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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 officers and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant John Manna, 01287202, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 5 January 1945. Lieutenant Manna, commanding Company A, * * * Infantry, displayed brilliant leadership and high courage in successfully maneuvering his unit through heavy rolling terrain and a forest and seizing an important road junction held by the enemy. While he was reorganizing his unit and directing the evacuation of casualties, he was killed by a tree-bursting mortar shell. His intrepid actions under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire were largely responsible for the success of his company, and reflect high credit upon his character and training as an officer. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Edmund J O'Connell, 01321807, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 5 January 1945. Lieutenant O'Connell displayed brilliant leadership and high courage in successfully maneuvering his platoon through heavy rolling terrain and a forest and seizing an important road junction held by the enemy. While reorganizing his unit and directing the evacuation of the wounded, he was killed by a tree-bursting mortar shell. His intrepid actions under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire materially contributed to the success of his company, and reflect high credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Wayne E Kenneson, 31373792, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Lorraine, France on 18 November and 11 December 1944. On 18 November, Sergeant Kenneson advanced into an open field in the face of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to administer first aid to a wounded officer. Again on 11 December, Sergeant Kenneson demonstrated his unselfish devotion to duty and high order of courage when he persisted in the treatment of casualties on a newly-established bridgehead across the * * * River, then subjected to extremely heavy enemy fire of all types, until he was killed by the hostile fire. His intrepid actions were an inspiration to his comrades and are in accord with the best traditions of the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

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 enlisted men of this command:

Technical Sergeant Howard J Jacoby, 17108244, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Company C, * * * Infantry, pressed forward beyond its objective and became isolated from other units of the battalion. Sergeant Jacoby, a platoon sergeant, assisted in leading his platoon in an attempt to regain the American lines during hours of darkness, when his unit was fired upon at close range by an enemy machine gun. Sergeant Jacoby observed the muzzle blast of the enemy gun, then crawled forward to a vantage point and killed the two members of the machine gun crew with rifle fire, enabling his platoon to continue toward our lines and regain contact with the remainder of the battalion. His gallant actions honor his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Technical Sergeant Clyde L Stalcup, 34881917, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. When his company commander and another officer became casualties shortly after the unit had successfully completed an attack on a German-held road junction, Sergeant Stalcup, amid intense enemy artillery and mortar barrages, reorganized his company, personally established contact with the supporting unit on his flank and effectively led his men in repelling several enemy counterattacks against the position. His initiative, courage and leadership inspired his men to fight valiantly and hold their ground against fierce German thrusts, reflecting high credit upon Sergeant Stalcup's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Rex L Storm, 36976362 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. When his company had to make a limited withdrawal after pushing far into enemy territory, Sergeant Storm, a rifleman, voluntarily remained behind to cover the evacuation of the wounded. The enemy launched an attack but was stopped completely by Sergeant Storm and a companion, who were armed only with an M-1 rifle. Sergeant Storm personally killed 27 of the enemy in this engagement, making the successful evacuation of his wounded comrades possible. His coolness under fire, resourcefulness, and exceptional marksmanship reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Cesario Diosdado, 18049385, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Normandy, France on 20 July 1944. Sergeant Diosdado, skillfully administered first aid to a wounded soldier, despite heavy enemy shelling in the immediate vicinity, thereafter evacuating his patient and two other casualties. Later that day, he led a litter team, by vehicle, over areas known to be mined, then by foot, under enemy observation and fire of all types. Sergeant Diosdado received a hand wound, but tenaciously made several such trips over dangerous terrain before permitting treatment of his own wound, at which time he had assured himself that all casualties had been evacuated and thus spared further injury and possible death. His gallant actions are in accord with military tradition and reflect credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Solomon Plotsky, 42125283, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action, near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Company C, * * * Infantry, pressed forward beyond its objective and became isolated from other units of the battalion. Sergeant Plotsky, then an assistant squad leader, led a group of twelve soldiers in an attempt to regain the American lines during hours of darkness. This group was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun, whereupon Sergeant Plotsky, observing the muzzle blast, rushed forward and seized the barrel of the enemy weapon with his bare hands, wrested it from the surprised German, then knocked out the enemy gunner. The gallant actions of Sergeant Plotsky enabled his group to continue toward our lines and regain contact with the remainder of the battalion. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Dallas W Viehe, 35837366, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. When his company had to make a limited withdrawal after pushing far into enemy territory, Private Viehe, a rifleman, voluntarily remained behind to cover the evacuation of the wounded. The enemy launched an attack but was stopped completely by Private Viehe and a companion, who were armed only with an M-1 rifle. Private Viehe personally killed 20 of the enemy in this engagement, making the successful evacuation of his wounded comrades possible. His coolness under fire, resourcefulness, and exceptional marksmanship reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Indiana.

III — SOLDIER'S MEDAL: Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 2 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 men of this command:

Staff Sergeant Gerald C Martin, 34683176, Infantry, United States Army, for heroism near * * * , Germany on 11 December 1944. After voluntarily guiding an assault boat across the turbulent * * * River in a hazardous night crossing, Sergeant Martin, hearing screams from the center of the stream, took his boat back into the river by himself, and succeeded in pulling four men into the boat despite

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a heavy current. His daring and unselfish action was responsible for saving the lives of four fellow-soldiers, and reflects credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

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 enlisted men:

Private First Class Chester E Zaleski, 32928678, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Normandy, France on 20 July 1944. Private Zaleski, without thought of personal safety, acted as a member of a litter squad led by a noncommissioned officer. Travelling over areas known to be mined, under enemy observation and fire of all types, he made several trips to a heavily-shelled area in order to effect the evacuation of casualties. Because of his devotion to duty, courage and disregard for personal safety, many wounded men were spared further injury and possible death. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Leonard W Erkila, 32737437, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 31 December 1944. Private Erkila, a rifleman, accompanied by another soldier, voluntarily moved forward under heavy enemy fire to rescue an officer lying wounded in an open field. After dragging the wounded officer some 30 yards to a position affording temporary cover, Private Erkila and his companion administered first aid, applied a tourniquet, then carried him to our lines where he could be evacuated to an aid station. Private Erkila's courageous actions under fire saved the officer from certain death and reflect credit upon Private Erkila's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private Joseph J Toth, 32924751, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Normandy, France on 20 July 1944. Private Toth, without thought of personal safety, acted as a member of a litter squad led by a noncommissioned officer. Travelling over areas known to be mined, under enemy observation and fire of all types, he made several trips to a heavily-shelled area in order to effect the evacuation of casualties. Because of his devotion to duty, courage and disregard for personal safety, many wounded men were spared further injury and possible death. 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 men, now missing in action:

Private First Class Howard D Thomas Jr, 35085123, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Company C, * * * Infantry, had been surrounded by the enemy in an area subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire and infested with snipers, but an escape route was found permitting all men to find their way back to their own lines with the exception of seven wounded soldiers. Disregarding his personal safety, Private Thomas, serving as aid man with Company C, and two companions voluntarily remained with the wounded men to tend their injuries and offer encouragement. His unselfish devotion to wounded fellow-soldiers reflects credit upon his character and on the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Michael L Linquata, 31430192, 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. Company C, * * * Infantry, had been surrounded by the enemy in an area subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire and infested with snipers, but an escape route was found permitting all men to find their way back to their own lines with the exception of seven wounded soldiers. Disregarding his personal safety, Private Linquata, serving as aid man with Company C, and two companions voluntarily remained with the wounded men to tend their injuries and offer encouragement. His unselfish devotion to wounded fellow-soldiers reflects credit upon his character and on the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private James M Madison, 37238334, 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. Company C, * * * Infantry, had been surrounded by the enemy in an area subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire and infested with snipers, but an escape route was found permitting all men to find their way back to their own lines with the exception of seven wounded soldiers. Disregarding his personal safety, Private Madison, serving as aid man with Company C, and two companions voluntarily remained with the wounded men to tend their injuries and offer encouragement. His unselfish devotion to wounded fellow-soldiers reflects credit upon his character and on the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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:

Captain Nathanael M Fedde, 0470190, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 1 August 1944 to 30 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Captain William E Sinex, 0384616, Infantry, 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 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain Lal D Threlkeld, 0425852, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 1 August 1944 to 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain James H Witherspoon, 0315684, 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 12 July 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant Percy E Todd, 0454431, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in * * *, France on 5 and 6 August 1944. While his unit was part of a task force engaged in a rapid drive across the Brittany peninsula, Lieutenant Todd voluntarily travelled across 120 miles of enemy territory, braving constant danger of attack or capture for a period of two days, in order to establish contact with an armored combat command. He succeeded in locating this unit, and after obtaining highly valuable information, returned to his organization over the same hazardous route. Lieutenant Todd's daring and resourceful actions greatly contributed to the success of his group, and reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Lieutenant Bruce W Waddell, 01302556, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland from 11 July 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Jesse Fierstein, 32514734, 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 3 August 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Lupe Moran Jr, 38682090 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany from 21 September 1944 to 9 February 1945. Throughout this period, Sergeant Moran repeatedly proved himself a resourceful and thoroughly dependable leader. When his squad leader became a casualty during the course of an attack against the enemy near * * *, Sergeant Moran took charge of the squad and led it aggressively forward. In the bitter fighting near * * *, Germany he assumed command of his platoon when the platoon leader became a casualty, and led it successfully through the action,

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displaying good judgment and exceptional leadership ability. During the Battle of the * * * Salient, while acting as a platoon leader, he was wounded in the shoulder by shell fragments but refused evacuation and continued to lead his troops forward. His heroic actions and outstanding leadership exemplify the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Donald G O'Kelley, 36558929, 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 5 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Philip P Faiella, 31328117 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, Belgium on 7 January 1945. When a combat patrol, reconnoitering the outskirts of the village of * * *, Belgium, was forced to withdraw after encountering intense machine gun and small arms fire, one member of the patrol, wounded during the firefight, was left behind. Sergeant Faiella moved forward with utter disregard for personal safety, and dragged the wounded soldier to a sheltered area. His selfless action under fire undoubtedly saved his wounded comrade from further wounds and possible death. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Donald E Hardenbrook, 37034677, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Belgium on 5, 6 and 7 January 1945. During an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of * * *, Belgium, Company C, * * * Infantry, overshot its objective and proceeded to reorganize in an area under enemy observation and artillery fire. Sergeant Hardenbrook, a squad leader, volunteered to bring in supplies and, over a period of three days, made numerous trips under enemy observation and fire with equipment and rations which enabled the unit to maintain its advanced position. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Donald D Kegerreis, 36974956 (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 from 6 to 8 January 1945. On 6 January, while his unit was engaged in defending the * * * Highway, Sergeant Kegerreis, a rifleman, led a combat patrol which succeeded in obtaining valuable information relative to enemy troops and dispositions in this area. During the three days that this patrol operated in enemy territory, they succeeded in killing a German major and a lieutenant. On 8 January, Sergeant Kegerreis led a reinforced squad to a forward position and set up a holding position which enabled the company to advance to more strategic positions with minimum casualties. The aggressive leadership displayed by Sergeant Kegerreis reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Edmund J Kopka, 11014500 (then technician fourth grade), Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Belgium on 8 January 1945. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Staff Sergeant Lloyd W McKee, 37670478 (then sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France on 27 January 1945. Sergeant McKee and another soldier had started out on a patrol in front of our lines when they were subjected to both enemy and friendly fire which wounded Sergeant McKee's companion. Undaunted, Sergeant McKee crawled toward the friendly troops, attracted their attention and induced them to stop firing. He then went forward to his wounded comrade in full view of the enemy, bandaged his wound, and carried him to cover. After his companion had been evacuated, Sergeant McKee proceeded to the friendly unit and furnished it with highly valuable information regarding enemy positions. His unselfish devotion to duty and resourcefulness are in accord with military traditions. Entered military service from Iowa.

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Staff Sergeant Ross M Miller, 20724926, 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 7 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant John J Rompallo Jr, 33495356, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States between * * * , France and * * * , Belgium on 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Robert Trout, 20738751, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Dayton G Wiley, 20737975, Infantry, 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 to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Anon B Bosworth Jr, 14032925, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France on 29 January 1945. Sergeant Bosworth, a squad leader, left his foxhole during a heavy enemy mortar barrage to reach a wounded comrade lying in an exposed position, carried him to a place of cover and administered first aid. He then reorganized his squad and successfully carried out his mission. Sergeant Bosworth's courage, initiative and leadership reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fourth Grade Delbert D Ekenberg, 39098692, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 3 August 1944 to 11 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

Corporal James M Allegood, 34684587, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 10 July 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Corporal Lawrence H Fickenscher, 37073755, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 1 August 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Michael Crispi, 32066913 (then private first class), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France on 12 December 1944. During the first part of the day, Corporal Crispi, a litter bearer, displaying zealous devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, made numerous trips under enemy fire of great intensity, in order to evacuate casualties. Later in the day, when the increased enemy fire caused the aid station to move to the cellar of a building, it was learned a wounded man lay exposed to enemy shells about one hundred yards from the aid station. Although already fatigued, and despite the heavy enemy artillery fire upon the area, Corporal Crispi went to the wounded man and carried him to the aid station. Corporal Crispi's courage and loyalty to a wounded comrade reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles J Dick, 33831673, Medical Department, 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 7 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas F Frentzel, 32552079, 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 3 August 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Robert T Guilfoyle, 12093631, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 6 July 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward E Milhouse, 16100575, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France on 9 December 1944. Corporal Milhouse, a litter bearer, assisted by two comrades, with disregard for intense sniper fire, went forward to evacuate a wounded soldier. With his companions, he reached the wounded man and in the comparative safety of a building, administered first aid. Placing his patient upon a litter, assisted by his companions, he effected the evacuation of the wounded soldier under the heavy sniper fire which wounded Corporal Milhouse. His devotion to duty, disregard for personal safety and his courage, denote him an asset to his unit. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas Crawsky, 11045078, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 1 August 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade Wilbur C Reiser, 36557523, Infantry, 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 9 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Warren S West, 37508767, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France on 9 December 1944. Corporal West, a litter bearer, assisted by two comrades, with disregard for intense sniper fire, went forward to evacuate a wounded soldier. With his companions, he reached the wounded man and in the comparative safety of a building, administered first aid. Placing his patient upon a litter, assisted by his companions, he effected the evacuation of the wounded soldier under the heavy sniper fire. His devotion to duty, disregard for personal safety and his courage, denote him an asset to his unit. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Joseph N Ashley, 36535575, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 5 January 1945. When the ammunition and pioneer platoon of his organization was given the mission of protecting the battalion left flank upon the * * * Highway, an enemy force of fifty men attacked the defending group which consisted of but eighteen new, inexperienced men. Private Ashley, an acting squad leader, while using his carbine with telling effect upon the enemy, shouted orders and words of encouragement to his squad, as a result of which, they acquitted themselves in the manner of veterans, and repelled the enemy attack. The inspiring leadership, courage and aggressiveness of Private Ashley reflect credit upon him. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class John J Cadamatre, 32928048, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Normandy, France on 20 July 1944. Private Cadamatre, without thought of personal safety, acted as a member of a litter squad led by a noncommissioned officer. Travelling over areas known to be mined, under enemy observation and fire of all types, he made several trips to a heavily-shelled area in order to effect the evacuation of casualties. Because of his devotion to duty, courage and disregard for personal safety, many wounded men were spared further injury and possible death. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class John M Garrison, 31344791, 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. During intense action in the attack against * * * , Private Garrison, an aid man, performed his duties with tireless energy, zealous devotion to duty and disregard for the intense enemy fire of all types that fell about him, as he worked courageously and industriously, treating more than twenty-five wounded men in less than three hours, organizing and leading litter squads under fire until all wounded of his unit had

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been properly evacuated and cared for. By his initiative, coolness and resourcefulness under fire, Private Garrison has proved himself a credit to the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Mathias C Hentges, 37662758, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 February 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Fay O Jolly, 37662086, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 February 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Glenn W Keller, 33682184, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States between * * * , France and * * * , Belgium on 30 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Henry C Lubbers, 37037151, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Normandy, France on 20 July 1944. Private Lubbers, without thought of personal safety, acted as a member of a litter squad led by a noncommissioned officer. Travelling over areas known to be mined, under enemy observation and fire of all types, he made several trips to a heavily-shelled area in order to effect the evacuation of casualties. Because of his devotion to duty, courage and disregard for personal safety, many wounded men were spared further injury and possible death. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Gene J Massocco, 32942313, Infantry, 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 10 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class John A Reese, 39919432, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 5 January 1945. When the ammunition and pioneer platoon of his organization was given the mission of protecting the battalion left flank upon the * * * Highway, an enemy force of fifty men attacked the defending group which consisted of but eighteen new, inexperienced men. Private Reese, an acting squad leader, while using his carbine with telling effect upon the enemy, shouted orders and words of encouragement to his squad, as a result of which, they acquitted themselves in the manner of veterans, and repelled the enemy attack. The inspiring leadership, courage and aggressiveness of Private Reese reflect credit upon him. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Robert E Roden, 33681861, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France on 9 December 1944. Private Roden, a litter bearer, assisted by two comrades, with disregard for intense sniper fire, went forward to evacuate a wounded soldier. With his companions, he reached the wounded man and in the comparative safety of a building, administered first aid. Placing his patient upon a litter, assisted by his companions, he effected the evacuation of the wounded soldier under the heavy sniper fire. His devotion to duty, disregard for personal safety and his courage, denote him an asset to his unit. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Leonard E Womochil, 37662344, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 February 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Robert E Botieri, 31301713, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 31 December 1944. Private Botieri, a rifleman, accompanied by another soldier, voluntarily moved forward under heavy enemy fire to rescue an officer lying wounded in an open field. After dragging the wounded officer some 30 yards to a position affording temporary cover, Private

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Botieri and his companion administered first aid, applied a tourniquet, then carried him to our lines where he could be evacuated to an aid station. Private Botieri's courageous actions under fire saved the officer from certain death, and reflect credit upon Private Botieri's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Joseph M Conlon, 35455503, 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 Conlon, 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. Although wounded by sniper fire, Private Conlon continued his duties after receiving first aid. Mounting pressure on both flanks finally made withdrawal mandatory, whereupon Private Conlon and his men brought each gun out of position and moved personnel and equipment to more advantageous positions without loss. Private Conlon's heroic actions honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Joseph M Joyner Jr, 33636671, Infantry, 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 Joyner, a company runner, during an intense engagement with the enemy, left the comparative safety of his foxhole and, despite the heavy enemy fire of all types, assisted medical aid personnel in the treatment and evacuation of casualties. Private Joyner's selfless act reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Carman L Powell, 34606660, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in * * * , Germany on 12 February 1945. Private Powell left a place of comparative safety during an intense enemy artillery barrage to remove debris which had buried another soldier when a large caliber shell scored a direct hit at the base of a building. His prompt action and complete disregard for personal safety saved a comrade-in-arms from suffocation, and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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 officers and enlisted men of this command:

Major Oliver H Bruce, 01283018 (then captain), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Major Bruce, Executive Officer of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, organized a task force consisting of a rifle company and a company of armored infantry, and personally led an attack against a strong enemy pocket barring the approaches to the village of * * * , Belgium. Despite numerous casualties caused by intense enemy fire including concentrations of rockets, Major Bruce maintained complete control of his troops and succeeded in forcing the enemy from strong positions, thereby enabling the battalion to accomplish its mission of clearing the enemy from the entire area. Entered military service from Maryland.

Captain Ruggles L Baker, 0415779, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Belgium from 12 July 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Captain Glenn W Saddler, 0425618, 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 21 November 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Second Lieutenant Pleeze A Ford, 02001040 (then technical sergeant), 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. Lieutenant Ford and a comrade voluntarily went forward from an observation post to the side of a seriously wounded soldier amid an intense enemy artillery barrage, administered first aid and commenced to carry the man to the rear. While engaged on this mission, Lieutenant Ford and his companion were themselves wounded by a tree-bursting shell, but continued on their way until their patient had been successfully evacuated. Lieutenant Ford's unselfish devotion to a wounded comrade-in-arms reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Clyde D Johnson, 14018208, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 5 January 1945. When the ammunition and pioneer platoon of which he is platoon sergeant was given the mission of protecting the battalion left flank upon the * * * Highway, an enemy force of fifty men attacked the defending group consisting of only eighteen new, untried men. Sergeant Johnson moved among his small force, checking their positions to insure maximum fire power and so inspired his inexperienced men by his calm courage, that they fought in the manner of veterans and repelled the enemy attack. Sergeant Johnson's leadership, courage and coolness under fire reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant John W Miller, 37299812, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Sergeant Miller, a wire chief, organized and led a wire crew into an area subjected to particularly heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, to repair numerous breaks in the communication lines, caused by the enemy shellfire. Despite the precariousness of the situation, Sergeant Miller worked calmly and coolly, making all necessary repairs and re-routing a portion of the line from the impact area of enemy mortar fire. Sergeant Miller's outstanding leadership and tenacity of purpose despite all obstacles, resulted in the maintenance of vital communications, and contributed to the success of his battalion which was then heavily engaged with the enemy in a wooded area near * * * , Belgium. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Paul J Randel, 37002782, 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. Sergeant Randel and a comrade voluntarily went forward from an observation post to the side of a seriously wounded soldier amid an intense enemy artillery barrage, administered first aid and commenced to carry the man to the rear. While engaged on this mission, Sergeant Randel and his companion were themselves wounded by a tree-bursting shell, but continued on their way until their patient had been successfully evacuated. Sergeant Randel's unselfish devotion to a wounded comrade-in-arms reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade James R Lucas, 36067846, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium from 28 December 1944 to 10 January 1945. During this period, Sergeant Lucas, a lineman, maintained communications between the second battalion command post and the companies despite intense enemy shellfire which caused numerous breaks in the lines. On 4 January he voluntarily led a wire crew which succeeded in establishing communications with two beleaguered companies, a task which necessitated traversing terrain swept by all types of enemy fire. Sergeant Lucas' courageous and tireless devotion to duty under fire honors his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

VIII -- MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended by Section II, Circular 401, 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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Service Company, 134th Infantry	15 July 1944 to 12 February 1945

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IX — UNIT STREAMER. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular 408, War Department, 17 October 1944, a Combat Infantry Regiment Streamer is awarded to the following unit of this command:

134th Infantry Regiment

X — COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular 408, War Department, 17 October 1944, as amended by Section III, Circular 450, War Department, 28 November 1944, a Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following officers of this command:

Colonel Bernard A Byrne, 012404, Infantry, 320th Infantry
Colonel Butler B Miltonberger, 0197801, Infantry, 134th Infantry
Colonel William S Murray 012227, Infantry, 137th Infantry

By command of Major General BAADE:

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