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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 and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant Ernest B Allen Jr, 01177264, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 13 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage while on a convoy move, Lieutenant Allen, with utter disregard for his own safety, made his way toward several wounded men lying in exposed positions while shells were falling all about him, but was killed before he could administer aid to the wounded soldiers. His inspiring display of intrepidity and unselfishness on this occasion characterized the high type of leadership for which Lieutenant Allen had been known throughout his service in combat, and reflects high credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade Lee V Plummer, 33702728, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Luxembourg and Belgium on 27 December 1944 and 12 January 1945. In the attack against * * * , Luxembourg, when a member of a patrol was seriously wounded, Technician Plummer, an aid man, crossed open terrain under intense enemy fire in order to dress the man's wounds and carry him to a place of safety, thereby saving the wounded man's life. On 12 January 1945, near * * * , Belgium, when advance elements were pinned-down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, two men of the leading platoon were wounded in the first burst of mortar fire. Technician Plummer left the comparative safety of his foxhole, made his way under heavy enemy mortar fire, reached the wounded men and was calmly administering first aid to them, when another mortar shell landed in the midst of the three men, killing them all. The calm courage displayed by Technician Plummer, his loyalty to wounded comrades, and his disregard for personal safety, spell such gallantry in action as to be in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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 man of this command:

Captain Edward G Raff, 01171321, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 13 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage while on a convoy move, Captain Raff heroically made his way to several wounded men lying in exposed positions, while shells were still falling all about him, administered first aid and carried one of the men to a place from where he could be evacuated. Captain Raff accomplished this task even though an officer accompanying him was killed during this operation. The courage, resourcefulness and leadership of Captain Raff was responsible for saving the lives of several of his men and for instilling new confidence into his battery, and are in accord with the best military traditions. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Frank R Dellitt, 01061670 (then second lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. After his unit had become separated from the remainder of the battalion, and enemy machine gun fire prevented forward movement, Lieutenant Dellitt, a rifle platoon leader, crawled toward the hostile weapon, undetected by the gun crew and, while

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his men were covering him by their fire, hurled two grenades into the German position which disabled the gun and killed the three members of the crew. This daring action permitted the platoon to reach friendly lines, and reflects the highest credit upon Lieutenant Dellitt's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Frank L Mazzi, 33793494 (then sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium from 3 to 10 January 1945. When the leader of his machine gun platoon was seriously wounded during a fierce enemy counterattack, Sergeant Mazzi voluntarily assumed command of the platoon, reorganized it under heavy enemy fire, and even though he had himself sustained several wounds, directed his men in successfully covering the movement of rifle elements to more suitable defensive positions. When his unit was cut off from the remainder of the battalion, he attempted to re-establish contact, but after he had crawled some distance forward, was subjected to heavy barrages by both enemy and friendly artillery and forced to seek cover till dusk. He then made his way through enemy lines, travelling in German territory for a period of seven days without being detected, and returned to friendly units with extremely valuable information concerning enemy strength and disposition, which proved of material aid in ensuing operations. Sergeant Mazzi's daring, resourcefulness and unwavering devotion to duty reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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 to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Captain Robert N Ekstrum, 0300920, 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 7 November 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Captain Milton Ginsburg, 01307222, 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 14 August 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Captain Morris D Hildreth, 0415389, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain John C Lytle, 0353664, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Captain John M Safley, 01822633, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 11 February 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Captain George B Saunders, 0386178, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain John W Walleigh Jr, 0536426 (then first lieutenant), Infantry, 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 August 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Robert G Heft Jr, 01309264, 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 leader of a machine gun platoon became a casualty, Lieutenant Heft, Executive Officer of Company D, * * * Infantry, voluntarily assumed command and, moving coolly among the gunners of

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the platoon, assured himself that maximum support was furnished attacking riflemen who were meeting exceptionally strong enemy opposition. Lieutenant Heft was seriously wounded while directing the fire of his guns, but refused evacuation until he had ascertained that his platoon sergeant was cognizant of necessary details relative to continuance of the support mission. His heroic actions were in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Donald B Parish, 0532465, 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 20 August 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant John F Bariani, 01185434, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 13 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage while on a convoy move, Lieutenant Bariani exposed himself to the prolonged shellfire in order to assist wounded men, calm the remaining members of the battery, and successfully direct his unit in an orderly move to an alternate position. His courage, leadership ability, and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from California.

First Sergeant Robert L Campbell, 20723733, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium and Germany from 15 July 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant James W Gant, 20731503 (then staff sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 14 January 1945. Sergeant Gant, an acting platoon sergeant, led his men in an attack across 500 yards of open terrain against strongly defended enemy positions in a woods. His platoon, spearheading the attack, was temporarily halted by mortar fire, resumed the attack and moved forward until met by machine gun fire of such intensity that a withdrawal was ordered. At this juncture Sergeant Gant assumed command in the absence of the platoon leader who had become a casualty, and moved calmly among his men, directing an orderly withdrawal to covered positions where he promptly reorganized the platoon and, displaying an inspiring brand of leadership and initiative, led the troops in an attack which succeeded in reaching the company objective. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Homer R Wolfe, 20606642, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Sergeant Wolfe, a platoon sergeant, assisted in maintaining his machine gun platoon in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Sergeant Wolfe and his men brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Sergeant Wolfe's cool-headed leadership under fire reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant William M Brown, 39259434, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Sergeant Brown, a section leader, maintained his machine gun section in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Sergeant Brown and his men brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Sergeant Brown's coolness and leadership under fire reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from California.

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Staff Sergeant Donald B Dickey, 37170924, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium from 30 January to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Wayne W Gilmore, 20722172, 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. Sergeant Gilmore, a mortar section sergeant of Company D, * * * Infantry, accompanied leading elements of a rifle company in a dawn attack against enemy positions threatening the * * * highway near * * * , Belgium. The attackers gained a foot-hold in the woods, but the penetration was subjected to enemy fire from three sides. At the risk of his life, Sergeant Gilmore crawled forward and directed mortar fire upon enemy positions within 50 yards of his own position of observation. His accurate fire direction caused numerous casualties among the German forces, and enabled our infantrymen to push forward, nullifying the danger to a vital supply road. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Charles A Murray, 32080178, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 13 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage while on a convoy move, Sergeant Murray exposed himself to the sustained shelling in order to collect first aid materials and assist in the treatment and evacuation of the wounded. His utter disregard for personal safety served as an inspiration to his comrades and was responsible for saving the lives of several wounded soldiers. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Carl J Brady, 35173959, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Sergeant Brady, a section leader, maintained his machine gun section in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Sergeant Brady and his men brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Sergeant Brady's coolness and leadership under fire reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Carl A Corley, 34389598, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Sergeant Corley, a squad leader maintained his machine gun squad in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Sergeant Corley and his men brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Sergeant Corley's heroic actions honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Sergeant Rafiel L Duffek, 20723759, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Sergeant Duffek, a squad leader, maintained his machine gun squad in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Sergeant Duffek and his men brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Sergeant Duffek's heroic actions honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Sergeant Charlie W Moore, 33659211 (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 3 January 1945. When his machine gun squad leader became a casualty, Sergeant Moore voluntarily took charge of the squad, reorganized it under heavy shell fire, and gave supporting fire to attacking rifle elements. Shortly thereafter, his platoon was completely encircled by the enemy. Undaunted, Sergeant Moore led his men in breaking through the German lines, capturing a prisoner in this action who furnished valuable information. Sergeant Moore's valiant actions under intense fire proved him a true leader, and a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal Kermit S Meltz, 42051541, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Corporal Meltz, first gunner in a machine gun platoon, maintained his gun in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults against the platoon position and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Corporal Meltz was wounded by shell fragments, but continued to man his weapon after receiving first aid. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Corporal Meltz and the other members of the platoon brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Corporal Meltz's fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal John F Miller, 15323392, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Corporal Miller, first gunner in a machine gun platoon, maintained his gun in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults against the platoon position and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Corporal Miller and the other members of the platoon brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Corporal Miller's fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Wallace T French, 32156763, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 26 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman Vinson Jr, 14033427, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 26 January 1945. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Albert Altif, 33622933, 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. Private Altif, an ammunition handler, kept his machine gun supplied with ammunition by traversing 250 yards of open terrain swept by enemy fire, enabling his platoon to hold its forward position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among German troops counterattacking in force. Private Altif was wounded by shell fragments, but continued with his duties after receiving first aid. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Altif assisted other members of the platoon in bringing each gun out of position and moving personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Altif's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class Dean Anderson, 35700250, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Private Anderson, first gunner in a machine gun platoon, maintained his gun in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults against the platoon position and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Anderson and the other members of the platoon brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Anderson's fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Bert A Bogan, 33545429, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 31 December 1944. Private Bogan, an aid man, moved calmly among the members of a machine gun platoon as they held a forward position for more than an hour against powerful and repeated enemy counterattacks. He performed his duties so skillfully that each of the wounded men treated was able to resume his position on the line. When mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, Private Bogan checked the condition of each of his patients, and assisted two walking-wounded to the new positions. His coolness and zealous devotion to duty under fire reflects credit upon Private Bogan's character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Guierino A Cardone, 32781711, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Private Cardone, second gunner in a machine gun platoon, maintained his gun in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults against the platoon position and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Private Cardone was wounded by shell fragments, but continued to man his weapon after receiving first aid. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Cardone and the other members of the platoon brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Cardone's fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Thomas M Dalton, 37390271, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France on 8 and 9 December 1944. Private Dalton, a field lineman, accompanied the liaison section attached to an infantry battalion when that unit crossed the * * * River on 8 December. Throughout the day and the following night he braved intense observed artillery and mortar fire in order to establish and maintain vital communications between the infantry command post, liaison officer, artillery observers and artillery fire direction center, calmly proceeding with his work and refusing to take cover despite the fact that shells burst so near that his clothing was perforated by shell fragments. His courageous devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the success of the river crossing by making possible uninterrupted artillery support for the infantry assault units. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Murray Goldstein, 42033148, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Private Goldstein, a medical technician, led a litter squad into enemy territory under concentrations of fire, calmly administered first aid to a wounded soldier, then directed his evacuation. Private Goldstein then administered first aid to a wounded German soldier nearby, organized a litter squad from Germans in the vicinity, and led this squad back to our lines and to the aid station. Private Goldstein's courageous actions under fire reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier, and exemplify the traditions of the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Clyde H McGlothlin, 33850152, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Private McGlothlin, a squad leader, maintained his machine gun squad in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private McGlothlin and his men brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private McGlothlin's heroic actions honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Henry A Mikulski, 33677995, 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. Private Mikulski, an ammunition handler, kept his machine gun supplied with ammunition by traversing 250 yards of open terrain swept by enemy fire, enabling his platoon to hold its forward position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among German troops counterattacking in force. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Mikulski assisted other members of the platoon in bringing each gun out of position and moving personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Mikulski's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Lloyd E Morley, 36534303, 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. Private Morley, an ammunition handler, kept his machine gun supplied with ammunition by traversing 250 yards of open terrain swept by enemy fire, enabling his platoon to hold its forward position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among German troops counterattacking in force. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Morley assisted other members of the platoon in bringing each gun out of position and moving personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Morley's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class John W Myers, 36867237, 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. Private Myers, an ammunition handler, kept his machine gun supplied with ammunition by traversing 250 yards of open terrain swept by enemy fire, enabling his platoon to hold its forward position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among German troops counterattacking in force. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Myers assisted other members of the platoon in bringing each gun out of position and moving personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Myers' courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Ovin H Ray, 34613106, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 13 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage while on a convoy move, Private Ray, a medical technician, went to the aid of wounded men lying in exposed positions, dressing their wounds while shells were still falling all about him, and continuing his efforts even after an officer working next to him was killed. Private Ray's unselfish and intrepid efforts were directly responsible for the saving of the men's lives and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Edwin M Rosenthal, 42009649, 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. Private Rosenthal, an ammunition handler, kept his machine gun supplied with ammunition by traversing 250 yards of open terrain swept by enemy fire, enabling his platoon to hold its forward position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and

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inflicting heavy casualties among German troops counterattacking in force. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Rosenthal assisted other members of the platoon in bringing each gun out of position and moving personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Rosenthal's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class John K Scritchfield, 15114976, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Private Scritchfield, first gunner in a machine gun platoon, maintained his gun in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults against the platoon position and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Scritchfield and the other members of the platoon brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Scritchfield's fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Carmine Trovato, 42039749, 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. Private Trovato, an ammunition handler, kept his machine gun supplied with ammunition by traversing 250 yards of open terrain swept by enemy fire, enabling his platoon to hold its forward position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among German troops counterattacking in force. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Trovato assisted other members of the platoon in bringing each gun out of position and moving personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Trovato's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Harold A Wigginton, 15083509, 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. Private Wigginton, an ammunition handler, kept his machine gun supplied with ammunition by traversing 250 yards of open terrain swept by enemy fire, enabling his platoon to hold its forward position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among German troops counterattacking in force. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Wigginton assisted other members of the platoon in bringing each gun out of position and moving personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Wigginton's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private Jack Covington, 35702270, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Private Covington, second gunner in a machine gun platoon, maintained his gun in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults against the platoon position and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Covington and the other members of the platoon brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Covington's fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private John L Gullett, 38027965, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Private Gullett, second gunner in a machine gun platoon, maintained his gun in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults against the platoon position and inflicting heavy casualties among the

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attacking Germans. Private Gullett was wounded by shell fragments, but continued to man his weapon after receiving first aid. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Gullett and the other members of the platoon brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Gullett's fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Florian J Kowalske, 36836656, 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. When a rifle company which his platoon was supporting was compelled to withdraw during the course of a powerful enemy counterattack, Private Kowalske, second gunner in a machine gun platoon, maintained his gun in position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults against the platoon position and inflicting heavy casualties among the attacking Germans. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Kowalske and the other members of the platoon brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Kowalske's fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Albert L Narvid, 33607914, 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. Private Narvid, an ammunition handler, kept his machine gun supplied with ammunition by traversing 250 yards of open terrain swept by enemy fire, enabling his platoon to hold its forward position for more than an hour, repelling three successive assaults and inflicting heavy casualties among German troops counterattacking in force. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Narvid assisted other members of the platoon in bringing each gun out of position and moving personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Narvid's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV — 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 and enlisted man of this command:

Lieutenant Colonel Warren T Hannum Jr, 021316, 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 United States Military Academy from Maryland.

Private First Class Dorist F Bonecutter, 35778526, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. When this litter bearer learned that a wounded American soldier was lying in a field exposed to enemy fire, he promptly volunteered to go to his aid despite the fact that several aid men had been forced to turn back because of heavy machine gun fire concentrated in the area. Private Bonecutter moved forward, succeeded in reaching the wounded man, quickly applied first aid, then half carried and half dragged the wounded soldier to a position from which he could be more readily evacuated. Private Bonecutter's intrepid actions saved the life of his comrade-in-arms, and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from West Virginia.

V — 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 fifth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers of this command:

First Lieutenant Donald W Foe, 01172004, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Belgium and Luxembourg during the period 11 December 1944 to 28 January 1945. Entered military service from Wyoming.

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Second Lieutenant Billie J Pemberton, 01999323, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 18 November 1944 to 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

VI — PURPLE HEART. 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 Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Captain Charles R Williams 0452537, Field Artillery	12 Feb	Oklahoma
Second Lieutenant Robert F Escudero 01327942, Infantry	13 Feb	California
Technical Sergeant Fred B Barker 39014713, Field Artillery	12 Feb	California
Technical Sergeant William T Kimbrough 14007732, Infantry	12 Feb	South Carolina
Staff Sergeant Herman T Bornhoeft 37096380, Infantry	8 Feb	North Dakota
Staff Sergeant Leyone R Casey 20721504, Infantry	2 Feb	Nebraska
Staff Sergeant Wayne W Whiteman 20734727, Field Artillery	13 Feb	Kansas
Technician Fourth Grade Sam Alessi 20723351, Infantry	14 Feb	Nebraska
Corporal Enrique V Botello 18060743, Field Artillery	16 Feb	Texas
Corporal Kenneth L Flannery 36229890, Infantry	5 Jan	Wisconsin
Private First Class Donald L Scott 20722768, Infantry	17 Jul	Nebraska
Private First Class Mack C Tindall 34760405, Field Artillery	13 Feb	Georgia
Private Lawrence R Patterson 34836092, Infantry	17 Feb	Georgia

VII — PURPLE HEART (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 Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Captain John L Strader 0447932, Infantry	14 Feb	California
First Lieutenant Peter F Nolan 01182670, Field Artillery	12 Feb	New York
Staff Sergeant William S Augsberger 33811491, Infantry	30 Oct	Pennsylvania
Staff Sergeant Henry A Norman 34170153, Infantry	2 Aug	North Carolina
Private First Class Herman Cler 33791971, Infantry	17 Feb	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Roger J Martin 36873129, Infantry	14 Feb	Michigan
Private First Class Donald L Scott 20722768, Infantry	3 Aug	Nebraska

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 Purple Heart previously awarded, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man of this command for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Private First Class Donald L Scott 20722768, Infantry	13 Nov	Nebraska

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