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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 enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade James C Gollinger, 32490207, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Assisted by three companions, Technician Gollinger was serving as a litter bearer during the intense action near * * * . Throughout the morning hours, he worked with indefatigable energy to evacuate the numerous casualties, ever disregarding personal safety. In the afternoon, when enemy fire increased, he and his companions were counselled by the infantrymen against entering heavily-shelled terrain. Realizing that the wounded needed aid, and again without thought for personal safety, assisted by his companions, he went forward in the face of the enemy fire in order to reach wounded comrades. While engaged on his errand of mercy, he was killed by an enemy shell. Such fearless devotion to duty is in accord with the traditions of the military service and a credit to the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Gerald E Fenner, 37508363, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Assisted by three companions, Private Fenner was serving as a litter bearer during the intense action near * * * . Throughout the morning hours, he worked with indefatigable energy to evacuate the numerous casualties, ever disregarding personal safety. In the afternoon, when enemy fire increased, he and his companions were counselled by the infantrymen against entering heavily-shelled terrain. Realizing that the wounded needed aid, and again without thought for personal safety, assisted by his companions, he went forward in the face of the enemy fire in order to reach wounded comrades. While engaged on his errand of mercy, he was killed by an enemy shell. Such fearless devotion to duty is in accord with the traditions of the military service and a credit to the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Louis N Beauchaine, 31289639, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Assisted by three companions, Private Beauchaine was serving as a litter bearer during the intense action near * * * . Throughout the morning hours, he worked with indefatigable energy to evacuate the numerous casualties, ever disregarding personal safety. In the afternoon, when enemy fire increased, he and his companions were counselled by the infantrymen against entering heavily-shelled terrain. Realizing that the wounded needed aid, and again without thought for personal safety, assisted by his companions, he went forward in the face of the enemy fire in order to reach wounded comrades. While engaged on his errand of mercy, he was killed by an enemy shell. Such fearless devotion to duty is in accord with the traditions of the military service and a credit to the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private Walter A Strzelka, 36987424, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 16 January 1945. When a comrade was wounded during an attempt to seize high ground, Private Strzelka, a rifleman, without regard for personal safety, went forward in the face of intense enemy fire, to administer first aid to the wounded man. His courage, disregard for personal safety, and placing the life of a wounded comrade above that of his own, are in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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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 officers and enlisted men of this command:

Captain Ancrum Waring Jr, 0438303, Medical Corps, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Belgium on 15 January 1945. After two vehicles dispatched to evacuate wounded from forward units had been struck by enemy fire, Captain Waring, First Battalion Surgeon, * * * Infantry, personally made his way forward. Assisted by three enlisted men, he carried a complete portable aid station along a route heavily shelled by enemy artillery and at one point, subjected to machine gun fire. His daring and speedy action enabled him to establish an aid station within a few hundred yards of the scene of battle, and to treat and evacuate numerous casualties who might otherwise have lost their lives. Captain Waring's intrepidity and resourcefulness are a credit to his character as an officer and to the Medical Corps of the Army. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant Ben F Mills, 0531876 (then second lieutenant), Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Belgium on 4 January 1945. For three days, all attempts of our infantry to secure a heavily fortified road junction defended by six enemy tanks, six machine guns and infantry elements were repulsed with severe losses. On 4 January, Lieutenant Mills requested the withdrawal of friendly troops from the danger zone, crawled to within twenty-five yards of the hostile positions, and began the precision adjustment of a 155mm howitzer against the tanks, with only the profile of the ground as protection against intense enemy and friendly fire. After one tank had been destroyed and the remainder had withdrawn, the enemy launched a counterattack but was trapped by the accurate artillery fire with which Lieutenant Mills enveloped the unit, suffering heavy casualties. Our troops then gained their objective, capturing fifteen prisoners. Lieutenant Mills' intrepidity, skill, and unselfish devotion to duty reflect high credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Second Lieutenant David V Cunningham, 02000128 (then technical sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Belgium on 2 January 1945. The enemy occupied a house from which they directed automatic weapons fire, augmented by an antitank gun before the house. Thus, the structure constituted a strongpoint impeding the progress of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. Lieutenant Cunningham seized a rocket-launcher and several phosphorous grenades and approached the building. Its walls too thick to permit effective use of the rocket-launcher, he took advantage of the battle noises, scaled the rear of the building, reached the roof and dropped his grenades down the chimney. As a result of this gallant action, the enemy strongpoint was reduced and the battalion proceeded upon its mission. Entered military service from Virginia.

Second Lieutenant Lawrence W Eshleman, 01999956, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Belgium from 3 to 11 January 1945. When his company had been surrounded by strong enemy forces, Lieutenant Eshleman, a mortar platoon leader and forward observer, quickly organized defensive positions, supervised the care of the wounded and personally carried many casualties to more sheltered locations. At dusk, he led a patrol which succeeded in establishing contact with friendly troops, and enabled many of his men to escape encirclement over the route reconnoitered. A further enemy advance severed this road, however, and Lieutenant Eshleman set out alone to find another way of reaching the remainder of his battalion. For a period of eight days, he moved through enemy territory, hiding in woods and cellars, and keenly observing all German installations, until he finally succeeded in reaching friendly lines with highly valuable information concerning enemy strength and activities. His intrepidity, calm leadership and resourcefulness are in accord with the best traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Glenwood E Dahlgren, 39171355, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Belgium on 31 December 1944. On 31 December, Sergeant Dahlgren assumed command of his platoon in an attack against a strongly entrenched enemy. Seeing that his lead scout had been wounded by snipers, he crossed an open field in the face of intense enemy fire to reach the injured man, killed a German soldier who was in the vicinity after a bitter hand-to-hand

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struggle, administered first aid to his comrade and carried him to a sheltered position. He then reorganized his platoon and established a defense line with such skill that a counterattack was repelled with heavy losses for the Germans. His outstanding leadership and intrepid loyalty to his men are in accord with the best traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant Samuel S Graham, 12050790, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 15 January 1945. When his platoon leader became a casualty during a dawn attack against strong enemy positions advantageously situated, Sergeant Graham assumed command of his platoon, and led his men in an assault on the hostile outposts, killing all of the enemy personnel. Displaying brilliant qualities of leadership, he then moved at the head of the platoon into the town of * * *, directing the capture of an antitank gun, two machine gun emplacements, and clearing the town of the enemy in fierce house-to-house fighting, even after he had himself been painfully wounded. Sergeant Graham's gallant actions were responsible for the destruction or capture of an entire German battalion with minimum losses to our own troops, and are in accord with the highest traditions of the Army. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal J Frank Worthen, 39921471, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , France on 14 and 15 November 1944. On 14 November, Corporal Worthen was leading a litter squad when enemy fire became so intense that he ordered his men to remain in place. Crawling ahead alone, he made his way to a wounded soldier in the midst of withering fire, and dragged him to safety. On the following day, Corporal Worthen again distinguished himself by advancing fifty yards beyond the front lines in the face of heavy sniper fire in order to evacuate a seriously wounded comrade. His intrepid loyalty to wounded fellow-soldiers is in accord with the best traditions of the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Utah.

Technician Fifth Grade Clelaon A Helmer, 32943665, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Luxembourg on 6 and 7 January 1945. While leading a wire team working under a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, Technician Helmer, a field lineman, observed a wounded man lying in an open field. With utter disregard for his safety, he crawled to his injured comrade in the face of intense mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, dragged the soldier to a position of cover, and assisted a volunteer litter team in carrying him to a medical vehicle. On the following day, Technician Helmer severely sprained an ankle while working with his wire team, but insisted on completing his mission. Even when his injury became so painful as to make walking impossible, he refused evacuation and performed the duties of a switchboard operator. His intrepid actions and exemplary devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Bert H Armstrong, 39929098 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Belgium on 16 January 1945. Sergeant Armstrong moved at least fifty yards ahead of his entire platoon advancing toward wooded enemy positions, supported by tanks. Disregarding intense fire from the front and flank, he killed an enemy soldier who was attempting to retard his unit, led the attack through the woods, personally captured sixteen Germans, and enabled his platoon to reach its objective with only two casualties. He then displayed outstanding qualities of leadership in assisting his platoon sergeant in reorganizing the platoon and establishing defensive positions. His intrepidity, resourcefulness and exemplary devotion to duty are in accord with the highest traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Montana.

Private First Class Ferdinand J Bronzell, 16081433, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Belgium on 4 January 1945. Assisted by three companions, Private Bronzell was serving as a litter bearer during the intense action near * * *. Throughout the morning hours, he worked with indefatigable energy to evacuate the numerous casualties, ever disregarding personal safety. In the afternoon, when enemy fire increased, he and his companions were counselled by the infantrymen against entering heavily-shelled terrain. Realizing that the wounded needed aid, and again without thought for personal safety, assisted by his companions, he went forward in the face of the enemy fire in order to reach wounded comrades. While engaged on his errand of mercy, he was seriously wounded. Such fearless devotion to duty is in accord with the traditions of the military service and a credit to the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Illinois.



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Private First Class Edward Lentz, 35897675, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 2 January 1945. When Private Lentz heard an enemy machine gun firing upon mortar positions of his battalion, he received permission to leave the outpost he was guarding in order to attempt the destruction of the enemy emplacement. Crawling through snow-blanketed woods, he cautiously made his way forward until he located the enemy position which formed part of a strong enemy counterattack upon battalion positions. With his M-1 rifle, Private Lentz killed three enemy gunners and silenced their weapon. His gallant actions made a material contribution to the ultimate repelling of the enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Joseph Zboralski, 36840567, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 15 January 1945. When he noticed that a wounded comrade had been left lying in an open field from which his platoon had just withdrawn because of a powerful artillery barrage, Private Zboralski crawled across four hundred yards of exposed terrain under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, carried the wounded soldier to the cover of a woods, and administered first aid until litter bearers arrived. His inspiring display of courage and unselfishness saved his comrade from further injury and possible death and reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

III — 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 officers and enlisted men:

Captain Wilbur T Davis, 0411031, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 10 July to 12 August 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Ernest P Allen Jr, 01177264, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at * * * , Luxembourg on 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Sergeant Leo H Mansheffer, 12370434, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Holland and Germany from 2 August 1944 to 21 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Albert C Temple, 34913752, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 1 January 1945. Private Temple and two companions voluntarily infiltrated enemy positions near * * * , located hostile gun emplacements and acquired highly valuable information concerning disposition and strength of enemy troops. Ambushed by the members of an enemy outpost as they were returning from their mission, the men engaged their assailants in a fire fight, killing the entire crew. The intelligence secured by Private Temple and his comrades greatly contributed to the success of his unit in an ensuing attack. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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 to the following enlisted man, now missing in action:

Staff Sergeant Clarence Roy, 35591464, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France on 10 December 1944. Sergeant Roy, a squad leader, acting on his own initiative, crossed two hundred yards of open terrain under enemy fire to go to the aid of a platoon sergeant who had encountered a strong enemy patrol while reconnoitering a wooded area to the front. He wounded one of the enemy soldiers, then called for his Browning Automatic Rifleman. Together, they provided a heavy base of fire which forced the enemy patrol to seek cover and enabled the platoon sergeant to return to the American lines. Sergeant Roy's courageous action and loyalty to a comrade in peril, are in accord with the military traditions of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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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 officers and enlisted men of this command:

Colonel William S Murray, O12227, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium and Luxembourg from 27 December 1944 to 10 January 1945. Entered United States Military Academy from New Mexico.

Major Martin L DeLong, 0791289, Air Corps, 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 1 September 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Chaplain (Captain) Raymond A Johnson, 0534560, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Captain Donald J Krebsbach, 0421714, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Chaplain (Captain) James M Moore Jr, 0542519, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Chaplain (Captain) John J White, 0444899, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Sidney R Attenberg, 01180407, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 28 December 1944. Lieutenant Attenberg, a forward artillery observer, crawled to within three hundred yards of an area where enemy troops were concentrating during a moonlit night, and directed such accurate fire against the hostile group as to disrupt a projected counter-attack. A second barrage ordered by Lieutenant Attenberg succeeded in preventing the massing of German forces at another point. Lieutenant Attenberg's courage, zeal and technical skill were responsible for the destruction of half an enemy company, completely thwarted a planned German counter-thrust, and exemplify the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant James L Barclay, 01311857, 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 15 August 1944 to 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Glenn W Clark, 01316988, 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 25 July 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Charles V Litherland, 01323011, 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 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant William Shapiro, 01312344 (then second lieutenant), 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. Lieutenant Shapiro directed the fire and movement of his machine gun platoon in support of a rifle company holding defensive positions in the vicinity of * * * . A powerful enemy attack, supported by armor, forced the rifle company to withdraw.

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Lieutenant Shapiro maintained his platoon in position for more than an hour, displaying a high order of personal bravery and inspiring his troops to withstand three sharp attacks. Only when the pressure of numerically superior enemy forces endangered his flanks did Lieutenant Shapiro order a withdrawal, which he directed with such consummate skill that all members of the platoon reached the new position with their weapons and equipment. Lieutenant Shapiro's cool-headed actions honor his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant Virgil V Thomas, 01999960, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 1 January 1945. Lieutenant Thomas, a forward observer, on his own initiative and at great personal risk, made his way well forward to reconnoiter what appeared to be a hastily abandoned enemy forward position. That night, while performing his duties at his observation post, Lieutenant Thomas heard an enemy patrol reoccupy the position which he had reconnoitered. He promptly directed mortar fire which annihilated the enemy patrol. Lieutenant Thomas' initiative and accurate fire direction contributed to the success of our troops in driving the enemy from strong positions in this sector. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant Raymond C Wilson, 0546005, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Luxembourg on 5 January 1945. When stubborn enemy resistance in wooded terrain impeded the battalion advance, Lieutenant Wilson, a platoon leader, led his platoon in its assault against strong enemy positions. Lieutenant Wilson exposed himself to enemy fire of all types, in order to move among his men and urge them forward. While so engaged, he sustained a leg wound, but continued to lead his men. His platoon inflicted heavy losses upon and routed the enemy, while taking thirty-five prisoners. Lieutenant Wilson's leadership, courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technical Sergeant Raymond E Azbell, 35220764, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 3 January 1945. When the platoon leader of the first mahcine gun platoon of his unit became a casualty, Sergeant Azbell assumed command of two sections of machine guns, and so adroitly emplaced them and directed their fire, while himself exposed to enemy fire in so doing, that fire power in support of rifle elements was measurably increased. Sergeant Azbell's leadership, resourcefulness, initiative and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Charles H Griffin, 38272155, 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 24 September 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Ernest W Kreger, 20724925, 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 8 November 1944 to 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Casimir S Lewandowski, 36559985, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 15 January 1945. When his squad was pinned-down by enemy machine gun fire during an attack on strongly entrenched German forces in * * * , Sergeant Lewandowski rushed across the street in the face of withering fire, killed two German soldiers positioned in a barn, and caused the remainder to withdraw. He then led his men in an assault on the building sheltering the main body of enemy troops, and with small arms fire and hand grenades, forced all twelve of its occupants to surrender. Sergeant Lewandowski's daring and resourceful leadership reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Technician Third Grade John E Snyder, 20726740, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 15 January 1945. After two vehicles dispatched to evacuate wounded from attacking units had been struck by enemy fire, Technician Snyder and two companions accompanied the battalion surgeon forward, carrying a complete portable aid station along a route heavily shelled by enemy artillery and at one point, subjected to machine gun fire. This prompt and daring action enabled Technician Snyder and his comrades to establish an aid station within a few hundred yards of the scene of battle, saving the lives of numerous soldiers through immediate medical attention and reflecting high credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Richard D Krakosky, 33134174, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Holland and Germany from 2 August 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Richard D Palmer, 36955862, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 1 January 1945. Sergeant Palmer and two companions voluntarily infiltrated enemy positions near * * * , located hostile gun emplacements and acquired highly valuable information concerning disposition and strength of enemy troops. Ambushed by the members of an enemy outpost as they were returning from their mission, the men engaged their assailants in a fire fight, killing the entire crew. The intelligence secured by Sergeant Palmer and his comrades greatly contributed to the success of his unit in an ensuing attack. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond W Welch, 37010879, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Holland and Germany from 2 August 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal John M Butler, 14051948, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Holland and Germany from 2 August 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Corporal Karl G Filsinger, 35623472, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Luxembourg on 6 January 1945. Corporal Filsinger voluntarily assisted in the evacuation of casualties from exposed positions, braving rifle fire and an intense artillery barrage to accomplish his mission. His courageous and unselfish actions saved three wounded comrades-in-arms from further injury and possible death and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal Aldaige Landry, 31037934, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Holland and Germany from 2 August 1944 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert H Cooley, 37036954, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium and Holland from 8 November 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry J Moran, 37037164, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Belgium from 13 July 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond J Prorok, 37256563, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France on 11 July 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Private First Class Loyd C Crosby Jr, 35914543, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 15 January 1945. After two vehicles dispatched to evacuate wounded from attacking units had been struck by enemy fire, Private Crosby and two companions accompanied the battalion surgeon forward, carrying a complete portable aid station along a route heavily shelled by enemy artillery and at one point, subjected to machine gun fire. This prompt and daring action enabled Private Crosby and his comrades to establish an aid station within a few hundred yards of the scene of battle, saving the lives of numerous soldiers through immediate medical attention and reflecting high credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Richard A Farley, 34888393, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 1 January 1945. Private Farley and two companions voluntarily infiltrated enemy positions near * * * , located hostile gun emplacements and acquired highly valuable information concerning disposition and strength of enemy troops. Ambushed by the members of an enemy outpost as they were returning from their mission, the men engaged their assailants in a fire fight, killing the entire crew. The intelligence secured by Private Farley and his comrades greatly contributed to the success of his unit in an ensuing attack. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Ralph E Gunderson, 39926937, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 15 January 1945. After two vehicles dispatched to evacuate wounded from attacking units had been struck by enemy fire, Private Gunderson and two companions accompanied the battalion surgeon forward, carrying a complete portable aid station along a route heavily shelled by enemy artillery and at one point, subjected to machine gun fire. This prompt and daring action enabled Private Gunderson and his comrades to establish an aid station within a few hundred yards of the scene of battle, saving the lives of numerous soldiers through immediate medical attention and reflecting high credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Joseph A Zebrowski, 42002557, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Belgium from 13 July 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Bennie D Veronie, 36957013, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 16 January 1945. While on night guard duty, Private Veronie observed a white-caped patrol in his vicinity. Knowing that a patrol from his organization was similarly attired, he permitted the group to approach near him before challenging them. Upon challenge, the group did not halt, but rushed toward him, firing automatic weapons. Calmly, and with the courage of a fighting infantryman, Private Veronie countered the fire of the enemy patrol with a grenade that stunned the patrol's rear elements. He then shot and killed the two enemy nearest him, and then pressing his advantage, forced the patrol to withdraw. His intrepid actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

VI -- 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 officer of this command:

Lieutenant Colonel William Walton, 0391809, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg and Belgium from 26 December 1944 to 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

VII -- AIR 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 Air Medal previously awarded, a seventh bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

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First Lieutenant Raymond P Johnson, 0551952, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg and Belgium during the period 8 December 1944 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

VIII -- 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 unit of this command for service during period indicated:

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IX -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of section IV, General Orders, No 2, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945, pertaining to Staff Sergeant Clarence Roy, 35591464, Infantry, is rescinded (see sec IV).

By command of Major General BAADE:

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