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I — SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant Albert J Gibeau Jr, 01999996, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * and * * * , Belgium on 7 and 15 January 1945. While directing fire of his machine gun section in support of attacking riflemen, Lieutenant Gibeau noticed one of his guns out of action, ran to that position and attempted to place the gun back in action. While so engaged he was wounded by an enemy rifle grenade, but refused evacuation, and personally manned a machine gun whose crew members had become casualties. He succeeded in destroying an enemy machine gun, thereby enabling assault troops to reach their objective with minimum casualties. On 15 January, Lieutenant Gibeau led his section forward to support an attack on * * * . With complete disregard for personal safety, he supervised the placing of his guns in position on each flank despite intense concentrations of enemy fire, and was killed by an enemy artillery shell while moving from one gun position to another. His gallant devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself, his unit, and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

II — SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men of this command:

First Lieutenant Ben C Washburn, 01302559, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Lieutenant Washburn reconnoitered for a route for the delivery of vital supplies. Despite the fact that the only route available traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Lieutenant Washburn successfully led hand-carrying parties during the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, organized litter teams to evacuate the seriously wounded men of the two companies and by his leadership, initiative and resourcefulness, enabled the two units to continue their operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technical Sergeant Glen A Murray, 37070838, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 11 January 1945. Sergeant Murray, an acting platoon leader, led the first group of Americans into the village of * * * , and engaged the enemy in house-to-house fighting. A concealed enemy machine gun halted the advance, whereupon Sergeant Murray made his way under heavy automatic weapons fire to a supporting machine gun crew and, under cover of their fire, made his way forward and hurled hand grenades into the enemy emplacement, forcing the machine gun crew to surrender. He returned to his house-to-house campaign, and led his platoon in a series of fire fights which resulted in capturing thirty Germans and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy defenders of the village, when the Germans received reinforcements and launched a powerful counterattack. He directed the orderly withdrawal of his platoon, personally covering the withdrawal with an automatic rifle, enabling his troops to reach high ground on the outskirts, and to successfully evacuate all casualties and the German prisoners. He then directed the defense of the new positions against repeated enemy counterattacks. His gallant actions reflect credit upon Sergeant Murray's character as a soldier and leader of men. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Stanley A Burda, 37582910, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Luxembourg from 29 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. Sergeant Burda displayed outstanding heroism and resourcefulness in voluntarily leading reconnaissance and combat patrols into enemy territory on three successive days, returning with highly valuable information on each occasion. He then led his squad against enemy positions which he had observed, and under his inspiring leadership, his unit succeeded in destroying two enemy machine gun and three bazooka emplacements, as well as a large number of other installations. The aggressiveness and intrepidity of Sergeant Burda are in accord with the best traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Firmus J Pfeffer, 32753684 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 15 January 1945. Sergeant Pfeffer, a squad scout, entered the village of * * * with his unit which launched an attack before dawn on 15 January, killed the enemy outpost guards, and engaged in street fighting in the village. Sergeant Pfeffer entered a building and was firing at enemy troops when he noticed a number of wires running into a building some thirty feet away. On his own initiative and without thought of personal safety he dashed across a street which was swept by machine gun fire, entered the building and surprised two German guards, who he promptly shot and killed. After cutting the wires leading to this building, he established contact with other members of his unit and led them to the building, where they succeeded in capturing a battalion commandant and members of his staff. Sergeant Pfeffer's gallantry, initiative and fighting spirit are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Fletcher C Wiles, 36900818, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 7 January 1945. Sergeant Wiles, a squad leader, assumed command of his platoon when the platoon leader became a casualty during an attack against stubbornly resisting enemy troops. Displaying a high order of personal bravery, and qualities of leadership and tactical acumen far beyond that expected of a soldier of his grade, Sergeant Wiles promptly reorganized the platoon, exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire as he moved among the men, placing them in the best available defensive positions, then directed their fire and movement in repelling a number of sharp counterattacks. Inspired by the gallantry of their leader, the troops held fast until other platoons of the company moved forward to support the attack. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Bernard F Duffy, 42053117 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 11 January 1945. Disregarding withering enemy machine gun fire which had pinned-down his squad in an open field, Sergeant Duffy crawled forward to reach a wounded comrade, carried him to a building in the rear, and dressed his wounds. He then returned to the exposed area and evacuated another soldier, saving him from almost certain death. Sergeant Duffy's intrepid loyalty to wounded comrades is in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Stanley Kurgan Jr, 36759575 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 15 January 1945. Although his unit had been forced to withdraw from an open field which was subjected to very heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Kurgan, a rifleman, voluntarily returned to the exposed location to assist wounded comrades in the absence of regular aid men. In the face of intense concentrations of hostile fire, he bandaged the wounds of two infantrymen and evacuated them to safety, making several trips to accomplish his purpose. Sergeant Kurgan's gallant devotion to wounded comrades-in-arms reflects high credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Robert F Wilson, 34506702 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 15 January 1945. During the course of an attack against the village of * * * , Sergeant Wilson, a rifleman, saw an enemy soldier behind a clump of bushes, crawled toward him, then, when his rifle jammed, employed the ruse of working the operating handle of his rifle, whereupon the German surrendered. Sergeant Wilson forced his prisoner to lead him to four enemy machine gunners, all of whom surrendered.

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While escorting the five Germans to the rear, Sergeant Wilson learned that his commanding officer had been wounded, and litter bearers were not immediately available. He secured a litter and with the aid of his prisoners, returned to the field where the officer was lying, and evacuated him to an aid station. These gallant actions were performed under heavy fire. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Jesse J Horn, 20760331 (then private), Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 7 January 1945. Private Horn, an aid man, accompanied attacking echelons of Company C, * * * Infantry, as they made their way across a clearing in an assault upon entrenched enemy positions. Intense enemy fire caused numerous casualties among the attacking troops. Two of the aid men attached to this company became casualties, leaving Private Horn as the only aid man with the troops. Throughout the afternoon and until the following morning, Private Horn worked tirelessly under enemy fire, rendering first aid to the wounded with utter disregard for personal safety. On one occasion he made his way to two soldiers who had fallen in advance of the line established by our riflemen and, after treating their wounds, carried first one and then the other to positions of safety. His gallant and selfless devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all troops in the area. Entered military service from Kansas.

III — SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man of this command:

First Sergeant Martin E Casey, 20734471, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroism near * * * , Belgium on 10 January 1945. When a cooking unit exploded, setting a kitchen truck afire, Sergeant Casey entered the blazing vehicle and, even though his own clothes became ignited, rescued a cook who had been caught in the truck. He then returned, cut a hole into the tarpaulin covering the vehicle, reached a soldier who had been trapped in the cab, and carried him to safety. Sergeant Casey's daring and unselfish actions were responsible for saving the lives of two men and reflect credit upon his qualities as a leader and his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

IV — BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant Bernard D Keno, 01170799, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Luxembourg on 4 and 5 January 1945. On 4 January, Lieutenant Keno was serving as forward observer for Company G, * * * Infantry. While subjected to intense enemy fire of all types, he voluntarily exposed himself in order to direct the fire that silenced an enemy self-propelled weapon. On 5 January, Lieutenant Keno again exposed himself in order to establish an observation post to give close support to attacking elements. While so engaged, he was killed by enemy artillery. Lieutenant Keno's devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Edmund A Sullivan, 42007117, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 9 January 1945. When his squad, spearheading an attack against German positions on higher ground, was pinned-down by heavy enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, Sergeant Sullivan directed the fire of his men against several hostile emplacements to permit an advance. As he sought to cross an open field to come closer to his objective, he was struck by enemy machine gun bullets. His daring leadership and unselfish devotion to duty are in accord with the traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from New Jersey.

V — BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man, now missing in action:

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Technician Fifth Grade Philip V Hall, 38240396, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 30 December 1944. Technician Hall directed highly effective artillery fire against enemy vehicles and troops preparing for an attack against the vital road leading to * * * , continuing his efforts in spite of heavy shelling of his observation post and even after he had been slightly wounded. His heroic determination and skillful fire direction were responsible for the destruction of important enemy equipment and the dispersal of two German troop concentrations of a hundred men each, thus thwarting the projected enemy thrust. Entered military service from Texas.

VI -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Major Roy M Matson, 0410497, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain James H Stageman, 0335014, Dental Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Belgium from 9 July 1944 to 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant Arthur A Ellis, 0465248, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Luxembourg from 2 November 1944 to 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

First Lieutenant Thule P Knight, 0307649, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany and Belgium from 15 July 1944 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Sergeant Lloyd G Schmidt, 20725397, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 25 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Joe G Boyd, 34241196, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg from 11 July 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Technical Sergeant Glenn E Hewson, 37070625, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Adolph C Schotts, 36163823, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Belgium from 6 July 1944 to 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Carl R Cripe, 37001434, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Donald K Konold, 37302284, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 11 January 1945. In the absence of his platoon leader, Sergeant Konold directed his platoon in a spearhead attack against strong enemy forces with consummate skill, ceaselessly moving among his men with complete disregard for the heavy small arms fire and tree-bursting mortar shells. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were largely responsible for the decisive defeat inflicted upon the enemy in this engagement. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Staff Sergeant Melvin G Lee, 34663394, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Robert M Barden, 37001672, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Lauren K Frevert, 37070476, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Richard J Wheeler, 33652405, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Sergeant Wheeler, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade William H Doran, 36197298, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Technician Doran, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Louis T Albertini, 33608869, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Corporal Albertini, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Dermont Casper, 39910730, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France on 17 December 1944. Corporal Casper, a scout with a forward observer's section, was returning to his command post when he saw an officer fall from shell fragment wounds during an enemy artillery barrage. Although enemy shellfire continued intermittently, Corporal Casper ran to the side of the wounded officer, rendered first aid, then carried him to an aid station. His heroic action saved the officer's life and reflects credit upon Corporal Casper's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Utah.

Corporal William F Cochran, 20759691, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Corporal Sulo V Johnson, 37169187 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 31 December 1944. Assisted by another soldier, Corporal Johnson was guarding four prisoners of war engaged in rescue work among the ruins of * * * . When artillery shells fell into the town the prisoners sought cover in bomb craters, but Corporal Johnson, rather than seek the same safety, realizing in that doing so, he could not properly guard his prisoners, remained exposed to the artillery shelling. Corporal Johnson's disregard for personal safety in his devotion to the task at hand, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Corporal Albert J Longtine, 36823847, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Corporal Longtine, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Hobert Neal, 35490559, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Corporal Neal, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Gordon L Frazier, 6970081, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 30 December 1944. Under enemy fire, Technician Frazier leaped from the comparative safety of his tank destroyer in order to attach a tow cable to another tank destroyer which was unable to start because of a cracked battery. The icy ground afforded no traction for the towing vehicle, whereupon, as the intensity of the enemy fire increased, Technician Frazier, by running his engine, was enabled to remove its batteries. He then took them to the disabled vehicle and used them in starting its engine. Technician Frazier's resourceful, intrepid actions, saved valuable equipment from destruction by the enemy. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade George G Kohler, 33809055, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Technician Kohler, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward D Smithers, 16120247, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Technician Smithers, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy

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mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Henry H Beckner, 13035137, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Private Beckner, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Philip R Bonner, 42025240, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Private Bonner, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class John Lapekas, 36191136, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Private Lapekas, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Alexander E Lodisio, 36522750, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Private Lodisio, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Adam L Markalunas, 33613996, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Private Markalunas, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class James M McDaniel, 38510940, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Private McDaniel, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Leo S Pryor, 36695758, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Private Pryor, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Clifford E Tolman, 39312177, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Private Tolman, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private Thomas E Cauley, 35491353, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 31 December 1944. Assisted by another soldier, Private Cauley was guarding four prisoners of war engaged in rescue work among the ruins of * * * . When artillery shells fell into the town, the prisoners sought cover in bomb craters, but Private Cauley, rather than seek the same safety, realizing that in doing so, he could not properly guard his prisoners, remained exposed to the artillery shelling, fragments of which caused him serious and painful head and leg wounds. Private Cauley's disregard for personal safety in his devotion to the task at hand, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private Claude N Mahaffie, 20734916, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Luxembourg on 2 January 1945. Private Mahaffie was advancing with a forward observers' party attached to Company G, * * * Infantry, when the group was subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage and the men were forced to seek cover in fox-holes. Noticing a wounded rifleman who was lying in an exposed position in the vicinity, Private Mahaffie left his shelter, crawled to the side of the wounded soldier and carried him to his fox-hole. With singular devotion to a comrade-in-arms, he allowed the injured man to remain in the fox-hole while he himself was exposed to the continuing barrage. While shells were still bursting about him, Private Mahaffie then went in search of medical assistance. His unselfish actions in aiding an injured companion at extreme risk to his own life are in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

VII — BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man of this command:

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Sergeant William L Lemity, 35622250, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2, 3 and 4 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, suffered the severing of their supply line by enemy action, Sergeant Lemity, assisted by several comrades, and led by an officer, traversed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and made more hazardous by the presence of enemy mines and booby traps, in order to deliver vital supplies to the two beleaguered units and evacuate their wounded. During the nights of 2, 3 and 4 January, he continued at this work, thereby displaying such courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety as to reflect credit upon his military training. Entered military service from Ohio.

VIII — AIR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant John W Spain, 01822642, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium during the period 28 July 1944 to 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

IX — AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a fourth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers of this command:

Captain William F Hesselbach, 01177836, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg and Belgium during the period 21 October 1944 to 14 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Robert E Philbeck, 0293430, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Belgium and Luxembourg on 30 December 1944. While making a flight well into enemy territory, Captain Philbeck, an artillery air observer, discovered groups of enemy tanks, other vehicles and troops evidently massing for a counterattack. Realizing that he was the only observer in the air over that sector and that the hostile concentrations could not be seen from the ground, Captain Philbeck directed simultaneous fire of three different artillery battalions upon three separate targets, calling the missions with such accuracy that the Germans suffered severe damage and casualties and their preparations for a counter-thrust were completely disrupted. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant John L Cecil, 01169052, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg and Belgium during the period 18 November 1944 to 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a fifth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

Captain Robert E Philbeck, 0293430, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg and Belgium during the period 1 December 1944 to 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

X — MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended by Section II, Circular 421, War Department, 26 October 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units of this command for service during period indicated:

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735th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company	8 July to 6 September 1944
Headquarters Company 35th Infantry Division	10 July 1944 to 10 January 1945
35th Quartermaster Company	25 July to 24 September 1944

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