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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:

Private First Class Mike P Butkovich, 36773840, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Germany on 26 February 1945. During an attack near * * *, troops of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, encountered very heavy enemy fire and entered a German antipersonnel mine field, sustaining numerous casualties. Private Butkovich, a litter bearer attached to the battalion aid station, voluntarily and with full knowledge of the hazards involved, went into the mine field in the midst of concentrated enemy machine gun and mortar fire and proceeded to administer first aid to the wounded. While so engaged, he was killed by a mine. His intrepid devotion to duty and to wounded comrades is in accord with the best traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Delbert Erickson, 39382844, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action at * * *, Germany on 26 February 1945. During the course of an attack by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, in the darkness of early morning hours, attacking echelons encountered heavy concentrations of enemy fire in fields containing an unusually great amount of enemy antipersonnel mines. Private Erickson, a litter bearer, realizing the need for additional aid men to treat the numerous casualties, voluntarily assumed the task of aid man, entered the dangerous area, and despite the enemy mortar and machine gun fire and the presence of enemy mines, proceeded upon his errand of mercy. While so engaged, he stepped upon a mine and was killed. The gallant actions of Private Erickson are in accord with military tradition and reflect credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Washington.

Private Russell J Hogan, 15105631, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Germany on 9 March 1945. When his platoon was pinned in position by heavy enemy fire emanating from a building which overlooked the American position, Private Hogan, an automatic rifleman, covered the withdrawal of his comrades. He was mortally wounded as he exposed himself to fire upon the enemy in the building. His gallant self-sacrifice and utter disregard for personal safety reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Indiana.

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:

First Lieutenant Charles S Sancic, 01319660, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Germany on 23 February 1945. Lieutenant Sancic led his rifle platoon forward in the face of heavy enemy fire, through a mine field, to the * * * River. An attempt to cross this river was met with intense enemy machine gun fire, whereupon Lieutenant Sancic ordered his troops to withdraw to covered positions while he remained in the river for a period of ten hours, repulsing all enemy attempts to retake our newly won positions until such time as his company was able to renew the attack and secure a foothold across the river. Lieutenant Sancic's courageous devotion to duty, tactical acumen, and disregard for personal welfare reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Sergeant Henry R Houston, 34589900, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Germany on 3 March 1945. Sergeant Houston led a small patrol in advance of a tank column as part of a task force. Proceeding along a route under enemy fire, the patrol reached a bridge under which a demolition charge was discovered to have been prepared by the enemy. Under enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Houston, assisted by another enlisted man, successfully removed the demolition charge, left a guard in charge of the bridge and reported the situation so that a detail was dispatched to augment the bridge guard. As a result of Sergeant Houston's initiative, leadership and disregard for personal safety, the task force was enabled to proceed over the bridge without incident. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Leo J Gianolini, 39089253, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Germany on 7 March 1945. After the entire crew of a supporting tank had been either killed or seriously wounded during the course of an attack on enemy strongpoints near * * *, Private Gianolini, a motor messenger, of his own volition and without regard for personal safety, made his way to the damaged tank, extricated the wounded occupants, placed them on his vehicle, and evacuated them to an aid station. His heroic actions performed without hesitation despite heavy shellfire then falling in the immediate vicinity, resulted in saving the lives of several wounded comrades-in-arms. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Lorin B Kauer, 39932340, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Germany on 6 March 1945. In the face of heavy enemy fire which pinned his company in position, Private Kauer took charge of his squad after his squad leader and assistant had been wounded. Displaying a high order of personal bravery, Private Kauer directed the fire power of his squad against the enemy, and covered withdrawal of two platoons from the untenable position. He was the last man to leave the area. His voluntary assumption of command and skillful direction of the covering action, without regard for personal safety, honors Private Kauer's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Utah.

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 enlisted man of this command:

Staff Sergeant Louis B Davis, 33256980, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Germany on 6 March 1945. When his platoon was pinned in position as they attacked an enemy-held building, Sergeant Davis procured an automatic rifle and, from a vantage point where he was subjected to sniper fire, opened fire on the enemy position with such accuracy at two hundred yards that he killed three members of an enemy gun crew and thereby relieved the pressure on his unit. His courage, disregard for personal safety, and expert marksmanship reflect credit upon Sergeant Davis' character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man, now missing in action:

Second Lieutenant Dalmiro B Farias Jr, 61056087, 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 5 March 1945. In an effort to rescue a portion of a trapped rifle company, Lieutenant Farias, a mortar platoon forward observer and a comrade voluntarily made their way forward and directed mortar fire so accurately upon the well-concealed enemy that part of the trapped unit was able to escape. Despite the intensity of enemy fire, both men remained at their post and are now missing in action. Entered military service from California.

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Sergeant William J Burns, 36034370, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Frank S Ciesielski, 36956544 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 March 1945. In an effort to rescue a portion of his trapped company, Sergeant Ciesielski and a comrade voluntarily made their way to within one hundred yards of a well-entrenched enemy, set up their light machine gun and so covered the enemy position that half of the unit was able to withdraw. Sergeant Ciesielski and his companion remained in their perilous position until turned back by enemy armor. His courageous actions reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Max L Donnelly, 17066953, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 1 March 1945. While on a reconnaissance mission, Sergeant Donnelly, a section leader, displayed a high order of personal bravery by reducing several road blocks, and, despite the lack of mine-detecting equipment, probed for and removed many mines in the immediate vicinity, then planned and assisted in the construction of a make-shift bridge which enabled armored vehicles to pass over a tank ditch and continue, without interruption, their mission of protecting the left flank of the Division. Sergeant Donnelly's initiative and aggressive actions reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Kenneth L Elmore, 20721128, 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 15 July 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Benjamin Friedman, 32820530, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 March 1945. In an effort to rescue a portion of his trapped company, Sergeant Friedman and a comrade voluntarily made their way to within three hundred yards of a well-entrenched enemy, set up their mortar and so covered the enemy position that half of the unit was able to withdraw. Sergeant Friedman and his companion remained in their perilous position until forced to give way when enemy armor appeared. His courageous actions reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Ted R Payne, 36034512, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth L Zarbeck, 36191428, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg from 11 July 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Michael Waseline, 33166179, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Arthur E Weidner Jr, 13127247, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 26 February 1945. Corporal Weidner, a gunner for a heavy mortar section supporting the advance of a rifle unit, remained at his post despite an intense enemy counter battery artillery barrage, and continued to operate the weapon by himself until he had completely destroyed two enemy machine gun nests, allowing the rifle unit to envelop the enemy positions within a short time. His courageous actions reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Joseph H Fried, 37189504, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Private First Class Farrington J Koeven, 39932351, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 6 March 1945. During an attack against an enemy held building, Private Koeven took charge of his squad when his leader was seriously wounded, reorganized the men and led them successfully to achieve their objective. His courage, initiative, and coolness under fire reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Robert L Lavender, 36479550, 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 6 March 1945. When all other means of communication between the platoons and the command post of Company C, * * * Infantry, had failed, Private Lavender voluntarily braved intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire to deliver battle orders to the attacking forces in the battle for * * * . Although he was pinned to the ground on two occasions when only seventy-five yards distant from the enemy, he successfully accomplished his missions, making a vital contribution to the success of the attack. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Simon A Linderer, 35090476, Medical Department, 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 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Otis E Martin, 35441923, 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 8 March 1945. Although fully cognizant of the extreme danger, Private Martin voluntarily traversed a road subjected to intense enemy self-propelled gun fire, in order to deliver mortar ammunition to a mortar platoon supporting the attack of rifle units near * * * . His timely delivery of this ammunition proved to be of vital assistance to the attacking troops. Private Martin's courageous devotion to duty honors his character as a soldier. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Howard L Miller, 42145264, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 6 March 1945. When his company was pinned down by enemy fire during an attack, Private Miller, an automatic rifleman, assumed a position on the flank of the unit and covered the withdrawal to a new location from where a successful assault was launched. After expending his ammunition, he went to the assembly area, secured more ammunition, and then covered the withdrawal of the last two men from the field. His courageous actions saved the lives of many of his comrades and were largely responsible for the successful manner in which the assault could be launched. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Charles L Molisee, 33275892, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 March 1945. In an effort to rescue a portion of his trapped company, Private Molisee and a comrade voluntarily made their way to within three hundred yards of a well-entrenched enemy; set up their mortar and so covered the enemy position that half of the unit was able to withdraw. Private Molisee and his companion remained in their perilous position until forced to give way when enemy armor appeared. His courageous actions reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Donald G Poland, 37693717, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at * * * , Germany on 26 February 1945. In the absence of medical aid personnel, Private Poland, a rifleman, moved among the wounded, applying tourniquets where needed, and administering first aid skillfully in order to comfort the wounded and ease their pain until the arrival of aid personnel. Accomplishing his acts without regard for the heavy enemy fire of all types falling about him, Private Poland's bravery, initiative and devotion to his wounded comrades reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Iowa.

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Private First Class Joseph D Reisberg, 32780337, 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. Private Reisberg was a member of a small patrol in advance of a tank column as part of a task force. Proceeding along a route under enemy fire, the patrol reached a bridge under which a demolition charge was discovered to have been prepared by the enemy. Under enemy artillery fire, Private Reisberg, assisted by another enlisted man, successfully removed the demolition charge. As a result of his disregard for personal safety, his resourcefulness and devotion to duty, the task force was enabled to proceed across the bridge without incident. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Michael Ruccolo, 31427340, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Germany on 4 March 1945. In an effort to rescue a portion of his trapped company, Private Ruccolo and a comrade voluntarily made their way to within one hundred yards of a well-entrenched enemy, set up their light machine gun and so covered the enemy position that half of the unit was able to withdraw. Private Ruccolo and his companion remained in their perilous position until turned back by enemy armor. His courageous actions reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Edward D Sweeney, 33054037, Cavalry, 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 Pennsylvania.

VI -- PURPLE HEART. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command for wounds received in action against the enemy in country shown on dates indicated:

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<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
First Lieutenant George M Chirigos 0541720, Infantry	11 Mar	Pennsylvania
Second Lieutenant Mack G Reed 01058361, Infantry	23 Feb	Texas
First Sergeant Carl E Stoner 20733525, Field Artillery	17 Mar	Kansas
Staff Sergeant John B Clemmens 20500177, Infantry	24 Feb	Ohio
Staff Sergeant LeRoy K Schwartz 37034496, Infantry	14 Mar	Nebraska
Sergeant Arthur E Ridgeway 39270825, Infantry	8 Mar	Oklahoma
Corporal Robert J Moyer, 13019225, Medical Department	10 Mar	Illinois
Technician Fifth Grade Robert K Crawford 20734553, Field Artillery	21 Mar	Kansas
Private First Class William D Adams 34646184, Corps of Military Police	24 Feb	South Carolina
Private First Class Karl H Bock 32892644, Infantry	21 Mar	North Dakota
Private First Class John C Cherry 37747456, Infantry	13 Mar	West Virginia
Private First Class Clyde Edwards 33651144, Medical Department	15 Mar	Virginia
Private First Class Alfred C White 31472391, Infantry	14 Mar	Maine

FRANCE

First Lieutenant Arthur E Stringer Jr 01296111, Infantry	18 Sep	Georgia
Private First Class Robert F Wilson 34506702, Infantry	2 Aug	Tennessee

BELGIUM

Staff Sergeant Albert H Couch 37120979, Infantry	19 Jan	Missouri
Sergeant Otis Derossett 35411605, Infantry	21 Jan	Kentucky
Private First Class Jack Z Calvert 38711369, Infantry	21 Jan	Oklahoma

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<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
Second Lieutenant Gus Miller 01328281, Infantry	13 Mar	Louisiana
Second Lieutenant McRae Werth 01055186, Infantry	14 Mar	Virginia
Staff Sergeant Nick J Ross 35174087, Infantry	3 Mar	Ohio
Private First Class Francis S Coakley 42051170, Infantry	14 Mar	New York
Private First Class William M Dalton Jr 34933254, Infantry	14 Mar	South Carolina
Private First Class Houston T Davis 34936070, Infantry	14 Mar	Tennessee
Private First Class Gust Lucas 35339371, Infantry	14 Mar	Ohio
Private First Class Andrew Mensinga 36630502, Infantry	14 Mar	Illinois
Private First Class Harvey J Pinard 31375416, Infantry	14 Mar	New Hampshire
Private First Class John H Powers 42115068, Infantry	14 Mar	New York
Private First Class Arthur A Riback 12230677, Infantry	14 Mar	New York

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

GERMANY

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE WOUNDED</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
Captain George Melochick 01312697, Infantry	26 Feb	Pennsylvania
Corporal Eugene Zeigler 14041592, Field Artillery	15 Mar	Alabama

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Staff Sergeant John M Grant 35622194, Infantry	14 Mar	Ohio
Private First Class Charles P Aylesworth 33847692, Infantry	14 Mar	New York
Private First Class Glen L Vaughn 33637211, Infantry	14 Mar	Virginia

VIII — PURPLE HEART. So much of Section VIII, General Orders No 16, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 9 March 1945, as pertains to Captain George Melochick 01312697, Infantry, is rescinded (see sec VII).

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