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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:

First Lieutenant Arthur E Christiansen, 01307198, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \*, France on 20 November 1944. During an attack by his battalion against strongly defended enemy positions, Lieutenant Christiansen went forward with a wire squad to install communications from the command post to the forward observation post. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Christiansen elected to use the shorter of two available roads, although he knew that it was exposed to intense enemy fire of all types and infested with mines. Realizing that rapid establishment of communications was vital, he proceeded on the road but was killed when his vehicle struck an antitank mine. His unselfish and devoted devotion to duty reflects high credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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

Captain Clifford M Head, 01310440, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in France, Germany and Luxembourg from 21 November 1944 to 5 January 1945. During this period, Captain Head, Commanding Company G, \* \* \* Infantry, led his troops in a series of offensive successes against the enemy. On 23 November his troops, inspired by the gallant example of personal bravery on the part of their leader, thwarted a powerful counterattack near \* \* \*, France, and went on to seize the village. On 8 December he led his unit across the \* \* \* River and held important high ground thus gained against sharp, tank-supported counterattacks. When his company was committed in the Battle of the \* \* \* Salient on 27 December, Captain Head displayed the same qualities of aggressive leadership which have always characterized his services as a combat leader. With consummate tactical skill, Captain Head organized and led an assault which pierced the German lines near \* \* \*, Luxembourg, and proceeded on with such rapidity that the Germans were prevented from effectively re-forming their numerically superior forces in this area. His brilliant service reflects credit upon his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Ronald E Johnston, 36558820, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \*, Belgium on 4 January 1945. Sergeant Johnston, a mortar section sergeant, went forward with leading elements of the rifle company in order to direct the fire of his section. Enemy artillery and mortar fire was unusually intense. When the riflemen had established a hasty defensive position, Sergeant Johnston, with disregard for personal safety, went forward to establish an observation post. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack, Sergeant Johnston remained at his post, and even though wounded by the enemy fire, refused medical assistance until he had successfully directed the fire of his section which ultimately thwarted the enemy counterattack and enabled the rifle company to hold its gains. Sergeant Johnston's courage, fortitude and tenacity of purpose are in accord with military tradition. Entered military service from Michigan.



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rifleman, without thought of personal safety. He was wounded by  
[redacted], but remained at his observation post which he had now established ahead  
of the riflemen, in order to direct the fire of his unit, and would not permit him-  
self to be evacuated until the objective had been taken. Sergeant Schowengerdt's  
tenacity of purpose, fortitude and devotion to duty are in accord with military  
tradition. Entered military service from Kansas.

III -- SILVER STAR (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 Silver  
Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following  
officer of this command:

Captain Norman C. Carey, 01285008, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry  
in action near \* \* \*, Belgium on 15 January 1945. On 15 January, Captain Carey  
commanded Company A, \* \* \* Infantry, in a dawn attack on the town of \* \* \*. After  
leading his unit in traversing precarious open ground, killing hostile sentinels  
and engaging the enemy in bitter street fighting, Captain Carey learned that the  
town was defended by an enemy battalion which outnumbered his depleted company  
three-to-one. Realizing the necessity for tank support, he crossed a thousand  
yards of exposed terrain to reach a radio, called for armor, and returned to his  
unit under a hail of enemy fire of all types to direct the first tank into position.  
Displaying inspiring leadership and courage, he then led his men in a house-to-  
house assault on the town, repeatedly exposing himself to withering fire in order  
to point out targets for tanks and self-propelled guns. His brilliant direction of  
a tank-infantry team resulted in the death or capture of all the defending enemy  
troops, and is in keeping with the best military traditions. Entered military  
service from Colorado.

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:

Corporal Raymon A. Buchanan, 19004986, Field Artillery, United States Army,  
for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of  
the United States in France, Belgium and Germany from 10 July 1944 to 1 January  
1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private Leonard R. Johnson, 37271220, Field Artillery, United States Army, for  
meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the  
United States in France, Belgium and Germany from 12 October 1944 to 1 January  
1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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:

Captain John E. Berger, 0360451, Dental Corps, United States Army, for meritor-  
ious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United  
States in France, Belgium and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 27 February 1945.  
Entered military service from Minnesota.

Captain Henry L. Lee, 0247105, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meri-  
torious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the  
United States at \* \* \*, Germany on 12 February 1945. Entered military service  
from Pennsylvania.

Captain Raymond M. Raines, 0411882, Infantry, United States Army, for meritor-  
ious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United  
States in France, Belgium and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 20 February 1945.  
Entered military service from Illinois.



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Captain John O Shoemaker, 01295444, 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 15 February 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Captain Douglas R Thomas, 0396347, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Harold A Ames, 01323653, 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 21 September 1944 to 18 February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Ernest W Argabrite Jr, 01634077, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Belgium from 18 to 23 January 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

First Lieutenant Max W Grosman, 0343150, Field Artillery, 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 12 July 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

First Lieutenant Vernon E Lucas, 01822294, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany and Belgium from 18 July 1944 to 16 February 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Henry G Peterson Jr, 01319538, 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 21 October 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant Robert E Phillips, 01321058, 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 August 1944 to 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Lieutenant Arthur E Stringer Jr, 01296111, 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 15 July to 18 September 1944, and 18 December 1944 to 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Sergeant Joseph C Skornog, 20607182, 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 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Rosario S Alletto, 36158545, 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 an enemy counterattack forced a withdrawal of our advance rifle elements, Sergeant Alletto remained at the forward observation post for his mortar unit although left unprotected and exposed to enemy observation and fire. He continued to direct mortar fire against the approaching Germans even after he had been wounded, causing numerous casualties among the enemy troops and materially contributing to the repulse of the attack. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant John W Rains, 37144832, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Luxembourg on 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Walter G Witte, 20739414, Quartermaster Corps, 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 15 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Walter Cerf, 36657298, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany and Belgium from 12 December 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Harry M Molder, 37145077, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Luxembourg on 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Delbert P Alber, 37667826, 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. When personnel of Company A, \* \* \* Infantry were billeted in a barn, an enemy artillery shell struck the building and severely wounded fourteen men within it. Other personnel sought refuge in cellars. Enemy mortar shells continued to fall in the immediate vicinity. Undaunted by the enemy shelling, and despite the handicap presented by blackout discipline, Private Alber, an aid man, working only with a cloth-covered flashlight, remained to attend the wounds of the injured men, giving no thought to his own safety. The courage, devotion to duty and loyalty to wounded comrades, are qualities possessed by Private Alber that reflect credit upon him and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Raymond A Chevrette, 31292020, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg and Belgium from 27 December 1944 to 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private First Class Warner G Hale, 35800618, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Luxembourg on 4 January 1945. Private Hale, a machine gunner, twice left the comparative safety of his foxhole, and exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar fire in order to repair communication wires when they were severed during an attack. Private Hale's initiative, courage and disregard for personal safety contributed measurably to the success of the attack. Entered military service from Kentucky.

VI -- BRONZE STAR-MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men of this command:

First Lieutenant Leo K Williams, 01325614, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Belgium on 8 January 1945. When his unit suffered heavy casualties during an attack, and litter bearers could not be obtained, Lieutenant Williams, on his own initiative, established an aid station in a nearby house and then, with complete disregard for personal safety, exposed himself to enemy fire of all types in order to administer first aid to the wounded and direct their evacuation to the improvised aid station, when he obtained the assistance of a noncommissioned officer and an aid man from an adjacent unit. Lieutenant Williams' resourcefulness, courage and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Technical Sergeant Arthur E Sullivan Jr, 14018135, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 9 February 1945. When a three-man reconnaissance patrol failed to return, Sergeant Sullivan, an acting platoon leader, voluntarily led a combat patrol to rescue the missing men and complete their mission. Upon reaching \* \* \* , he discovered enemy troops in force threatening his patrol from the front and rear, and quickly dispersed his men in buildings for temporary cover. He then directed the withdrawal of his men by infiltration to friendly lines over seven hundred yards away, covering their movement with his submachine gun with utter disregard for his own safety, until the entire group of over thirty men had reached their destination. His inspiring leadership reflects credit upon Sergeant Sullivan's character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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

Second Lieutenant Samuel E Owen, 01999972, 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 Third Battalion, \* \* \* Infantry, launched an early morning attack with the mission of seizing the village of \* \* \* , Lieutenant Owen, leader of the heavy machine gun platoon, voluntarily assumed the duties of mortar observer to direct the fire of the mortar section against the enemy. Working well ahead of the rifle elements, Lieutenant Owen established his observation post at a point subjected to intense enemy fire, despite which he remained at his post and so successfully directed the mortar fire that the riflemen were enabled to advance, unhindered, toward their objective. Lieutenant Owen's tenacity of purpose, courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Kansas.

VII -- 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:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Service Battery, 127th Field Artillery Battalion	11 July 1944 to 15 February 1945

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