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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 to the following enlisted men of this command:

Staff Sergeant Edward M Culligan, 33668138, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 26 February 1945. When the advance of his company was halted by heavy enemy small arms fire emanating from a house on the outskirts of the village of * * * , Sergeant Culligan, a squad leader, crawled forward and threw two grenades through a window. He then rejoined his squad, and participated in the final assault on this strongpoint, which resulted in the capture of eleven enemy soldiers. Four Germans were found dead near the window through which Sergeant Culligan threw his grenades. He was wounded during the final assault, and evacuated. His courageous initiative exemplifies the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant John Rabis, 31042325, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 25 February 1945. When forward elements of his company had become pinned down by heavy machine gun fire emanating from a building to the front, Sergeant Rabis, a squad leader, armed with an M-1 rifle, voluntarily and alone crawled forward to the hostile position. After killing three enemy soldiers who were resisting his advance, he proceeded for a distance of 100 yards under intense enemy fire to gain a point from where he was able to hurl several hand grenades through a window, silencing the enemy weapon and enabling his unit to continue the attack. His intrepidity is in accord with high military traditions. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Kenneth L Gaines, 34826664, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 8 March 1945. When members of his platoon lay in an open field prevented from advancing by enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Gaines, an assistant squad leader, ran to a ditch, crawled to within fifteen yards of the enemy emplacement, threw a hand grenade, then charged the position, firing his sub-machine gun as he moved forward. He killed the enemy machine gunner and wounded other members of the crew. Sergeant Gaines' intrepid action made it possible for his unit to continue its advance and capture the village of * * * , with minimum casualties. Entered military service from Georgia.

II — 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:

Sergeant Haskell L Morris, 18002686, 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. Intense concentrations of enemy machine gun and rifle fire forced the attacking platoon of Company C, * * * Infantry, to make a limited withdrawal from forward positions in an open field studded with barbed wire entanglements. Sergeant Morris, a radioman, voluntarily exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to cut three strands on each of three barbed wire fences, providing a route of withdrawal through which the platoon moved to cover. His heroic action enabled the platoon to reorganize and subsequently launch a successful attack in this area. Sergeant Morris was killed in action on the following day. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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

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Captain Edward P McGehee Jr, 0237163, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 15 July to 10 August 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Captain Chester W Morse, 0470292, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 15 July to 10 August 1944. 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 to the following officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of this command:

Lieutenant Colonel George C Dalia, 0319190, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Holland and Germany from 28 February to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

Captain Daniel C Nolan III, 0364695, Signal Corps, 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 1 August 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Robert E Biever, 01059716, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant George W Bushbaum, 01824276, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 28 February to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant Felix M Gangemi, 01322837, 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 forward elements of a task force under his command were cut off by the enemy, Lieutenant Gangemi exposed himself repeatedly to enemy mortar, machine gun and antitank fire while directing the movement of tanks to defilade positions and organizing a defensive force to cover withdrawal of infantry units to better locations. His skillful use of the fire power of this task force during this engagement weakened the enemy defense to such an extent that Lieutenant Gangemi's troops encountered little resistance as they drove forward to their objective the following morning. Lieutenant Gangemi's leadership and tactical skill reflect credit upon himself, his unit and the service. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant William R Gilbert, 0466795, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Arnold C Harvey, 01178182, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Hubert W Sanders, 01171345, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Second Lieutenant Harry A Thompson, 01592657, 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. When a flooded stream halted the advance of his unit, Lieutenant Thompson, a platoon leader, realizing that

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speed was essential for the accomplishment of his mission, jumped into the stream, swam to the hostile shore, and secured logs over which his troops made a quick crossing of the river. Lieutenant Thompson then led his men forward to seize the battalion objective. His courageous initiative and devotion to duty honor his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Chief Warrant Officer Homer F Barth, W2111993, 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 15 July 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Chief Warrant Officer Roy I Morrison, W2112039, 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 1 August 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Gerald W McKain, 35806969, 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 enemy artillery shells set an ammunition truck on fire, endangering other vehicles in the area, Sergeant McKain voluntarily and on his own initiative drove three trucks from the danger zone to covered positions. His courageous action saved three valuable trucks from destruction, and enabled a convoy to continue its pursuit of the retreating enemy. Sergeant McKain's initiative and disregard for personal safety reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Knux A Erickson, 37002657, Signal Corps, 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 1 August 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Kenneth L Gaines, 34826664, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 3 March 1945. After part of the city of * * * had been occupied, Sergeant Gaines led a night patrol into enemy territory. The group encountered six Germans, and after a fierce fire fight, four of the enemy were killed, and one wounded. The patrol then located and destroyed an enemy 120mm mortar, deceiving the enemy by concentrating fire on one point while one of the patrol members crept near the position to hurl a grenade into it. The hostile mortar crew was captured in this engagement. Sergeant Gaines' courageous and resourceful leadership reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Michael J Nachtigal, 35321196, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 21 February 1945. Sergeant Nachtigal, a battalion ammunition sergeant, was driving through an ammunition dump when he was forced to take cover from strafing enemy planes. When one of the ammunition piles was set ablaze, Sergeant Nachtigal ran to the burning pile and began pulling burning boxes therefrom, then extinguished the fire. While so engaged, enemy planes made two more attacks. Sergeant Nachtigal's heroic actions saved valuable ammunition and equipment from destruction, and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Nicholas Nizinkirck, 32043770, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 14 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Robert F Wilson, 34506702, 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 enemy artillery shells set an ammunition truck on fire, endangering other vehicles in the area, Sergeant Wilson voluntarily and on his own initiative drove three trucks from the danger zone to covered positions. His courageous action saved three valuable trucks from destruction, and enabled a convoy to continue its pursuit of the retreating enemy. Sergeant Wilson's initiative and disregard for personal safety reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Technician Fourth Grade Doyle D George, 37033888, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Alva W Barrentine, 36559361, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 26 February 1945. Two companies of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, were pinned down by heavy mortar and small arms fire, and suffered casualties, as they fought to establish a bridgehead across the * * * River. With complete disregard for personal safety, Private Barrentine, together with three other litter bearers, voluntarily moved across a narrow foot bridge, and made several trips to evacuate seven casualties. Private Barrentine's coolness and bravery under fire honor his character as a soldier, and reflect credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Mease P Best, 34432082, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 26 February 1945. Private Best, an aid man, voluntarily entered an open field subjected to heavy enemy fire, to treat the wounds of a soldier lying in an exposed position. After directing litter bearers to evacuate this soldier, Private Best continued forward and administered first aid to another wounded man, and personally carried him to a position of safety. Private Best's courage, disregard for personal safety, and concern for the welfare of wounded comrades, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Francis J Daly, 31350351, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 26 February 1945. Two companies of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, were pinned down by heavy mortar and small arms fire, and suffered casualties, as they fought to establish a bridgehead across the * * * River. With complete disregard for personal safety, Private Daly, together with three other litter bearers, voluntarily moved across a narrow foot bridge, and made several trips to evacuate seven casualties. Private Daly's coolness and bravery under fire honor his character as a soldier, and reflect credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Thomas A Heneghan, 36642518, 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 Heneghan, a litter bearer, voluntarily entered a field known to contain a large number of enemy mines, to assist in the evacuation of two wounded soldiers, and continued forward although a fellow litter bearer was seriously wounded by an exploding mine. With the aid of two comrades, Private Heneghan accomplished his mission. His brave and unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades reflects credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Edward F Horrigan, 36767882, 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 10 January 1945. Prior to an attack by his battalion against the village of * * * , Private Horrigan assisted in removing fourteen German teller mines from a roadway despite the fact that it was covered with snow and exposed to observed enemy fire. His skillful performance of this dangerous task enabled his unit to move forward to its objective with a minimum of delay. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class George L Mallow Jr, 36887653, 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 Mallow voluntarily entered a field bristling with enemy mines to effect the evacuation of two wounded men before darkness set in. One of his companions was seriously wounded by an exploding mine before the mission could be accomplished. Private Mallow and another member of the litter squad courageously moved forward and evacuated

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their injured companion, who was suffering from serious loss of blood, thereby assuring immediate treatment for him. Private Mallow's unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Basil W Matthews, 31253800, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 26 February 1945. Two companies of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, were pinned down by heavy mortar and small arms fire, and suffered casualties, as they fought to establish a bridgehead across the * * * River. With complete disregard for personal safety, Private Matthews, together with three other litter bearers, voluntarily moved across a narrow foot bridge, and made several trips to evacuate seven casualties. Private Matthews' coolness and bravery under fire honor his character as a soldier, and reflect credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Vermont.

Private First Class Robert K McGuire Jr, 35681148, 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 McGuire voluntarily entered a field bristling with enemy mines to effect the evacuation of two wounded men before darkness set in. One of his companions was seriously wounded by an exploding mine before the mission could be accomplished. Private McGuire and another member of the litter squad courageously moved forward and evacuated their injured companion, who was suffering from serious loss of blood, thereby assuring immediate treatment for him. Private McGuire's unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Joseph F Molinari, 12009320, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 3 March 1945. Private Molinari was a member of a night combat patrol which encountered six Germans and, in the ensuing fire fight, killed four of the enemy and wounded one. Private Molinari and his comrades then located an enemy 120mm mortar, while his companions diverted the enemy's attention by a sudden burst of automatic weapons fire, Private Molinari crawled forward unnoticed, hurled a grenade into the hostile position, succeeded in destroying the German emplacement and forced the surrender of its crew. His courage and initiative reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Theodore J Mullaney, 33897243, 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 Mullaney, a litter bearer, voluntarily entered a field known to contain a large number of enemy mines, to assist in the evacuation of two wounded soldiers, and continued forward although a fellow litter bearer was seriously wounded by an exploding mine. With the aid of two comrades, Private Mullaney accomplished his mission. His brave and unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades reflects credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Thornton T Pendergrast, 20733487, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 8 March 1945. When a fellow soldier was hit in the leg and fell in the middle of an open field exposed to machine gun and rifle fire during an assault on an enemy strongpoint, Private Pendergrast, an acting squad leader, left a sheltered position to run forward to the wounded man, drag him to a barn and administer first aid. After the objective had been taken, he made certain that the soldier was brought to an aid station. His courageous actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Austin V Rodrigo Jr, 39141360, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 26 February 1945. Two companies of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, were pinned down by heavy mortar and small arms fire, and suffered casualties, as they fought to establish a bridgehead across

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the * * * River. With complete disregard for personal safety, Private Rodrigo, together with three other litter bearers, voluntarily moved across a narrow foot bridge, and made several trips to evacuate seven casualties. Private Rodrigo's coolness and bravery under fire honor his character as a soldier, and reflect credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Albert Tesler, 33337261, 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 Tesler, a litter bearer, voluntarily entered a field known to contain a large number of enemy mines, to assist in the evacuation of two wounded soldiers, and continued forward although a fellow litter bearer was seriously wounded by an exploding mine. With the aid of two comrades, Private Tesler accomplished his mission. His brave and unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades reflects credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

V -- 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 man of this command:

Major George Moore, 0248303, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 2 March 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

Captain Robert W Karlovich, 0446038, 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 25 July 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant George W Schade, 02049845, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Richard G Flores, 38349954 (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 10 January 1945. Sergeant Flores made a personal reconnaissance of a road into * * * , then returned to lead a group of soldiers forward in a mine-sweeping detail. He and a companion removed fourteen German teller mines from the road, despite the fact that it was covered with snow and exposed to observed enemy fire. His prompt and thorough performance of this dangerous task enabled attacking echelons to continue their advance with a minimum of delay. Entered military service from New Mexico.

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