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

Sergeant John D Beal, 37219598, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \*, Germany on 23 February 1945. Sergeant Beal was leading his squad in an attack across open terrain when an enemy machine gun opened fire from a building to the front. Realizing that his men could not reach cover, Sergeant Beal, without hesitation and with utter disregard for personal safety, dashed for the enemy position, fired a rifle grenade through a window and knocked out the enemy machine gun. While so engaged, he was mortally wounded. His gallant self-sacrifice enabled his squad to capture the house and five Germans, thereby eliminating a particularly troublesome enemy strongpoint and contributing materially to the subsequent seizure of the town of \* \* \*, Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Harvey L Fonville, 38535916, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \*, Germany on 23 February 1945. When the advance of his unit across an open field was halted by enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Fonville, an assistant squad leader, voluntarily moved forward with his platoon leader over heavily mined terrain to a point near the \* \* \* River. While seeking an advantageous firing position, he struck an anti-personnel mine and was severely wounded. Undaunted, he fired a rifle grenade at the enemy but was killed by the explosion of another mine. His intrepid actions are in accord with the high traditions of the service. Entered military service from Texas.

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 Fred L Creakman, 2955721, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \*, Germany on 6 March 1945. Sergeant Creakman and an assistant, accompanied by an infantry patrol, made their way through an intense artillery barrage to reach the site of a bridge which they were to reconnoiter, but were forced to withdraw by aimed small arms fire from a defending enemy group. Returning with two squads of riflemen, Sergeant Creakman organized a fire fight with the enemy force, which had been reinforced by a rifle platoon, and repeatedly exposed himself to withering fire in order to secure intelligence data. The information he obtained, and his sound recommendations, were of great importance, and directly responsible for the success of his unit in securing the bridge in minimum time. His intrepid actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Joseph J Galeca, 36584257, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \*, Germany on 23 February 1945. During fierce house-to-house fighting, Sergeant Galeca, an assistant squad leader, braved enemy machine gun and rifle fire to dash across a street and carry his wounded squad leader to safety. When another of his comrades was wounded later that day and left lying in a doorway covered by hostile fire, Sergeant Galeca again voluntarily exposed himself to withering fire to bring the soldier to a sheltered position. His intrepidity and devotion to wounded comrades are in accord with the best military traditions. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Sergeant Emiddio C Cusano, 31315222, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Belgium from 3 to 5 January 1945. When two companies of the Second Battalion, \* \* \* Infantry, had been isolated by enemy forces, Sergeant Cusano voluntarily assumed command of the men located in the right portion of a perimeter defense set up by the companies, and served on numerous reconnaissance patrols which sought weak spots in the hostile line. On 5 January, after he had suffered wounds in his right hand in an attempt to destroy an enemy machine gun, he voluntarily established contact with men on the left flank of the isolated group, braving severe enemy fire. His inspiring leadership, intrepidity and devotion to duty were a vital factor in the successful defense of the companies, and their final breakthrough to friendly lines. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Jess J. Fridell, 37219573, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Germany on 23 February 1945. When his platoon's attack was halted by enemy automatic weapons fire from a house, Sergeant Fridell, a squad leader, led his men in an assault on the position. Dashing forward, he threw a hand grenade into the window. His leg was fractured by a bullet as he rushed the entrance, yet he crawled to a point where he could fire from a sitting position to cover his advancing squad, which captured the five enemy soldiers occupying the building. His intrepid actions were in accord with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Joseph B Staubach, 32726209, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. After the enemy had infiltrated our lines and destroyed a bridge spanning a railroad cut, isolating a company of tanks and infantry, Corporal Staubach volunteered to enter enemy-held territory and reconnoiter a bypass. Advancing along the cut through scattered small arms fire on an exceedingly dark and cloudy night, he located and skillfully removed demolition charges from three bridges suitable for light and medium traffic, and returned in minimum time with valuable intelligence. His intrepid actions resulted in the capture, intact, of these important bridges, and greatly contributed to the success of offensive operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Frederick J Meineker, 32747571, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. After the enemy had infiltrated behind our lines, destroyed a bridge across a railroad cut, pierced a main supply route and isolated infantry and tank companies, Corporal Meineker, member of a night patrol, located a bridge spanning the cut further east. It had been prepared for demolition with two five hundred pound bombs and was guarded by two enemy sentries. As his comrades covered him, Corporal Meineker stealthily crept to the near end of the bridge, neutralized the bomb placed there, and while the guards were being engaged by the other members of the patrol, quickly crossed the bridge and neutralized the other bomb. His intrepid and skillful actions prevented the demolition of the bridge, permitting the resumption of the flow of supplies and greatly contributing to the success of offensive operations. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade James T Stanislaw, 32970522, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Germany on 28 February 1945. In the midst of a fierce fire fight for a bridge across the \* \* \* River, and an artillery barrage, Corporal Stanislaw aided by a comrade and two prisoners, removed mines, artillery duds and large charges of explosives from the bridge, displaying exceptional courage, initiative and skill. This swift and intrepid action was in great measure responsible for the rapid opening of this important bridge, enabling supporting troops, artillery and tanks to be rushed across and reinforce an attack to the north which successfully flanked the east bank of the river. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Grover C Lewis, 34903908, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Germany on 26 February 1945. While crawling through a heavily mined field to render assistance to a wounded soldier, Private Lewis, a medical aid man attached to Company A, \* \* \* Infantry, was struck by shrapnel. Disregarding his painful injury, he continued his efforts, assisted in the evacuation of the wounded man, and then advanced with his platoon under intense mortar and artillery fire. He refused evacuation for himself until the objective had been reached. His intrepid loyalty to a wounded comrade is in accord with the best traditions of the Army Medical Department. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Private Milton Miller, 33732582, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Belgium on 4 and 5 January 1945. When his unit was completely cut off from friendly troops in an area subjected to a hail of enemy fire, Private Miller, an aid man attached to Company G, \* \* \* Infantry, ceaselessly moved among the men, rendering medical aid, checking individual foxholes, and comforting the wounded. Although he was himself ill and his feet were frozen, he continued his efforts with utter disregard for his safety or comfort until he had to be virtually carried away. His inspiring courage and devotion to wounded comrades are in accord with the best traditions of the Army Medical Department. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private Harold C Wright, 6709506, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Germany on 28 February 1945. In the midst of a fierce fire fight for a bridge across the \* \* \* River, and an artillery barrage, Private Wright, aided by a comrade and two prisoners, removed mines, artillery duds and large charges of explosives from the bridge, displaying exceptional courage, initiative and skill. This swift and intrepid action was in great measure responsible for the rapid opening of this important bridge, enabling supporting troops, artillery and tanks to be rushed across and reinforce an attack to the north which successfully flanked the east bank of the river. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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:

First Lieutenant James Alfieri, 01297297, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Germany on 23 February 1945. Lieutenant Alfieri, in command of a heavy machine gun section supporting an attacking rifle company, reorganized a squad after its leader had become a casualty and, using brilliant tactics, personally led an assault which annihilated a German strongpoint, killing two of the enemy and capturing three others. When the mortar section leader was wounded, Lieutenant Alfieri exposed himself to intense enemy fire of all types to direct both the machine gun and mortar sections, displaying outstanding qualities of courage, leadership and aggressiveness. Entered military service from New York.

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 man:

Private First Class Ford C Hiddleston, 20726641, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. After superior enemy fire power caused personnel of a motorized patrol to dismount, Private Hiddleston, a light truck driver, returned to his vehicle and was warming his motor under covering machine gun fire while waiting for the other vehicles to withdraw and personnel to return to his truck when he was killed by enemy small arms fire. His heroic self-sacrifice enabled another man to drive vehicle and men to safety, and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

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 Burton Litchman, 01696249, Dental 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 11 July 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

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First Lieutenant Walter J Black, 0887554, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg from 11 July 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Merle A Hess, 02048334, Medical Administrative 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 1 November 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant William G Ligon, 0887556, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg from 11 July 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Reid H Nation, 0382916, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 8 and 12 February 1945. On these days, Lieutenant Nation organized and led a shell report team under heavy enemy shell fire to obtain important information which permitted the detection and neutralization of German 240mm guns. His cool and determined leadership and efficient performance reflect credit upon Lieutenant Nation's character as an officer. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Lieutenant William H Quillin, 01312224, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland from 9 July 1944 to 12 February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Lyle E Reishus, 01325142, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Belgium from 8 to 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant John F Tracy, 01303798, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Belgium from 8 to 10 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant Elmer L Appelhans, 02007900, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. When a convoy was revealed by a burning haystack along the road and heavy enemy artillery fire directed at the vehicles set an ammunition truck on fire and exploding ammunition ignited the gas tank of another truck, Lieutenant Appelhans, battalion transportation officer, unhesitatingly ran to the latter truck and drove it to safety, then smothered the flames with blankets. His quick thinking and courageous actions without thought of personal safety resulted in saving valuable equipment from destruction. Entered military service from Kansas.

Second Lieutenant Russell W McBride, 02001038, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. When a convoy was revealed by a burning haystack along the road, and heavy enemy artillery fire directed at the vehicles set an ammunition truck on fire, Lieutenant McBride, leader of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, ordered personnel to dismount and led them to cover. He then returned to the vehicles and assisted in extinguishing the fire amidst exploding ammunition, then reorganized the convoy and proceeded to his destination with the vitally important cargo. His coolness and resourceful actions reflect credit upon Lieutenant McBride's character as an officer. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant William E Hannan, 36034553, 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 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Technical Sergeant Dallis F Schultz, 36190663, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 1 March 1945. When an enemy column approached the position of Cannon Company, \* \* \* Infantry at about midnight, 1 March, Sergeant Schultz and five of his comrades, with utter disregard for their personal safety, confronted the hostile force which outnumbered them seven to one and forced their surrender, capturing one German officer and forty enlisted men. Sergeant Schultz's resourceful and heroic actions thwarted an enemy attempt to launch a surprise attack on his unit, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant John A Blount, 37070629, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Lloyd E Hein, 37070665, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Donald E Lighter, 20724977, 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 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Clarence A Poulsen, 39085638, 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 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Alvin A Ratliff, 20734589 (then sergeant), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at \* \* \* , Germany on 8 and 12 February 1945. On these days, Sergeant Ratliff voluntarily went forward under heavy enemy artillery fire as a member of a shell report team to obtain important information which permitted the detection and neutralization of German 240mm guns. His cool determination and efficient performance reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Richard I Strohl, 20726032, 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 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Third Grade Melvin J Ammann, 20726723, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, from 11 July 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Third Grade John C Cathey, 20726727, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Third Grade Raymond Edwards, 37070583, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Third Grade Harry T Masiak, 16049733, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Third Grade William M Robertson, 39095237, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

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Sergeant Woodrow W Cannon, 37070430, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg from 11 July 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant George Eisner, 32725512, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant M C Headrick, 34505464, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 23 February 1945. When his unit's advance was halted by an entrenched enemy machine gun protected by antipersonnel mines, Sergeant Headrick, an assistant squad leader, together with two comrades, moved into an open field, set up a 60mm mortar and destroyed the enemy weapon. His courage in continuing his voluntary mission when the flash of his mortar drew heavy enemy counter-fire spared his unit many casualties, and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant John A Musch, 37002775, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 1 March 1945. When an enemy column approached the position of Cannon Company, \* \* \* Infantry, at about midnight, 1 March, Sergeant Musch and five of his comrades, with utter disregard for their personal safety, confronted the hostile force which outnumbered them seven to one and forced their surrender, capturing one German officer and forty enlisted men. Sergeant Musch's resourceful and heroic actions thwarted an enemy attempt to launch a surprise attack on his unit, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Harold M Nichols Jr, 38395784, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. When his convoy was revealed by a burning haystack along the road, and heavy enemy artillery fire directed at it set an ammunition truck on fire, Sergeant Nichols, regimental transportation sergeant, unhesitatingly entered an ammunition truck parked ten feet from the burning vehicle, and drove it to safety. His courageous action and disregard for personal safety saved a large quantity of ammunition from destruction. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Morris A Sharpe, 36561817, 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 1944 to 24 February 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant David E Tindall, 20720620, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Lester C Walls, 34700019, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 1 March 1945. When an enemy column approached the position of Cannon Company, \* \* \* Infantry, at about midnight, 1 March, Sergeant Walls and five of his comrades, with utter disregard for their personal safety, confronted the hostile force which outnumbered them seven to one and forced their surrender, capturing one German officer and forty enlisted men. Sergeant Walls' resourceful and heroic actions thwarted an enemy attempt to launch a surprise attack on his unit, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant John W Wegener, 37617014, 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 Missouri.

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Sergeant James S Wilson, 33768165, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 23 February 1945. When his unit's advance was halted by an entrenched enemy machine gun protected by anti-personnel mines, Sergeant Wilson, an assistant squad leader, together with two comrades, moved into an open field, set up a 60mm mortar and destroyed the enemy weapon. His courage in continuing his voluntary mission when the flash of his mortar drew heavy enemy counter-fire spared his unit many casualties, and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert L Carrico, 20726776, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Rudolph J Sodja, 38085277, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 17 February 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

Corporal Marshal D Baker, 34644800, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 1 March 1945. When an enemy column approached the position of Cannon Company, \* \* \* Infantry at about midnight, 1 March, Corporal Baker and five of his comrades, with utter disregard for their personal safety, confronted the hostile force which outnumbered them seven to one and forced their surrender, capturing one German officer and forty enlisted men. Corporal Baker's resourceful and heroic actions thwarted an enemy attempt to launch a surprise attack on his unit, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Corporal Jack B Cox, 37379637, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 27 February 1945. When his observation post in front of the Third Battalion, \* \* \* Infantry was attacked by enemy riflemen, subjected to mortar fire, and communications were disrupted, Corporal Cox, together with a comrade, made his way across five hundred yards of open terrain exposed to enemy observation, secured a new radio, and returned to his observation post to resume his duties. Enroute he was pinned down by mortar and artillery barrages but succeeded in accomplishing his mission in a short period of time. His initiative and courage reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Missouri.

Corporal Robert L Hundley, 20725818, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. When a convoy was revealed by a burning haystack along the road, and heavy enemy artillery directed at the vehicles set an ammunition truck on fire, Corporal Hundley, acting transportation sergeant, knowing the burning truck was loaded with dynamite, voluntarily remained in the danger zone and moved two trucks, which had been abandoned by their drivers, to safer positions, thereby preventing their almost certain destruction. Corporal Hundley's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself, his unit and the service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Herbert S Neyhart, 20734365, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at \* \* \* , Germany on 8 and 12 February 1945. On these days, Corporal Neyhart voluntarily went forward under heavy enemy artillery fire as a member of a shell report team to obtain important information which permitted the detection and neutralization of German 240mm guns. His cool determination and efficient performance reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Peter Sawchuk, 36559843, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 1 March 1945. When an enemy column approached the position of Cannon Company, \* \* \* Infantry at about midnight, 1 March, Corporal Sawchuk and five of his comrades, with utter disregard for their personal safety, confronted the hostile force which outnumbered them seven to one and forced their surrender, capturing one German officer and forty enlisted men. Corporal Sawchuk's resourceful and heroic actions thwarted an enemy attempt to launch a surprise attack on his unit,

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and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade George E Beaver, 37070432, 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.

Technician Fifth Grade Ben J Petersen, 37268431, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Belgium from 26 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Charles M Duax, 36689415, 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 13 July 1944 to 26 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Leon F Emerson, 31372938, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 27 February 1945. When his observation post in front of the Third Battalion, \* \* \* Infantry was attacked by enemy riflemen, subjected to mortar fire, and communications were disrupted, Private Emerson, together with a comrade, made his way across five hundred yards of open terrain exposed to enemy observation, secured a new radio, and returned to his observation post to resume his duties. Enroute he was pinned down by mortar and artillery barrages but succeeded in accomplishing his mission in a short period of time. His initiative and courage reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private First Class Fred Hyman, 36325182, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 25 February 1945. Private Hyman and a comrade, members of a bazooka team, were traversing an extensive enemy mine field during an attack when they discovered two wounded men lying in the vicinity. Disregarding the hazards of moving about in this area, Private Hyman rendered first aid to one of the men, who was too seriously wounded to be moved, and then assisted in the successful evacuation of the other soldier from the field, finally rejoining his comrades in the attack. His courageous action reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class George Kormos, 35305069, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at \* \* \* , Germany on 6 March 1945. Private Kormos and his sergeant, accompanied by an infantry patrol, made their way through an intense artillery barrage to reach the site of a bridge which they were to reconnoiter, but were forced to withdraw by aimed small arms fire from a defending enemy group. Returning with two squads of riflemen, Private Kormos participated in a fierce fire fight with the enemy force, which had been reinforced by a rifle platoon, and repeatedly exposed himself to withering fire as he assisted his sergeant in securing intelligence data. His courageous and resourceful actions were directly responsible for the success of his unit in securing the bridge site in minimum time, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Richard Kuiken, 36734730, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 23 February 1945. Private Kuiken voluntarily entered a field bristling with mines to effect the evacuation of two wounded men before darkness set in. He was severely wounded by an exploding mine before he could accomplish his mission, but litter bearers following his path were later able to remove the casualties. His unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier of the Army Medical Department. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Johnnie B. Martin, 14036057, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 23 February 1945. When his unit's advance in darkness was halted by an entrenched enemy machine gun protected by antipersonnel mines, Private Martin, ammunition bearer, voluntarily carried ammunition to a 60mm mortar across an open field, continuing his mission despite counter-mortar and

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artillery fire until the hostile emplacement had been destroyed. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Lewis H Owrey, 35631577, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. When the combat patrol of which he was a member encountered heavy enemy tank and small arms fire Private Owrey, a machine gunner, although seriously wounded, manned his heavy machine gun mounted on a quarter ton truck and delivered such heavy and accurate fire that companions who had dismounted from the truck were able to return, and other vehicles were able to withdraw from the area with minimum casualties. His heroic actions reflect high credit upon Private Owrey's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Norman R Parr, 36771502, 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 19 July 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Edward Zavec, 33828026, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 25 February 1945. Private Zavec and a comrade, members of a bazooka team, were traversing an extensive enemy mine field during an attack when they discovered two wounded men lying in the vicinity. Disregarding the hazards of moving about in this area, Private Zavec rendered first aid to one of the men, who was too seriously wounded to be moved, and then assisted in the successful evacuation of the other soldier from the field, finally rejoining his comrades in the attack. His courageous action reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Enoch Mort Jr, 39566384, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 23 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

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

Captain Edmund J Zimmerman, 01305693, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 3 March 1945. When a convoy was revealed by a burning haystack along the road, and heavy enemy artillery directed at the vehicles set an ammunition truck on fire, Captain Zimmerman, regimental ammunition officer, disregarding personal safety, remained in the danger zone, grabbed a fire extinguisher and attempted to extinguish the fire. When he saw that this task was hopeless, he assisted in smothering the fire on another vehicle, thereby saving valuable equipment from destruction. His presence of mind in the face of great danger reflects credit upon Captain Zimmerman's character as an officer. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Arthur L Venneman, 37002830, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 1 March 1945. When an enemy column approached the position of Cannon Company, \* \* \* Infantry at about midnight, 1 March, Sergeant Venneman and five of his comrades, with utter disregard for their personal safety, confronted the hostile force which outnumbered them seven to one and forced their surrender, capturing one German officer and forty enlisted men. Sergeant Venneman's resourceful and heroic actions thwarted an enemy attempt to launch a surprise attack on his unit, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

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

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Lieutenant Colonel John T Hoyne, 0267299, General Staff Corps (Field Artillery), United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 17 December 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

VIII -- 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 bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant John T McAdams Jr, 01184893, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany from 25 December 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

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:

320th Infantry Regiment

X -- MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Pursuant to authority contained in 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>
Headquarters Battery, 448th AntiAircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion	19 June 1944 to 31 December 1944

XI -- SILVER STAR. 1. So much of Section I, General Orders, No 19, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 13 August 1944, pertaining to Captain Joseph B Scully, 0411637, Infantry, as reads "Although wounded in this activity, after receiving superficial treatment, he returned to his unit to resume outstanding leadership in battle, until he was killed in action 26 July," is amended to read "Although wounded in this activity, after receiving superficial treatment, he returned to his unit to resume outstanding leadership in battle, until he was killed in action on 28 July."

2. So much of Section I, General Orders, No 41, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 7 October 1944, pertaining to First Lieutenant George W Minshall, 01174077, Field Artillery, as reads "for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , France, 11 August 1944," is amended to read "for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , France, 9 August 1944."

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