that he was responsible for inflicting much death and destruction to the hostile forces. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

WILFRED C DODDS, 39 083 944, Private First Class, Company G, near Lichtenberg, France on 11 January 1945. When a comrade had been seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Dodds crawled over 200 yards of snow-covered terrain in day light under enemy machine gun and small arms fire to reach his side. Dragging his comrade over the same route under the hostile fire, he succeeded in evacuating him to safety. Entered military service from Woodland, California.

EMANUEL P GOLDBLATT, 42 186 781, Private First Class, Company G, near Oetingen, France on 9 February 1945. When two platoon of his company had been surrounded by the enemy, Private First Class Goldblatt, and two comrades volunteered to reconnoiter for a route by which they could escape. For four hours they moved over terrain either occupied by enemy troops or being subjected to heavy hostile artillery, mortar and automatic weapons. Contacting the two platoons they successfully led them along a 1500 yard route through enemy lines. Through their courageous actions, the company was enabled to continue its attack. Entered military servic from Madison, New Jersey.

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HOWARD HINMAN, 38 371 907, Private First Class (then Sergeant) Company C, near Wingen, France on 5 January 1945. When a platoon of his company was temporarily halted by fire from four enemy machine guns and numerous riflemen, Private First Class Hinman was called upon to place mortar fire on the hostile position In order to gain a good observation post, he voluntarily left his concealed position and advanced over open terrain exposed to enemy daylight observation. Crawling over the snow-covered terrain under the heavy hostile fire, he advanced to within 30 yards of the enemy position, and from his exposed position directed such accurate fire that the enemy was forced to withdraw. His gallant action permitted his platoon and company to reorganize and successfully complete its mission. Entered military service. Entered military service from Eastland, Texas.

WAYNE PALMER, 01 185 631, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, near Saarbrucken, Germany, on 18 March 1945. When a company of infantry was temporarily halted by intensive enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire, Lieutenant Palmer moved from his covered position so that he could direct cannon fire against the hostile positions. Crawling 400 yards over terrain exposed to enemy fire in daylight, he reached a point where he remained for six hours exposed to enemy observation and directed effective fire against the enemy. His courage and heroism enabled the infantry to resume its attack. Entered military service from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

LE ROY J PFEIFER, 36 983 042, Private First Class, Infantry Company G, near Oetingen France, on 9 February 1945. When two platoons of his company had been surrounded by the enemy, Private First Class Pfeifer, and two comrades volunteered to reconnoiter for a route by which they could escape. For four hours they moved over terrain either occupied by enemy troops or being subjected to heavy hostile artillery, mortar and automatic weapons. Contacting the two platoons, they successfully led them along a 1500 yard route through enemy lines. Through their courageous actions, the company was enabled to continue its attack. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

CHESTER R SCHWARTZ, 36 982 035, Sergeant, Company F, on 9 February 1945, near Oetingen, France. When his company was threatened seriously by a hostile counterattack, Sergeant Schwartz, refused to evacuate from his position, which was an out post on his company's right flank. When the enemy assaulted, they struck the right flank. Standing his ground, Sergeant Schwartz, although himself subjected to heavy panzerfaust, automatic weapons and small arms fire, maintained such effective fire with his M-1 rifle, at least 20 enemy soldiers were killed and his company was able to maneuver to better defensive positions with a minimum of casualties. Then, satisfied that his self assigned mission was successful, Sergeant Schwartz moved from his position, despite perfect

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observation by the enemy, to rejoin his company. His gallant action and assiduous devotion to duty exemplifies the finest standards of heroism in the military servide. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

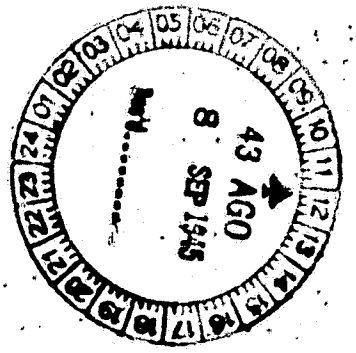
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HEADQUARTERS 70TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS)

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29 August 1945.

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 the following individuals for heroic achievement in action against the enemy,

LAWRENCE C CUMMINGS, 34 717 587, Technician Fifth Grade Battery B, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, on 16 February 1945, near Wingertknopf Hill, France. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

JAMES R MC KENZIE, 38 541 509, Corporal, Battery B, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, on 16 February 1945, near Wingertknopf Hill, France. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

FRANK E MYERS, 37 484 123, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, on 16 February 1945, near Wingertknopf Hill, France, Entered military service from Fremont Nebraska.

During a heavy fog, these comrades moved out from an infantry command post as a forward observer party. With only a pile of rocks as protection, they set up their observation post under a heavy concentration of hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire. When the fog lifted, the enemy attempted a strong counter-attack with infantry and tanks in support. Boldly, these men stayed at their post, where they directed effective artillery with the use of their radio. After pounding the enemy for over an hour they successfully frustrated the hostile forces. Their intrepidity and tenacious devotion to duty enabled an infantry company to proceed, the following day, and capture the valuable ground of Wingerknopf Hill in France.

ROBERT L BAKER, 37 573 636, Sergeant, Battery C, 882d Field Artillery Battalion, on 5 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. While moving an observation post under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to a better point of vantage, the officer in charge was wounded. Undaunted, Sergeant Baker exposed himself to the heavy shelling, administered first aid to the wounded man, and arranged for his evacuation. Then, he led the rest of the party forward to complete the mission. Remaining at his post under the continuous enemy fire, he accurately brought artillery fire upon the hostile forces, inflicting heavy casualties. His gallant action

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were of great assistance to the advancing riflemen and were an inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from Crookston, Minnesota.

DAVID R HORN, 36 441 315, Master Sergeant, 270th Engineer Combat Battalion, on 17 February 1945. When enemy action destroyed a bridge on a contemplated route of attack near Lixing France, Master Sergeant Horn was assigned the hazardous mission of reconnoitering a possible site for tanks to ford the river. Under mortar fire, which was inflicting casualties along his reconnaissance route, he courageously made his way through an area infested with enemy riflemen and successfully completed his mission. His gallant action provided the infantry with information which made it possible for the attack to begin and for the objective to be taken. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

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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 individual, for meritoricus service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated.

ALBERT S B[illegible]ON, [illegible] 166 740, Lieutenant Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps, Provisional Displaced Persons Detachment 44, from 13 April to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from California.

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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 for heroic achievement in action against the enemy is awarded the following individual:

JOSEPH KOHN, 02 015 954, Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant) Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, on 4 March 1945, near Styring Wendel, France. When the Third Battalion, 274th Infantry attacked against the strong hostile positions in Styring Wendel, a French Company was attached for support. During the attack, the heaviest artillery concentration laid down by the enemy, since the regiment was committed to action, caused an enlisted man of the French unit to suffer a shattered leg. Lieutenant Kohn, hearing the cries of the wounded soldier, left his covered position, crossed an open field known to be heavily mined, to the side of the dying soldier. Picking him up, Lieutenant Kohn carried him 200 yards back to the safety of a pill box, where the casualty was safely evacuated. Lieutenant Kohn's intrepid action, alert initiative and tenacious concern for the welfare of the wounded exemplifies the finest traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

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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 individual, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated.

GORDON A. MIKKELSON, 01032373, First Lieutenant, Aide-de-Camp (Cavalry), Headquarters 70th Infantry Division, from 10 December 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from St Paul Minnesota.

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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 the following individual, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on dates indicated.

WALTER W. GREENHALGH, O 297 810, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 274th Infantry, from 10 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 and from 1 February 1945 to 20 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

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20 March 1945

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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 for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

JAMES T. VINCENT, 38676244, Pfc, Inf, Company "G", 5th Infantry, 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Conroe, Texas.

PAUL S. ARBO, 31461513, Pfc, Inf, Company "H", 66th Infantry, 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Waterville, Maine.

ALEXANDER WHITE, 32964450, Cpl, Inf, Company "H", 66th Infantry, 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

VIRGIL V. FOOTE, 37457914, Pfc, Inf, Company "H", 66th Infantry, 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Torrington, Wyoming.

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21 March 1945

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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 individual:

HILBURN L. ROGERS, 19136827, Sergeant, Company "A", 5th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on the night of 12 and 13 March 1945. At 2130 hours, 12 March 1945, Sergeant Rogers was ordered to install a communication line from the Command Post of Company "A", 5th Infantry, to Mortar Observation Post Number 3, of Company "A". In accomplishing his mission Sergeant Rogers was forced to crawl a distance of 450 yards over open terrain, exposed to hostile observation and enemy mortar and small arms fire to establish the only communications which Company "A" had with its Observation Posts. On two other occasions Sergeant Rogers subjected himself to enemy mortar and small arms fire in returning to repair the line. Sergeant Rogers' actions enabled his Company to deliver effective mortar fire on enemy positions throughout the night of 12 and 13 March 1945. Entered military service from Strathmore, California.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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31 March 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 named individuals:

1ST LIEUTENANT CHARLES R. ARP, 0374434, (Medical Corps), Medical Detachment, *** Infantry, 71st Infantry Division. For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy near Lemberg, France on 17 March 1945. LIEUTENANT ARP and an enlisted aid man were passing along the front lines when an officer was critically injured by two Schuring explosions. With utter disregard for his own safety, LIEUTENANT ARP entered the heavily mined area, assisted in removing the mortally injured officer, and rendered first aid. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

1ST LIEUTENANT CHARLES R. [illegible] SHEPHERD, 01011405, Headquarters 1st Battalion, *** Infantry, 71st Infantry Division. For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Erlenbrunn, Germany on 22 March 1945. The 1st Battalion, *** Infantry, was passing through the Siegfried Line when two occupied enemy pillboxes were sighted approximately 2000 yards to the front. LIEUTENANT SHEPHERD voluntarily organized a patrol of five men and with utter disregard for his own personal safety advanced to neutralize these pillboxes. The courage, aggressiveness, sound judgment, and leadership displayed by LIEUTENANT SHEPHERD resulted in the capture of both pillboxes, with two German Officers and eleven enlisted personnel, without a single casualty to his patrol. The resultant action enabled the battalion to progress safely forward and accomplish its mission successfully. Entered military service from Deland, Florida.

TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE ROBERT T. [illegible]OGH, 39246890, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy near Lemberg, France on 17 March 1945. TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE ROGH and a Medical Officer were passing along the front lines when an Officer was critically wounded by two Schuring explosions. With utter disregard for his own safety, TECHNICIAN [illegible] GRADE ROGH entered the heavily mined area, assisted in removing the mortally injured officer and rendering first aid. Entered military service from Hermosa Beach, California.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS [illegible] T. JOHNSON, 39322624, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 March 1945 near Enchenberg, France, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHNSON administered first aid to a wounded soldier under intense fire from enemy aircraft strafing the position. Without regard for his own personal safety PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHNSON left his foxhole, administered first aid, and when the aircraft continued to strafe, he covered the wounded man's body with his own so as to prevent further injury. His courage and coolness under fire, and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Saint Helen's, Oregon.

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SERGEANT ELMER F. SAMUELSON, 37295877, Company "B", *** Infantry. Entered military service from Milaca, Minnesota.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHNNY L. SIMMONS, 34087149, Company "B", *** Infantry. Entered military service from Cedartown, Georgia.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DOMINGO M. ZAVALA, 39585958, Company "B", *** Infantry. Entered military service from Oxnard, California.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD J. KUEHNER, 33933042, Company "A", *** Infantry. Entered military service from Oil City, Pennsylvania.

PRIVATE CLIFFORD G. MC COY, 6937108, Company "B", *** Infantry. Entered military service from Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Erlenbrunn, Germany, on 22 March 1945. The 1st Battalion, *** Infantry, was passing through the Siegfried Line when two occupied enemy pillboxes were sighted. ********** volunteered to accompany a patrol, consisting of one officer and four other enlisted men, which was to advance approximately 2000 yards through the Siegfried Line to neutralize the fortifications. Using sound judgment, and with great courage and disregard for their own personal safety the patrol accomplished the mission successfully, capturing both pillboxes, two German Officers and eleven enlisted personnel, with no casualties sustained. The resultant action enabled the battalion to progress safely forward.

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4 April 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of the Silver Star, Posthumous. I
Award of the Purple Heart II

I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS. 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:

RICHARD G. THORNTON, 01310175, 1st Lieutenant, Company "L", ******* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. At approximately 1130, without regard for his own safety and entirely on his own initiative, Lieutenant Thornton proceeded through an extremely heavy mine field in woods covered by enemy fire to recover the body of an American officer reported missing in action. Lieutenant Thornton succeeded in recovering the body of the missing officer, but while attempting to mark off the enemy mine field for protection of his own men was fatally injured. Lieutenant Thornton's leadership, courage and devotion to duty, exemplify the high traditions of our Armed forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary W. Thornton (wife) 1166 W. Water Street, Elmira, New York.

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 individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JAMES J. MC DONALD, 11069704, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, ******* Infantry, 16 March 1945, in vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Entered military service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

CARMEN CAMPEGGIO, 13007640, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", **** - **** Infantry, 20 March 1945, in vicinity of Halperscheidt, France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LESLIE E. KLOBE, 37384322, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, ******* Infantry, 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Goetzenbruck, France. Entered military service from Belgique, Missouri.

WILLIAM F. BOLAND, 12007394, Private, Infantry, Company "L", ******* Infantry, 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lingenfeld, Germany. Entered military service from New York City.

HAROLD B. SMITH, 33802952, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "M", *** ******* Infantry, 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lingenfeld, Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

GORDON L. HAWKINS, 39910203, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, ******* Infantry, 25 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Entered military service from Winnemucca, Nevada.

LEON E. WASKIEWICZ, 31214637, Corporal, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, *** ******* Infantry, 22 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

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APO 360, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 8

ORIGINAL ORDER - 421

6 April 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 named individuals:

HOWARD C. STEWART, 0551672, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. At approximately 0110 hours, 26 March 1945, Lieutenant Stewart led his platoon across the Rhine River in four assault boats under enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. His mission was to establish his platoon on the east bank of the river, expend all ammunition against the enemy, and withdraw back across the river. In accomplishing the mission successfully, Lieutenant Stewart was wounded twice, but despite his wounds led his platoon back across the river by personally getting out of his assault boat and swimming with it back to the friendly shore. Entered military service from Fairmont, West Virginia.

JEREMIAH J. RYALL, 20252182, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action on the night of 25 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Fully aware of the danger involved Sergeant Ryall led his patrol to points of observation across the Rhine River, securing valuable information under extremely hazardous conditions. Under Sergeant Ryall's leadership, the patrol safely returned to its organization having completed the mission successfully. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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 named individuals:

ARNOLD J. PREUSSER, 17051619, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **** Infantry. Entered military service from St. Cloud, Minnesota.

JAMES E. HANNA, 35075795, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Marietta, Ohio.

MILTON GARELIK, 42132283, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **** Infantry. Entered military service from New York, New York.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany, on the night of 25 March 1945. At 2200 hours, 25 March 1945, ********** was a member of a patrol which crossed the Rhine River in an assault boat to reconnoiter enemy positions. Fully aware of the danger involved and under hazardous conditions, the patrol moved across the river to points of observation and returned having secured valuable information.

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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 named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

MARSHALL T. GRAY, 35109612, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, **** Infantry, 29 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Entered military service from Shelbyville, Kentucky.

JOHN T. PRATT, 34863090, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", ****** Infantry, 28 March 1945, in the vicinity of Otterstadt, Germany. Entered military service from Leaksville, North Carolina.

RUSSELL H. THOMPSON, 33046134, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "A", **** Infantry, 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lemberg, France. Entered military service from Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

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APO 360, U. S. ARMY

7 April 1945

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Award of the Silver Star. I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Posthumous. II
Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action III
Award of the Bronze Star Medal. IV
Award of the Purple Heart V

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 named individual:

JAMES F. BARKER, 35730511, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 26 March 1945, at Speyer, Germany. At approximately 0110, 26 March 1945, Private First Class Barker participated in an amphibious landing on the east bank of the Rhine River under enemy fire, which caused several casualties. Private First Class Barker was pilot of one of the boats in which the assault was made and, although wounded, his exemplary conduct and activity contributed greatly to the saving of many lives in the boat. Entered military service from Russellville, Kentucky.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: 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 named individuals:

CARL E. BUCKMASTER, 35558843, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah E. Buckmaster (Mother) Route #6, Lima, Ohio.

RICHARD S. BROWARD, 39586498, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Next of kin: Mrs Alta E. Broward (Mother) 8421 Grape Street, Los Angeles, California.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany, on 26 March 1945. At approximately 0110, 26 March 1945, ******* participated with an assault platoon which crossed the Rhine River under intense enemy fire and engaged the enemy. ******* actions contributed toward the successful completion of the mission.

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 individual:

ACEY E. HARRISON, 38524843, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany, on 26 March 1945. At approximately 0110, 26 March 1945, Private First Class Harrison participated with an assault platoon which crossed the Rhine River under intense enemy fire and engaged the enemy. Private First Class Harrison's actions contributed toward the successful completion of the mission. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty Jane Harrison (Wife) 1814 - 58th Street, Superior, 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 named individuals:

BRUCE HINCEY, 6385728, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Pelion, South Carolina.

HARRY L. HEISEY, 35032243, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

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LEWELL G. HOLLAND, 34087156, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Acworth, Georgia.

KENNETH L. NELSON, 36202478, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Green Bay, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM F. SMITH, 12028881, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Verona, New Jersey.

ANTHONY E. BOUZAKIS, 32174414, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from New York, New York.

DAVID C. HODSON, 35616106, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Bellbrook, Ohio.

CARL D. FANCETT, 36173689, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Ionia, Michigan.

EDWIN T. FULKERSON, 38528069, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

JOSEPH CARTELLONE, 35065419, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

WILLIAM R. STRUBLE, JR., 39701008, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Bakersfield, California.

JOSEPH CAPRIO, 42119753, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

LONZO HOWELL, 35658748, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

ALBERT L. KANE, 37239041, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Warrensburg, Missouri.

LUTHER J. LADNIER, 34614818, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Pascagoula, Mississippi.

FRANK B. MAYER, 39570525, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

MACK C. PATTON, 38664455, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

OTTO L. SMITH, 38561997, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Mission, Texas.

EARL E. SWENSON, 37560866, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Pine City, Minnesota.

JOSEPH TOMAGO, 35753649, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", **** Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered military service from Morgantown, West Virginia.

HENRY R. BOWSER, 33940132, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Boswell, Pennsylvania.

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LEVI W. BRAYSON, 31462370, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from South Pomfret, Vermont.

KENNETH G. W. BURHUS, 39586500, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Ontario, California.

BRUCE E. CHEEK, 37637816, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

CECIL G. CRAGHEAD, 37641005, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Fulton, Missouri.

BRYCE L. CRAWFORD, 34863499, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Waynesville, North Carolina.

THOMAS F. DAVIS, 37614424, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Mineral Point, Missouri.

JOE W. FERGUSON, JR., 38627615, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Alma, Texas.

MIKE M. FOLVARCIK, 33570641, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Dudley, Pennsylvania.

DORMAN R. HOUK, 34863677, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Iron Station, North Carolina.

CLARENCE E. HYSELL, 35202787, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

LA VERN W. JENNINGS, 37743760, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from King City, Missouri.

MILLIAM C. LUECK, 37278663, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Aitkin, Minnesota.

JAMES L. MARSH, 34735900, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Church Hill, Tennessee.

REYES MARTINEZ, 38579098, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

MILLIAM E. MIKELL, 34766715, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Statesboro, Georgia.

HARVEY W. MITTENDORF, 37640910, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Owensville, Missouri.

GARFIELD E. MORAN, 34863302, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Asheboro, North Carolina.

ALEXANDER RABCOW, 12008394, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Clifton, New Jersey.

JOSEPH RAUSCHER, 33001263, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

LESTER B. VAUGHN, 37637829, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Steele, Missouri.

CHARLIE E. WALKER, 34986587, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Decherd, Tennessee.

NICHOLAS DE VENERO, 42127699, Private First Class, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Rosebank, Staten Island, New York.

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ANTHONY THOMAS, 16000927, Private, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany, on 26 March 1945. At approximately 0110, 26 March 1945, ******** was a member of an assault platoon which crossed the Rhine River under intense enemy fire, engaged the enemy, and returned to its organization after successfully completing its mission.

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 individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JOSEPH A. EDMUNDS, 0550761, 2D Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry, 24 March 1945, in vicinity of Longenfeld, Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Georgia.

JAMES D. HYATT, 35902103, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I", **** Infantry, 24 March 1945, in vicinity of Longenfeld, Germany. Entered military service from Marion, Indiana.

HENRY A. MANCINI, 36483534, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", **** Engineer Combat Battalion, 24 March 1945, in vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Entered military service from Peru, Illinois.

HARRY J. BULSON, 36983938, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", **** Engineer Combat Battalion, 24 March 1945, in vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Entered military service from Galesburg, Illinois.

BUTUS C. BAIRD, 35844022, Private, Field Artillery, Battery "B", **** Field Artillery Battalion, 20 March 1945, in vicinity of Waldhausen, France. Entered military service from Dawson Springs, Kentucky.

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APO 360, U. S. ARMY

8 April 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 10

ORIGINAL ORDER -

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 named individuals:

RAY B. MAY, 01326263, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "F", ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action on 23 March 1945, in the vicinity of Altdorf, Germany. Lieutenant May was leading his platoon in advance march formation preparatory to delivering a flank attack on the enemy. At this time his entire unit came under enemy machine gun and small arms fire. In the face of great personal danger Lieutenant May maneuvered his platoon so as to rout the enemy, thereby permitting the remainder of the company to deploy and attack. Entered military service from Montgomery, Alabama.

JAMES B. FOX, 34530994, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Westheim, Germany. At 1700 hours, 24 March 1945, Sergeant Fox, without regard for his own safety, crawled over open terrain and under enemy fire to rescue two wounded men regardless of his witnessing an aid man who was mortally wounded in such an attempt. While removing one wounded man to safety, Sergeant Fox encountered a friendly mortar section that had been separated from its unit. On his own initiative, Sergeant Fox set it up and directed accurate fire on enemy emplacements. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

WILLIAM F. RANDALL, 20846297, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on the night of 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lingenfeld, Germany. At 1030 hours, 24 March 1945, Sergeant Randall, without regard for his personal safety, advanced under enemy machine gun and small arms fire to take and hold, with the aid of two other men, a row of houses and a mill until reinforced by others. Sergeant Randall's bravery and devotion to duty enabled his company to advance and hold an enemy strong point which previously had been delaying such action. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

ROY W. KARR, 38607957, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "M", ***** Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 24 March 1945, near Lingenfeld, Germany. Private Karr, without regard for his own safety, and being seriously wounded, remained at his post, making it possible for the remainder of his squad to take cover from heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Private Karr's act of keeping his gun in action enabled his gun crew to secure ample protection, and his exhibition of gallantry has contributed materially to the combat efficiency of his unit. Entered military service from Crosbyton, Texas.

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 named individuals:

PRESTON O. PINKSTON, 20742051, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", ***** Infantry. Entered military service from Forrest City, Arkansas.

HOWARD F. PEAK, 20226280, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", ***** Infantry. Entered military service from Clementon, New Jersey.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on the night of 24 March 1945 in the vicinity of Lingenfeld, Germany. At 1030 hours, 24 March 1945, Private First Class Pinkston and Private First Class Peak, without regard for their personal safety, advanced under enemy machine gun and small arms fire to take and hold, with the aid of one other man, a row of houses and a mill until reinforced by others. Their bravery and devotion to duty enabled their company to advance and hold an enemy strong point which previously had been delaying such action.

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HEINZ RICKENBACHER, [illegible], Private, Infantry, Company "B", *** Infantry. Entered military service [illegible] Pleasanton, California.

ROBERT J. MC INERNEY, 20230583, Private, Infantry, Company "B", *** Infantry. Entered military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

KENNIT R. ALLEN, 35[illegible]9131, Private, Infantry, Company "B", *** Infantry. Entered military service from Howard, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action on the night of 21 March 1945, in the vicinity of Trucken, Germany. At approximately 2130 hours, 21 March 1945, Privates Rickenbacher, McInerney, and Allen volunteered to accompany a four man patrol to locate and eliminate an enemy mortar position. In face of intense enemy fire, the patrol moved into enemy territory and destroyed the hostile mortar thereby furthering the mission of the regiment.

KENNETH E. BAIGE, 16105463, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry. Entered military service from Dearborn, Michigan.

LLOYD F. CAPEN, 31[illegible]613, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry. Entered military service from Deer Isle, Maine.

HAROLD D. TOUBMAN, 13186699, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

HENRY R. MC CRAY, 38694910, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on the night of 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Otterstadt, Germany. At 2300 hours, 26 March 1945, the above named EM were members of a reconnaissance patrol whose mission was to cross the Rhine River and reconnoiter enemy positions. Fully aware of the danger involved and under hazardous conditions, the patrol accomplished their mission successfully, securing valuable military information and assisting materially in outlining enemy order of battle on the Rhine defenses.

JAMES A. HARE, 33193363, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

THOMAS W. DAVIS, 37502440, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry. Entered military service from Oak Grove, Missouri.

HERSHEL W. MC CARTY, 15012202, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry. Entered military service from Doran, Virginia.

WALTER GALLANT, 33940610, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on the night of 27 March 1945, in the vicinity of Otterstadt, Germany. At 2200 hours, 27 March 1945, ***, a member of a Reconnaissance Patrol, crossed the Rhine River in German rubber boats to reconnoiter enemy positions. Upon encountering the enemy, the patrol forced enemy fire upon themselves, thereby exposing German positions. Upon returning, the patrol drew enemy fire again. The patrol obtained valuable information under hazardous conditions, which enabled the Observation Posts to determine the exact position of enemy combat groups.

THOMAS J. HEWETT, 6153706, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

OLIS O. SHULTZ, 39279584, Corporal, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Blythe, California.

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LESTER E. PATTERSON, 37618296, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, ***** Field Artillery Battalion. Entered military service from Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the night of 25 and 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. After darkness on the night of 25 and 26 March 1945, ***** without thought for his own safety, assisted in laying two (2) telephone lines to Forward Observers and maintained this wire throughout the night in spite of five (5) different times when he was under mortar and artillery shelling. As a result of this meritorious service, the Artillery was able to render continous support to Infantry Patrols crossing the Rhine River during darkness.

EDWARD J. MARCIN, 32010490, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", ***** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945 near Darmstadt, Germany. While Technical Sergeant Marcin was with his platoon in advance march formation preparatory to delivering a flank attack on the enemy his entire unit came under enemy machine gun and small arms fire. In the face of great personal danger Sergeant Marcin directed the fire of the rear squads and at the same time maintained close contact with the rest of the company. Sergeant Marcin's action enabled the company commander to obtain increased maneuverability of his unit. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

BOYD EUBANKS, 38321493, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, ***** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on the night of 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Heisenwhal, France. At 2100 hours, 17 March 1945, Sergeant Eubanks, without regard for his own safety, removed a wounded soldier from an enemy mine field under enemy machine gun fire, thus permitting first aid treatment to be administered. Entered military service from Stillwell, Oklahoma.

MAURICE PIERRE, 39040885, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, ***** Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lingenfeld, Germany. While Technician Fifth Grade Pierre's medical detachment was engaged in collecting the wounded from the battlefield, Technician Fifth Grade Pierre advanced under enemy fire with a litter to evacuate the casualties. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

CASIMIR TYMCZUK, 36729506, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, ***** Infantry. For heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lingenfeld, Germany. While Technician Fifth Grade Tymczuk's medical detachment was engaged in collecting the wounded from the battlefield, Technician Fifth Grade Tymczuk advanced under enemy fire with a litter to evacuate the casualties. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DAVID E. WILLIAMS, 37113932, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "A", Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 14 March 1945, near the vicinity of Hamburg, France. While on combat patrol with his platoon, Private Williams silenced an enemy machine gun, which was delivering frontal fire on his platoon. His actions enabled his platoon to secure their objective without suffering any losses. Entered military service from Chariton, Iowa.

GEORGE F. CRUZ, 39263617, Private First Class, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, ***** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lingenfeld, Germany. In order to evacuate casualties, Private Cruz drove his vehicle repeatedly into areas under heavy enemy fire. His actions enabled speedy evacuation of battlefield casualties to the rear area. Entered military service from Watts, California.

SVENRE A. HAGERUD, 37595221, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", *** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, near vicinity of Darmstadt, Germany. Private Hagerud aggressively advanced in the face of enemy fire, demonstrating extraordinary initiative in disclosing the enemy's positions. He further continued to advance and scout out the enemy with utter disregard for his personal safety, thereby materially aiding his unit to advance. Entered military service from Glenville, Minnesota.

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THOMAS H. STEWART, 38651950, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "A", *** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on the right of 14 March 1945, near Lenberg, France. While on combat patrol, Private Stewart did, without regard for his own safety, silence an enemy machine gun nest. Such action was taken through his own initiative, although it meant drawing fire upon himself. This enabled his platoon to secure their objective without suffering any losses. Entered military service from Jonesville, Louisiana.

DENNIS L. PUTMAN, 34977536, Private, Infantry, Company "F", ***** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in the vicinity of Darmstadt, Germany. At 1500 hours, 23 March 1945 Private Putman, under enemy fire, successfully indicated enemy positions and maintained continuous reconnaissance to uncover additional enemy positions. His actions enabled his platoon to deliver an effective flank attack. Entered military service from Elkmont, Alabama.

JOSEPH B. CARON, 31298930, Private, Infantry, Company "F", ***** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in the vicinity of Darmstadt, Germany. Private Caron aggressively advanced under enemy fire to reconnoiter and reveal enemy positions to his squad. Private Caron's action directly contributed to his squad's success. Entered military service from Brunswick, Maine.

STANLEY N. KING, 12078429, Private, Infantry, Company "F", ***** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, near Darmstadt, Germany. At 1500 hours, 23 March 1945, in the face of enemy fire, Private King advanced rapidly and aggressively to uncover enemy positions, enabling his squad to reduce enemy opposition. Entered military service from West Englewood, New Jersey.

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

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 named individual.

JAMES C. [illegible]LE, 37002956, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Washington, Kansas.

JOHN E. JOHNSON, 36701160, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WALKER L. COX, 13018572, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Gate City, Virginia.

FLOYD L. KETTEMAN, 35874997, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

HENRY A. BELLENO, 33940450, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

EUGENE C. EVANS, 35590457, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Canton, Ohio.

FRED C. FRANKLIN, JR., 33846531, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Virginia.

MARTIN S. PEREZ, 39864042, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

ALBIE W. SENICA, 36968373, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

MAURICE D. SMITH, 37233177, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Sedalia, Missouri.

JASON L. TWITCHELLE, 34614488, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Lattala, Mississippi.

MARIO COSTA, 32861004, Private, [illegible]ry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Brooklyn, Ne[illegible].

FRANK H. GUENTERT, 35549130, [illegible]e, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from South[illegible], Indiana.

JACK F. MILLER, 34863820, Private, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Asheville, North Carolina.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany, on 25 and 26 March 1945. Between 2000 hours, 25 March 1945 and 0800 hours, 26 March 1945, the above enlisted men repaired and maintained wire communication during the crossing of the Rhine while being observed and fired upon by enemy occupying east bank of the Rhine. They were subjected to heavy concentrations of artillery fire and frequent intermittent mortar, artillery and machine gun fire. Their performance was exemplary.

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WARREN H. LASKEY, 11037606, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Melrose, Massachusetts.

EARL F. TRAMELL, 19049079, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on the night of 25 and 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. At 0105 hours, 26 March 1945, the above named enlisted men exposed themselves to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to recover a disabled vehicle. They climbed to the top of a levee where there was no cover or concealment, attached a tow-line to the vehicle, and pulled it off the levee and back to the rear. The recovery of the vehicle was a definite contribution to the unit at that time.

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 individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action.

WILLIAM S. FLASH, 01182362, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "B", **** Field Artillery Battalion, 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Leiderschiedt, France. Entered military service from Mamaroneck, New York.

EDWARD W. SAMUELL, JR., 026668, 1st Lieutenant, Cavalry, **** Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized, 10 April 1945, in Central Germany. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

LE ROY STEICHEN, 01061555, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry, 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Waldensberg, Germany. Entered military service from St. Cloud, Minnesota.

MARLIN G. H. CRECY, 15232347, Sergeant, Armored, Company "C", **** Tank Battalion, APO 403, U. S. Army, 3 April 1945, in Germany.

CRAWFORD PEGRAM, 36165876, Sergeant, Armored, Company "D", **** Tank Battalion, APO 403, U. S. Army, 21 March 1945, in the vicinity of Climbach, Germany.

GEORGE C. DICK, 35253649, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", **** Infantry, 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Meinengen, Germany. Entered military service from Elkhart, Indiana.

GEORGE PRATE, JR., 42089357, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", **** Engineer Combat Battalion, APO 570, U. S. Army, 25 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York City.

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Award of the Purple Heart. I
Award of the Combat Infantryman Badge. II

I -- 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 individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

MARTIN H. BORNSTEIN, 01184460, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry, 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rodenbach, Germany. Entered military service from Brookline, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH CASSIDY, 6146831, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", *** Infantry, 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of Waldensberg, Germany. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

OTHEL L. APPLEBY, 39586827, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "D", **** Infantry, 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bayreuth, Germany. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

WILLIAM C. SOHR, 20382915, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", **** Infantry, 16 April 1945, in the vicinity of Wilfesruth, Germany. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

II - AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE: Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 400, dated 27 October 1944, as amended by Section III, War Department Circular Number 450, dated 28 November 1944, the following named officers, organizations indicated, having given satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy, are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge:

5th Infantry

SIDNEY C. WOOTEN, 026126, Colonel, Infantry

14th Infantry

CARL E. LUDQUIST, 016889, Colonel, Infantry

66th Infantry

AUGUSTUS J. REGHER, 015720, Colonel, Infantry

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warded to the following named individuals:

ASA W. TINDOL, 38154154, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry for gallantry in action on 27 and 28 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germar While returning from patrol across the Rhine River, Sergeant Tindol and his squad received intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Taking complete charge of the exposed boat after the personnel in charge had abandoned it, Sergeant Tindol directed the boat safely back across the Rhine River. Through Sergeant Tindol's leadership his squad returned with the desired information. Entered military service from Ryan, Oklahoma.

CLAYTON L. DAVIS, 12148066, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry, for gallantry in action on 27 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. While attempting to return from a reconnaissance patrol on the east bank of the Rhine River, Sergeant Davis' boat became entangled in cables along the side of the river. With enemy fire directed on the exposed craft, Sergeant Davis stood up in the boat and returned fire with his rifle until it was shot from his hands. Using another rifle he continued firing, simultaneously directing the remaining members on freeing the craft. Sergeant Davis continued firing and paddling alternately until the boat reached the west bank of the river. After directing the evacuation of the casualties sustained in the previous action, Sergeant Davis reported immediately to his Command Post with the desired information. Entered military service from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM G. LUKETICH, 33764561, Private First Class, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altenstadt, Germany. Private Luketich did not hesitate to approach within five yards of the enemy positions to administer first aid to a wounded soldier. While removing the wounded soldier from the area, enemy fire was again directed on the wounded soldier and Private Luketich protected him from the fire with his own body. Shortly after evacuating the wounded soldier, Private Luketich again went forward under the same conditions to evacuate another soldier who had been wounded by the same machine gun fire. The bravery, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty exemplified by Private Luketich was an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: 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 named individual:

WAYNE K. SINDT, 01048977, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "H", **** Infantr for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 22 March 1945. Serving as a machine gun platoon leader Lieutenant Sindt was leading a motorized patrol along the Rhine River, north of Speyer, Germany, when he discovered a friendly patrol under fire of German small arms from across the Rhine River. Lieutenant Sindt ordered his machine gun into action and then opened fire with his own weapon, helping to divert and stop the enemy fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Doris Sindt, (Wife) Naponee, Nebraska.

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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 named individuals:

PAUL R. ROBERTS, 01639555, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry, for heroic achievement against the enemy on the night of 25 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Lieutenant Roberts personally supervised the laying of communication lines to units of the 2d Battalion, **** Infantry, along the east bank of the Rhine River. The establishment and maintenance of such communication lines was highly important to effect a high degree of coordination essential for the successful crossing of the Rhine River. Despite intense enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire, Lieutenant Roberts successfully completed his mission. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

EDGAR E. SMITH, 027016, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion **** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 25 and 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. While waiting at an Observation Post, located seventy-five yards from an enemy machine gun position, for a combat patrol that was sent across the Rhine River, Lieutenant Smith was subjected to artillery, mortar, and small arms fire which wounded four men at the Observation Post. Displaying coolness under fire, Lieutenant Smith assisted the wounded men into an ambulance, and when the ambulance was disabled by artillery fire Lieutenant Smith removed the wounded men to a covered position. Entered military service from Parkersburg, West Virginia.

JOHN J. CLOIDT, JR., 01321156, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Having failed in an attempt to recover, during daylight hours, a vehicle lost on top of a levee on the bank of the Rhine River when it came under enemy small arms fire, Lieutenant Cloidt returned after dark with his motor sergeant and mechanic and in the face of enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire successfully recovered the vehicle which was greatly needed by his unit. Entered military service from Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

BERNICE L. UTTLEY, 17153901, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Pittsburg, Kansas.

JAMES E. DUNN, 33940349, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL L. IVERSON, 36304545, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

HILARO MONCADA, 38071286, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Hondo, Texas.

HENRY L. PETERS, 37162970, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Langdon, North Dakota.

RICHARD J. PRADO, 33940717, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from West Chester, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES E. SCHELL, JR., 33940721, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F" **** Infantry. Entered military service from Yeadon, Pennsylvania.

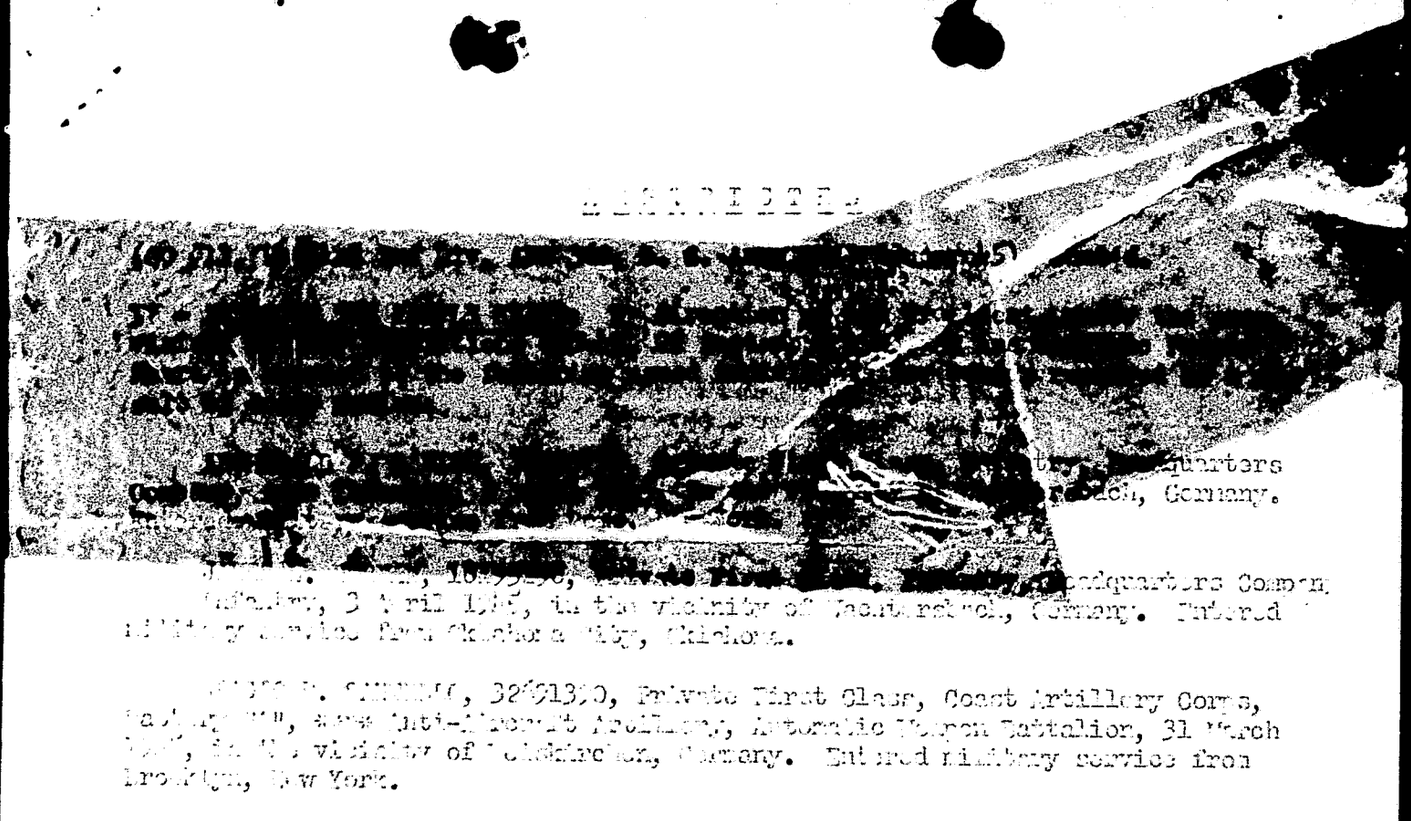
GARRETT H. SHOPE, JR., 34863534, Private First Class, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Canton, North Carolina.

PAUL L. STEFANGO, 33940326, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Swissvale, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 27 and [illegible] 1945 in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. **** discharged his duties he[illegible] under direct enemy fire. **** was of material assistance in obtaini[illegible] information while on reconnaissance patrol in enemy held territory on [illegible] of the Rhine River.

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[redacted]ary, 3 April 1945, in the vicinity of [redacted]rmany. Entered
military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

[redacted], 32913[illegible]0, Private First Class, Coast Artillery Corps,
[redacted], 449th Anti-Aircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapon Battalion, 31 March
[redacted], in the vicinity of [redacted]rmany. Entered military service from
Brooklyn, New York.

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APO 360, U. S. ARMY

26 April 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
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ORIGINAL ORDER

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

I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: 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. CASTO, 35781087, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", *** Infantry, for gallantry in action on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Lingenfeld, Germany. The advance of Company "L" was slowed down by heavy artillery and automatic fire. The number of casualties at this time were such that the company aid men could not adequately care for the company wounded. Private Casto volunteered to assist the aid men in the treating of the wounded and in removing personnel to safe positions with complete disregard for his own safety, as he had to expose himself constantly to artillery and automatic fire. Private Casto's actions, above and beyond the call of duty of a rifleman, saved the lives of fellow members of his company who were wounded and who could not have otherwise been treated for their wounds by the company aid man. Later on the same day while on patrol, Private Cast was slightly wounded. After having his wound dressed, Private Casto attempted to continue on his mission and was later mortally wounded. Next of kin: Mrs. Osa O. Casto, (Mother) North Charleston, West Virginia.

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 named individuals:

CARL E. LUNDQUIST, 016889, Colonel, Infantry, *** Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bleichenboh, Germany. During the afternoon of 2 April 1945, Colonel Lundquist, Commanding Officer, *** Infantry, moved with tanks and infantry to the vicinity of Bleichenbo Mission, to capture the Commanding General of a German division and enemy troops in the town. While moving forward, Colonel Lundquist observed the tanks halting and infantry dismounting from tanks when they came into sight of the town. Colonel Lundquist immediately moved past the column and waved the tanks and dismounted infantry forward. They immediately mounted the tanks, moved into the town, and successfully completed the mission. Colonel Lundquist's untiring energy, forceful action and superior tactical and personal leadership inspired his officers and enlisted men to such an extent that they attacked and attempted to cut off superior forces of the enemy. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

JAMES HAWKINS, 35253177, Sergeant, Armored, Company "B", *** Tank Battalion, APO 255, U. S. Army, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on the night of 23 and 24 March 1945, between Birkenhordt and Klingenmunster, Germany. As tank commander, Sergeant Hawkins successfully accomplished his mission of supporting the lead tank of a night task force. His quick thinking and desire to destroy the enemy materially aided in the complete destruction of an enemy column. His intelligent and effective support of the lead tank, while it charged and over-ran an anti-tank gun position, later was instrumental in reducing the position and led to the capture of the gun. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

[redacted], 01824352, Captain, AUS, Headquarters, *** Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany between 15 November 1944 and 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

PHILIP W. LATHER, 01013491, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, *** Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany between 15 November 1944 and 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Silsbee, Texas.

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LEONARD P. TAYLOR, 01017185, 1st Lieutenant, Cavalry, Headquarters, **** Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany between 15 November 1944 and 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

EDWARD C. JONES, 35251345, Private, Service Company, **** Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 15 March 1945 and 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Indianapolis Indiana.

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 individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action.

GEORGE ZELENAK, 33939673, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "C", **** Infantry, 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Velden, Germany. Entered military service from Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS J. CORRIGAN, 36723580, Private, Infantry, Company "C", **** Infantry, 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Velden, Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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CORRECTED COPY 28 April 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 15) ORIGINAL ORDER 5 May

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 named individual:

PHILIP D. BRANT, 020804, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, **** Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altenstädt, Germany. Colonel Brant was present in the front lines of his battalion during the action in which his command was attacking elements of an enemy division, with the mission of cutting off and destroying an enemy force estimated at 750 men. Upon encountering the enemy, he found their strength to be from 1500 to 3000 men. Despite the smallness of his force, he pressed the attack unhesitatingly. He continuously exposed himself to enemy small arms and artillery fire in order to exercise maximum control of his battalion. This action resulted in the disorganization and dispersal of the enemy units. Colonel Brant, by his courageous action, sound tactical decisions and disregard for his own personal safety, inspired the officers and men of his command to engage an enemy of known superior numbers. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

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 named individuals:

SIDNEY C. WOOTEN, 018126, Colonel, Infantry, Commanding Fifth Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement against the enemy on the night of 12 March 1945 in the vicinity of ******* France.

CHARLES D. LEAPHART, 0549935, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Missoula, Montana.

HAROLD COLEMAN, 14011698, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Savannah, Georgia.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. **** led a section of a Patrol in a demolition raid against enemy installations across the Rhine River. Fully aware that on the previous night another unit suffered several casualties on this same mission, **** led his patrol and successfully accomplished the mission without suffering any casualties. The bravery and team work displayed was exemplary.

DUSTIN Q. GROTH, 39006110, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry, Entered military service from Martinez, California.

WILLIAM V. DRAUDT, 35027285, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

ROY W. STOJENTIN, 36739965, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CARL B. BELOAT, 35157387, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Princeton, Indiana.

DAVID SERVETNICK, 31465554, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Haverhill, Massachusetts.

MAX F. MANN, 33889223, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Manteo, North Carolina.

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WILLIAM N. BROOM, 38580263, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Artesia, New Mexico.

JESUS LONGORIA, 38461079, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Falfurrias, Texas.

ROBERT E. HENNESSY, 33980291, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JACKSON L. MILLER, 36781614, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Buchanan, Michigan.

GERALD F. HUNTSBARGER, 35088980, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Middletown, Ohio.

SHERMAN R. SMALL, 19050826, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Howard, Colorado.

FRANCIS P. COYLE, 13067585, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. ATHEY, 33026277, Private, Infantry, Company "G", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on the night of 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. **** volunteered for a patrol which crossed the Rhine River to fire a barge known to have a machine gun position. Despite the fact that on the previous night another patrol received several casualties on a similar mission, **** successfully completed the mission without regard to personal safety. The bravery and team work displayed by **** was particularly outstanding.

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 named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CARL E. ODELL, 37340305, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", **** Infantry, 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Hartenstein, Germany. Entered military service from Gray, Colorado.

HENRY O. LUTZ, 38110927, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Corps, Company "D", **** Medical Battalion, 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sulzbach, Germany. Entered military service from Brighton, Colorado.

DARLIE W. SKINNER, 37457836, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "D", **** Infantry, 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Velden, Germany. Entered military service from Morrill County, Nebraska.

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APO 360, U. S. ARMY

30 April 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
: ORIGINAL ORDER
NUMBER 16)

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

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LEE J. BARSTOW, 01053475, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "F", *** Infantry for gallantry in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rodenbach, Germany. In an attempt to reorganize his platoon into a firing position to place small arms fire on escaping German Sixth SS Division Troops, Lieutenant Barstow employed a tank against a motorized column. Enemy fire disabled the tank necessitating the crew to evacuate the tank. Lieutenant Barstow then secured the light machine gun from the tank and, despite enemy mortar, machine gun, artillery, and rifle fire, fired his light machine gun, greatly dispersing the enemy. Lieutenant Barstow's courageous action was an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

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HARRY SABER, 32516402, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, **** Infantry. Entered military service from New York City.

MORRIS B. KANTOR, 31027015, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company "K", **** Infantry. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

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For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 3 April 1945, and 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Birstein, Germany. On 3 April 1945, **** were members of a Military Police patrol accompanying a convoy when a German officer was placed in their custody. The officer informed the patrol that two wounded German officers were in the nearby woods. The patrol went into the woods and administered first aid to the wounded enemy officers. The patrol then forced the German officer to escort them further into the woods and demanded him to order his troops to surrender. After much persuasion he reluctantly gave the order. Shortly afterwards, ten well-armed German soldiers surrendered. On 4 April 1945 this same patrol was stopped by a German civilian approximately three miles from Birstein, Germany, and were informed that enemy troops were hiding in a nearby barn. The patrol surrounded the barn, and after searching the first floor discovered the enemy hiding in a loft on the floor above. After receiving a negative reply to their demand to surrender, the patrol fired forty rounds from a submachine gun through the floor above. Seeing no possible means of escape a German noncommissioned officer came down from the loft and surrendered. Though threatened with grenades and point blank small arms fire, the patrol courageously proceeded up the stairs, and after several more demands to surrender or be killed, nine heavily armed German SS troops surrendered. The exemplary courage and conduct displayed by the patrol is of the highest caliber and is an inspiration to all.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

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

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 named individual:

CECIL J. HILAND, 36074034, Sergeant, Corps Of Engineers, Company "A", 271st Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hanhofen, Germany. Sergeant Hiland and his squad of men were riding in a truck carrying ammunition and demolitions to the company bivouac area when the truck struck a land mine and immediately burst into flames. Sergeant Hiland exercising courage and clear, quick thinking, immediately directed his men to safety and checked to see that all were present. One man was missing. Sergeant Hiland, with complete disregard for personal safety, rushed back to the flaming truck in face of exploding cartridges and imminent danger of the explodion of the demolitions, to search for the missing man. Learning that the missing man had reached safety, Sergeant Hiland remained at the scene until he was definitely sure that all of his men had reached safety. Sergeant Hiland's courage and concern for the safety of his men in the face of great danger is an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Augusta, Illinois.

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 individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ISRAEL WEINSTEIN, 0218277, Major, Medical Corps, Headquarters, 71st Infantry Division, 25 April 1945, in the vicinity of Regensberg, Germany. Entered military service from New York, N. Y.

JOHN P. THOMAS, 01019343, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "H", 66th Infantry, 3 May 1945, in the vicinity of Ried, Austria. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

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FREDERICK L. TYLER, 01319875, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry, 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of ~~Wels, Austria.~~ DENK, GERMANY. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

DAVID H. SLOAN, JR., 0557167, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "F", 66th Infantry, 3 May 1945, in the vicinity of Ried, Austria. Entered military service from Mullins, South Carolina.

HAROLD E. SHAW, 6139891, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry, 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Auburg, Germany. Entered military service from Charlestown, Massachusetts.

HAROLD C. FOSTER, 17012201, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "D", 5th Infantry, 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Auburg, Germany. Entered military service from Plainview, Nebraska.

IVER J. BOREEN, 16024620, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Corps, Headquarters, 71st Infantry Division, 25 April 1945, in the vicinity of Regensberg, Germany. Entered military service from Wausau, Wisconsin.

SALVATORE J. CORNACCHIA, JR., 36729235, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 5th Infantry, 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Auburg, Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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ROLAND A. LAURITA, 33672709, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 271st Engineer Combat Battalion, 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

JOHN R. PERKINS, 32936979, Corporal, Infantry, Company "M", 66th Infantry, 30 April 1945, in the vicinity of Kleegarten, Germany. Entered military service from Hamilton, New York.

WOODROW W. THOMAS, 16053646, Corporal, Infantry, Company "K", 5th Infantry, 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Frenghoien, Germany. Entered military service from Hudson, Illinois.

ROBERT VESTA, 33424124, Corporal, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 5th Infantry, 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Auburg, Germany. Entered military service from Grovetown, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH N. CHRISTIANO, 33780491, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 271st Engineer Combat Battalion, 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LYLE J. RAGEN, 36341599, Technician Fifth Grade, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "C", 530th Anti-Aircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, 18 April 1945, in the vicinity of Trockau, Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

SAMUEL TEICHER, 12160608, Technician Fifth Grade, Signal Corps, 571st Signal Company, 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sulzbach, Germany. Entered military service from Long Branch, New Jersey.

JACK S. BRADLEY, 34971756, Private First Class, Medical Corps, Company "D", 371st Medical Battalion, 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sulzbach, Germany. Entered military service from Swainsboro, Georgia.

JAMES G. BUTLER, JR., 36458539, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", 5th Infantry, 27 April 1945, in the vicinity of St. Gilla, Germany. Entered military service from Bellevue, Michigan.

LESLIE J. GNIADY, 6148836, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", 66th Infantry, 3 May 1945, in the vicinity of Ried, Austria. Entered military service from Chicopee, Massachusetts.

FRED HAYDEN, 38163407, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "B", 5th Infantry, 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Auburg, Germany. Entered military service from Splendora, Texas.

RICHARD F. HERDA, 33903891, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "H", 5th Infantry, 11 April 1945, in the vicinity of Herbersdorf, Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WYMAN:

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Award of the Silver Star, Posthumous. I
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Award of the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal. V
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Award of the Bronze Star Medal. VII
Award of the Purple Heart VIII

I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUS: 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:

CLAUDE M. CASSEDAY, 35752162, Private First Class, Medical Corps, Medical detachment, 66th Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. Serving as aid man for Company "K" during the attack on Leisenwald, Private First Class Casseday was wounded while administering first aid under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Despite his wounds, for which he refused to accept medical attention, Private First Class Casseday continued with his duties until he was mortally wounded. Private First Class Casseday's initiative and courage is an example of the highest standard of self-sacrifice and fidelity to duty. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary A. Casseday, (Mother) Waconlown, West Virginia.

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:

LELAND H. WILLIAMS, 0397205, Captain, Field Artillery, Company "A", 635th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 27 April 1945, between Regensberg and Straubing, Germany. Proceeding on a reconnaissance patrol on the main highway from Regensberg, toward Straubing, Captain Williams in one jeep followed by two other jeeps of his command, observed a German truck filled with German soldiers pass by him at great speed. As the truck passed, the Germans opened fire with a Burp gun and rifle on Captain Williams' vehicle. Without hesitation Captain Williams instructed his driver to pursue the vehicle with all possible haste; at the same time he engaged the enemy truck with the machine gun mounted on his jeep. The German truck proceeded down the highway at a reckless pace, followed by Captain Williams' jeep. The running fight continued for about a mile and a half when the German truck caught fire as a result of Captain Williams' attack, over turned astride the highway and burned up three German soldiers, one of whom was an officer, while four other fled from the truck and sought cover in a nearby field from which they again engaged Captain Williams. Captain Williams continued the fire fight, killed two of the four Germans and seriously wounded the other two who, thereupon, surrendered. This action resulted in five Germans killed, including one officer, and two seriously wounded Germans captured. The Germans were armed with machine pistols, rifles and panzerfausts. This action resulted in the removal of a threat to the communication and supply lines of the regiment to which Captain Williams' company was attached. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

CHARLES D. DANIEL, 026714, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Dindlach, Germany. When his unit was pinned down by enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Daniel, without regard for personal safety, led his platoon across an open field under concentrated hostile fire. Later, during the attack, when the radio communication failed, Lieutenant Daniel performed the liaison between platoons by informing the platoon commanders of the movements and issuing orders directing the attack. During this latter action Lieutenant Daniel was again a target for enemy fire because of his constant moving about on the front lines. Entered military service from Tupelo, Mississippi.

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NAT R. FREEMAN, 01310365, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bayreuth, Germany. Lieutenant Freeman led a small reconnaissance patrol, preceding an attacking battalion, into Bayreuth. Discovering an ambush prepared for the battalion by the enemy and fully aware of the danger ahead, Lieutenant Freeman dismounted his patrol and led them into combat at point-blank range. Lieutenant Freeman's aggressive action in the face of superior numbers resulted in the routing of the enemy from their prepared positions, the capture of approximately sixty (60) enemy soldiers, and saved the leading elements of the attacking battalion frombeing ambushed. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

LOUIS H. GILL, 36127009, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", 66th Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. Sergeant Gill, without regard for his own safety, crawled over an open area under heavy fire and placed accurate fire on an enemy position which had four of his men pinned down. Sergeant Gill then evacuated one of the men who had been wounded, and returned to escort the other three men to a safe position. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

GEORGE C. BLAKE, 35225340, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "D", 761st Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Morville Les Vic, France. Private First Class Blake, seeing many of his comrades wounded by artillery and small arms fire, dismounted from his ¼-ton truck, and under intense artillery and mortar fire, carried the wounded to his truck and evacuated them to a medical aid station. Private First Class Blake returned and remained in the field during the night to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded. Private First Class Blake's courageous action and devotion to duty exemplifies the highest tradition of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Worthington, Ohio.

LESTER D. PELLE, 39212077, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bindlach, Germany. During the attack on an airfield near Bindlach, Private First Class Pelle, walking in front of his company and carrying a Model 300 radio on his back, was constantly exposed to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. When urgent communication with the tanks was needed, he voluntarily and unhesitatingly climbed to the top of one of the leading tanks to relay instructions despite the fact that enemy fire was hitting the tank. Later, when an advance squad was pinned behind a building unable to advance, Private First Class Pelle, displayed unusual courage and leadership qualities, walked fully exposed to their position and led them forward. Private First Class Pelle's courageous actions were greatly responsible for the success of the missions of the company throughout the attack. Entered military service Duval, Canada.

MANUEL Z.TIJERINA, 38672927, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 66th Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 21 April 1945, in the vicinity of Amberg, Germany. Private First Class Tijerina, together with other members of an Anti-Tank squad were in a truck enroute to place their anti-tank gun into position, when going over the crest of a hill, they met a German medium tank approaching thirty yards away. The tank veered to one side and two Germans mounted a machine gun with which they could have caused heavy casualties to the Anti-Tank crew. Private First Class Tijerina, armed only with a carbine and without hesitation, jumped from the truck and charged the tank while firing his weapon. His accurate fire killed the two Germans and the machine gun fell from the tank. The other German tank members, amazed at the rapid and courageous action displayed by Private First Class Tijerina, turned the tank and fled in confusion only to meet another Anti-Tank crew, who put the tank out of action. Private First Class Tijerina's fearless courage and willingness to close with the enemy without regard for his own personal safety is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Laredo, Texas.

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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 named individual:

ELODIS D. ELLISON, 34808624, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", 5th Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Kerzell, Germany. Private First Class Ellison, having completed a patrol entered his billet with two hand grenades in his pocket. While in a room with the other members of his patrol, Private First Class Ellison heard the sound of the fuse on one of the grenades accidentally go off. He was unable to remove the grenade from his pocket and realizing the limited time before it would explode, Private First Class Ellison, with unusual presence of mind, ran outdoors where the explosion would not injure anyone but himself. Private First Class Ellison's spontaneous action is an inspiration to all military personnel. Entered military service from Clanton, Alabama.

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

THOMAS W. DAVIS, 37502440, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bayreuth, Germany. Corporal Davis was a member of a small reconnaissance patrol preceding an attacking battalion into Bayreuth. Discovering an ambush which was prepared for the battalion by the enemy, the patrol, dismounted and engaged the enemy in combat at point-blank range without regard for personal safety. The aggressiveness of the patrol in face of superior numbers resulted in the routing of the enemy from their prepared positions, the capture of approximately sixty (60) enemy soldiers, and saved the leading elements of the attacking battalion from ambush. Next of kin: John F. Davis (Father), Route #2, Box 58, Oak Grove, Missouri.

V -- AWARD OF 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, an Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

KENNETH E. DALGE, 16105463, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Dearborn, Michigan.

JAMES A. HARE, 33193363, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

ARNOLD J. PREUSSER, 17051619, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Saint Joseph, Minnesota.

LLOYD F. CAPEN, 31351613, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Deer Isle, Maine.

JAMES E. HANNA, 35075795, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from McConnelsville, Ohio.

HENRY R. MC CRAY, 38694910, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

HAROLD D. TOUBMAN, 13186699, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

WALTER GALLANT, 33940610, Private First Class (then Private) Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MILTON CARLIN, 42132283, Private First Class (then Private) Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

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For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bayreuth, Germany, [redacted] was a member of a small reconnaissance patrol preceding an attacking battalion into Bayreuth. Discovering an ambush which was prepared for the battalion by the enemy, the patrol dismounted and engaged the enemy in combat at point-blank range without regard for personal safety. The aggressiveness of the patrol in face of superior numbers resulted in the routing of the enemy from their prepared positions, the capture of approximately sixty (60) enemy soldiers, and saved the leading elements of the attacking battalion from ambush.

VI - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS: 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 named individuals:

JOHN F. STEINMETZ, 0546507, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "L", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. Attached to Company "L" as forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, Lieutenant Steinmetz observed an enemy machine gun firing upon advancing friendly troops inflicting numerous casualties and delaying their progress. Voluntarily and unhesitatingly, Lieutenant Steinmetz crawled over open terrain under intense enemy fire in an attempt to set up an observation post from which to direct mortar fire upon the enemy machine gun position. Realizing the extreme danger involved, Lieutenant Steinmetz continued with his mission until he was fatally wounded. His extreme courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all. Next of kin: Mrs. P. H. Steinmetz (Mother), 36 College Avenue, Orano, Maine.

HARRY C. UNDERWOOD, 32936938, Corporal, Infantry, Company "H", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. While attacking Leisenwald, a rifle platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from the right flank. In the face of the intense fire, Corporal Underwood moved forward in full view of the enemy gunners to reach a position at which a forward Observation Post was set up to enable mortar fire to be directed upon the enemy positions. Corporal Underwood's extreme courage and devotion to duty under the most hazardous conditions completely disrupted the enemy defense and enabled the platoon to press forward and continue its mission. Next of kin: Mrs Ruth I. Underwood (Mother), 1633 W. Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York.

BERT A. HILL, 33325145, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bayreuth, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Hill was a member of a small reconnaissance patrol preceding an attacking battalion into Bayreuth. Discovering an ambush which was prepared for the battalion by the enemy, the patrol dismounted and engaged the enemy in combat at point-blank range without regard for personal safety. The aggressiveness of the patrol in face of superior numbers resulted in routing the enemy from their prepared positions, the capture of approximately sixty (60) enemy soldiers, and saved the loading elements of the attacking battalion from ambush. Next of kin: Myrtle F. Hill (Mother), 1020 Duck Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

VII - 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:

HORACE B. ELLISON, 01319935, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "H", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Hillsboro, Texas.

JOHN KOVACH, 35161753, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from East Chicago, Indiana.

GLENN M. ROBERTS, 39020308, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Ogden, Utah.

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For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. While attacking Leisenwald, a rifle platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from the right flank. In the face of the intense fire, **** moved forward in full view of the enemy gunners to reach a position at which a forward Observation Post was set up to enable mortar fire to be directed upon the enemy positions. **** extreme courage and devotion to duty under the most hazardous conditions completely disrupted the enemy defense and enabled the platoon to press forward and continue its mission.

JEREMIAH J. RYALL, 20252182, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from New York, New York.

FRANCIS W. BLANE, 36432097, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from East Peoria, Illinois.

ELLYS K. GILBERT, 39178385, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Wenatchee, Washington.

JOHN E. BOYKIN, 14011760, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Enigma, Georgia.

HERBERT C. HOFFMAN, 42108402, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Mount Vernon, New York.

ROBERT D. MASTEN, 32950071, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Dagsboro, Delaware.

OTIS U. MC CUIN, 37061117, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Emmett, Idaho.

EDWARD P. MEADE, JR., 32806379, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York.

JAMES D. PHIPPS, 33889026, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from East Port, Maryland.

JACK B. KING, 36913650, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Infantry. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bayreuth, Germany. **** was a member of a small reconnaissance patrol preceding an attacking battalion into Bayreuth. Discovering an ambush which was prepared for the battalion by the enemy, the patrol dismounted and engaged the enemy in combat at point-blank range without regard for personal safety. The aggressiveness of the patrol in face of superior numbers resulted in routing the enemy from their prepared positions, the capture of approximately sixty (60) enemy soldiers, and saved the leading elements of the attacking battalion from ambush.

ROBERT F. VAN HOEF, 0557418, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "H", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Grand Haven, Michigan.

KENNETH D. HATHAWAY, 6560287, 1st Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Eugene, Oregon.

MELVIN S. PHILLIPS, 39917779, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Ogden, Utah.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. During the attack on Leisenwald, a Company officer lay mortally wounded in an open field. **** disregarding personal safety crawled over open terrain and under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire to evacuate the wounded officer to a safe position where first aid was administered. The courage and devotion to duty exemplified by **** is an inspiration to all.

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GERALD T. RAUBACH, 36979505, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "K", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROY J. RODRIGUES, 31328179, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Unionville, Connecticut.

JOHN V. MC CORMICK, 33420071, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Mc Kees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

GENE A. MIKON, 35235059, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. When their squad was pinned down by intense hostile machine gun and mortar fire in the attack on Leisenwald, the above individuals covered several wounded men's bodies with their own so as to protect them from further injury. Then, when the fire lifted momentarily, these men by superior team work, evacuated the wounded to a safe position. During this action, three of the individuals were wounded. Their coolness under fire and devotion to duty aided in saving the lives of their wounded comrades.

JOHN SELIAVKA, 11112157, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Willimantic, Connecticut.

ANTHONY S. MIKULAJ, 35157890, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

For heroic achievement against the enemy on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unterreichenback, Germany. Sergeant Seliavka, Company Supply Sergeant, was in Unterreichenback, when a German reconnaissance plane flew overhead and landed in an adjacent field. Accompanied by Private First Class Mikulaj, Sergeant Seliavka proceeded to the field and as they approached the plane the occupants fired on them with automatic weapons. Sergeant Seliavka and Private First Class Mikulaj, despite the enemy fire, fearlessly advanced forcing the enemy to abandon their plane and flee into the nearby woods. A chase ensued in which one of the Germans was wounded, but because of the darkness and the density of the wooded area, Sergeant Seliavka and Private First Class Mikulaj could not follow.

ALBERT R. ALMERT, 35039768, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Peru, Indiana.

JOHN M. SPEELMAN, 35000865, Private, Infantry, Company "K", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Nelsonville, Ohio.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. During the attack on Leisenwald, Private First Class Almert and Private Speelman carried vitally needed ammunition over exposed routes from which intense enemy fire was placed on them and supplied ammunition to a light machine gun section whose continued fire was necessary to the company's advance. Their courageous actions were vital factors in the success of the company during the battle.

MILTON C. BESECKER, 32932773, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM C. SOHR, 20382915, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", 66th Infantry. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

For heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Tullerbreuth, Germany. A patrol of two officers and twenty-five enlisted men was ambushed by approximately forty enemy troops heavily armed with panzerfaust, machine guns, and small arms. Hastily dismounting from their vehicles and seeking cover, the patrol engaged the enemy in an intense fire fight.

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When a trailer loaded with ammunition was hit and the wounded occupants of the attached vehicle were in danger of further injury and possible death, **** ignoring the intense fire and exploding ammunition left his position, ran to the vehicle and removed some wounded comrades to safety. **** heroic action was responsible for saving the lives of the wounded comrades.

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GASTON EIKEL, 0206977, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Battalion Commander, 2d Battalion, 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bindlach, Germany. Disdaining close range panzerfaust, machine gun, machine pistol and rifle fire, Colonel Eikel inspired and led approximately seventeen men of his command in the attack on an airfield near Bindlach. Despite the intense fire, he directed a patrol up the side of a hill approaching the airfield and captured thirty-two Germans, including a colonel and a major. Informed by the German colonel that there were one hundred and fifty more Germans defending the airfield and who might surrender, Colonel Eikel and the two German officers moved up the hill where the German colonel ordered his men to surrender. The Germans answered with heavy small arms fire narrowly missing Colonel Eikel and forced him to seek cover. The remainder of his patrol then moved forward but the hostile fire was too heavy for them to advance to the airfield. Before Colonel Eikel could commit one of his rifle companies to action, the Third Battalion of the 66th Infantry, supported by five tanks attacked from the north. When one of the Infantry rifle units was pinned down by the intense fire, Colonel Eikel left his covered position and moved through the intense fire to the opposite side of the airfield, contacted the tanks and directed their fire on the enemy main point of resistance. Colonel Eikel's heroic actions were an inspiration to all and were greatly responsible for the capture of the airfield. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

THOMAS V. ALVEY, 0419527, Captain, Infantry, Company "F", 14th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 1 April 1945, in the vicinity of Altenstadt, Germany. Captain Alvey, Commanding Officer, Company "F", 14th Infantry, assumed command of the company on the morning of 1 April 1945, and that afternoon, while under heavy enemy small arms and automatic fire, personally led his company against superior numbers of enemy in an attack to cut off the escape route of elements of the 6th SS Mountain Division. Captain Alvey led his company through wooded areas between enemy forces a distance of 900 yards, cutting off one half of the enemy Infantry column, confusing and disorganizing him. Captain Alvey retained complete control of his company, displayed aggressive leadership, issued clear and concise orders to his platoon leaders, and by his outstanding display of determination, inspired the men of his company to attack with bold aggressiveness against the enemy of known superior numbers. Entered military service from New Holland, Illinois.

ERNEST P. LYONS, 01060865, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "L", 14th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 28 March 1945, in the vicinity of Otterstadt, Germany. While leading a night patrol with the mission of crossing the Rhine River one mile east of Otterstadt, Germany, to reconnoiter enemy positions, Lieutenant Lyons was fired on by two machine guns and small arms fire 50 yards from opposite bank. Having to abandon his boat under enemy fire, he swam back 150 yards across the river to friendly lines. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

DUNCOMBE H. WOODBURY, 0538983, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bindlach, Germany. When the need for a rifle platoon was urgent, Lieutenant Woodbury converted his weapons platoon into a rifle platoon. Without regard for personal safety, Lieutenant Woodbury led his platoon in an attack on the buildings near an airfield under intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. The rapidity of his actions and his outstanding leadership resulted in capturing many prisoners without a casualty sustained within his platoon. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

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CHARLES C. WOODYARD, JR., 0552060, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bindlach, Germany. During the attack on Bindlach, Lieutenant Woodward demonstrated exceptional leadership ability and courage under fire when leading his platoon across an open field during the attack at Bindlach and after being wounded, continued to lead his platoon until evacuated for medical treatment. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

VALES W. KIRKENDALL, 6271528, 1st Sergeant, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bindlach, Germany. Although exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Kirkendall demonstrated unusual courage and leadership ability in directing the aid and evacuation of the wounded. He also assumed control of a platoon in a particularly dangerous area and organized a defense against a possible enemy counter attack. Sergeant Kirkendall's fearless courage under the intense enemy fire was an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Beardstown, Illinois.

IVAN Y. SELLERS, 34107443, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bindlach, Germany. Sergeant Sellers led his platoon into Bindlach under intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. After the platoon had taken the first few houses in the town, he separated the platoon into three patrols, two searching the houses on each side of the street, and the third covering from the outside. Sergeant Sellers showed utter disregard for his own personal safety by controlling his platoon from the middle of the street, though he presented himself as a target for enemy fire. By this exemplary courage and leadership he maintained proper control and so inspired his platoon that they accomplished their mission. Entered military service from Jefferson County, Alabama.

STAFFORD W. PLAUCHE, 38185283, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bindlach, Germany. Serving as a platoon guide during the attack at Bindlach, Sergeant Plauche discovered an enemy machine gun position which had part of Company "I" pinned down. Leaving his covered position, Sergeant Plauche ran across an open field, stopped, and though an excellent target for the enemy, he fearlessly fired his M-1 rifle at the position and forced the Germans to evacuate. The extreme courage of Sergeant Plauche enabled the Company to advance and undoubtedly reduced the number of casualties within the unit. Entered military service from Plaucheville, Louisiana.

EVERETT H. KING, 37513591, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. In the attack on Leisenwald, Sergeant King unhesitatingly exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to attain a suitable position from which to operate his machine gun. During this time Sergeant King placed the remaining members of his squad in a covered position. Ignoring the intense hostile machine gun and mortar fire, Sergeant King neutralized an enemy machine gun and continued to harass the German troops. Entered military service from Neosho, Missouri.

ROGER E. POFAHL, 20740939, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "I", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bindlach, Germany. Sergeant Pofahl demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership and courage in leading his squad in the attack on a house where enemy sniper fire was delaying the advance of two other squads. One man had been killed and two wounded from the fire. Without regard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Pofahl walked forward, and in plain sight of the enemy, he waved and motioned his squad to advance. During the subsequent action, he led his men into the house and killed the German snipers. Entered military service from Faribault, Minnesota.

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FLOYD E. MILLER, 39461122, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company "H", 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Bindlach, Germany. A reconnaissance patrol, consisting of Technician Fifth Grade Miller and three other men, was ambushed by an enemy patrol of ten men on a road in the vicinity of Bindlach. Under intense automatic and rifle fire, the patrol was forced to dismount from their vehicle and seek cover. Though exposed and a target for the hostile fire, Technician Fifth Grade Miller fearlessly crawled to the jeep and commenced firing the .50 calibre machine gun at the enemy positions. Covered by this fire, the other members of his patrol were able to locate and move to more favorable positions from which they could engage the enemy. After Technician Fifth Grade Miller had expended all the machine gun ammunition, the other three men laid down a base of fire to enable him to return in his jeep to Bindlach for more ammunition. Upon his return Technician Fifth Grade Miller resumed firing upon the German positions, killed one German soldier and one German civilian, and forced the remaining eight enemy soldiers to surrender. Technician Fifth Grade Miller acted without regard for his own personal safety. Entered military service from St. Maries, Idaho.

ROSENDO ARAGON, 38344727, Private First Class, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 2 April 1945, in the vicinity of Leisenwald, Germany. During the attack on Leisenwald, Private First Class Aragon was continuously under enemy fire while administering first aid to the wounded members of his platoon. When two company aid men were wounded, Private First Class Aragon assumed their duties in addition to his and with complete disregard for personal safety, he remained with the wounded in an open field under intense hostile fire administering first aid and directing the evacuation of the wounded to a safe position. Private First Class Aragon's outstanding courage and devotion to duty is an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Abernathy, Texas.

CHESTER T. ROBERTS, 36968508, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 66th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Near Benk, Germany. The patrol, of which Private First Class Roberts was a member, had been pinned down for approximately two and one-half hours by hostile panzerfaust, machine gun and rifle fire. During this time friendly tanks attached to an attacking battalion moved up and began firing over the crest of a hill onto the position of the patrol. Having no communication with the tanks, Private First Class Roberts, without regard for his personal safety, left his position, ran over the crest of the hill, and into the field of fire. Having stopped the tank fire on the patrol, he then directed the fire on the enemy positions. Private First Class Roberts' heroic action was an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Onaway, Michigan.

LOUIE PALMER, 16068763, Technical Sergeant, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, and Holland between 7 October 1944 and 27 February 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ARCHIE C. YOUNG, 35308428, Technical Sergeant, Company "B", 761st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

SIMON W. BROOKS, 32112221, Technician Fourth Grade, Company "A", 761st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Holland, [illegible] to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

VIII-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 individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

THOMAS A. RAFFERTY, 0317035, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Infantry, 3 May 1945, in the vicinity of Earing, Germany. Entered military service from Santa Paula, California.

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ROBERT B. EHRICK, 0508199, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 5th Infantry, 5 May 1945, in the vicinity of Steyr, Austria. Entered military service from Conrad, Montana.

RICHARD V. LEYDEN, 35027956, Technician Third Grade, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 5th Infantry, 6 May 1945, in the vicinity of Kronsdorf, Austria. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

JOHN T. MC COY, 35127788, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "D", 5th Infantry, 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Auburg, Germany. Entered military service from Peebles, Ohio.

ANDREW KOVALCHICK, 35323094, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Infantry, 6 May 1945, in the vicinity of Steyr, Austria. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

SAM W. BROWN, 33792186, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion, 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bouxwiller, France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIE G. MAY, 35657947, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 271st Engineer Combat Battalion, 30 April 1945, in the vicinity of Haidlfing, Germany. Entered military service from McVeigh, Kentucky.

JAMES H. ACKERMAN, 37158285, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I", 5th Infantry, 6 May 1945, in the vicinity of Kronsdorf, Austria. Entered military service from Kansas City, Kansas.

ALBERT J. HANS, 35832233, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", 5th Infantry, 24 March 1945, in the vicinity of Westheim, Germany. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

HARRY D. LAYFIELD, 35242554, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Infantry, 5 May 1945, in the vicinity of Steyr, Austria. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

HENRY T. LOTT, 34544990, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 271st Engineer Combat Battalion, 26 March 1945, in the vicinity of Speyer, Germany. Entered military service from Belle Glade, Florida.

CARL WITWER, 13005083, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "B", 5th Infantry, 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Auburg, Germany. Entered military service from Mohnton, Pennsylvania.

NICHOLAS C. ZILOWEY, 34536157, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", 66th Infantry, 26 April 1945, in the vicinity of Regensberg, Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

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Award of the Air Medal. II

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

HENRY C. HUDGINS, 0293002, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 608th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 16 April 1945, in France and Germany. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hudgins (Wife), 20 Washington Street, Portsmouth, Virginia.

WILLIAM L. TYSON, 01182021, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 608th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 17 April 1945, in France and Germany. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy J. Tyson (Wife) 202 South 13th Street, Frederick, Oklahoma.

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 named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

LEONARD P. WEBB, 01185395, 2d Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 608th Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 March 1945 to 19 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

EDWARD R. CARPENTER, 32067188, Technical Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 608th Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

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