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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 man:

Private First Class Howard D Keplinger, 33845493, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. Although himself wounded by shell fragments during the course of a sharp enemy counterattack supported by artillery fire and tanks, Private Keplinger, a rifleman, made his way to a wounded comrade some fifty yards distant. As he carried the soldier to cover, Private Keplinger was killed by the near burst of another enemy artillery shell. His gallant self sacrifice in placing the life of a wounded comrade above any thought of personal safety, reflects the highest credit upon Private Keplinger's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Maryland.

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 officers and enlisted men:

Major Gustave J Burandt, 0422335, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 3 and 4 March 1945. Major Burandt, S-3 of the * * * Tank Battalion, led an infantry-armored task force in eliminating enemy resistance at the approaches to the town of * * * , then made a personal reconnaissance into the town. He then directed a night assault into * * * , during the course of which he exposed himself to heavy enemy fire with utter disregard for personal safety, in order to direct assaults on various strong points. Major Burandt's intrepidity, dynamic leadership, and skillful coordination of the units of the task force, resulted in the seizure of the town and huge stores of food, ammunition and other equipment, after killing fifty-three and capturing two hundred and seven enemy troops. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Captain Richard H Koeller, 01306108, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 3 and 4 March 1945. After eliminating enemy resistance outside the town, Captain Koeller, commanding Company I, * * * Infantry, made a personal reconnaissance into * * * , then directed his troops and attached tanks in a successful night assault on the town. He exposed himself to heavy enemy fire ~~of all types~~ throughout the night and the following morning, while personally leading his troops in a series of attacks on enemy strongpoints ~~until~~ the town was cleared, fifty-three of the enemy had been killed, ~~and~~ two hundred and seven taken prisoner, and huge stores of ammunition, food and other supplies captured. Captain Koeller's ~~daring and resourceful~~ leadership reflects credit upon his character ~~as an officer and leader of men~~. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Don C Asbell, 01296972, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 28 February 1945. During the course of a tank-infantry attack against enemy positions in a wooded area near * * * , Lieutenant Asbell, who was leading his rifle company forward, saw an enemy 88mm gun commence firing at our tanks from a position at right angles to the line of approach. Without hesitation, Lieutenant Asbell raced across fifty yards of open terrain under enemy observation and swept by enemy fire, climbed aboard a tank, and directed fire which succeeded in destroying the enemy gun. His personal

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bravery, and quick-thinking at a time of stress, prevented loss of American armor, and contributed materially to the success of the ensuing operation. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant James C Goodchild, 0530046, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. While leading his troops in a night attack against enemy riflemen, Lieutenant Goodchild dashed to one side and opened fire with his sub-machine gun, drawing the enemy fire in his direction, killing two enemy soldiers and causing twelve others to surrender. Lieutenant Goodchild then directed his troops in fierce house-to-house fighting, quickly clearing the town after killing several and capturing a total of thirty-nine Germans, maneuvering his men so well that not a single casualty was suffered. Lieutenant Goodchild's courage, leadership and keen tactical knowledge reflect high credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Maine.

First Lieutenant Maurice H Knott, 0887569, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. While he was with the leading elements of a rifle unit, fire from an enemy machine gun forced a light machine gun crew to abandon their weapon to escape the heavy fire. Lieutenant Knott, crawling so quickly and skillfully towards the American automatic weapon position that he was not noticed by the enemy crew who were firing in another direction, was able to throw a long and effective burst from the light machine gun which killed the enemy crew and relieved the pressure retarding the advance of the infantry company. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Tom B Parris, 01307776, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 10 March 1945. Lieutenant Parris, commanding Company L, * * * Infantry, personally led his men in an attack against strongly fortified enemy positions near the village of * * * , which had held up the battalion advance for several days. Displaying outstanding leadership and a high order of personal bravery, Lieutenant Parris led his troops to their initial objective and pushed on to capture four additional towns beyond * * * , taking a total of 110 prisoners during the day's operation. His courageous initiative, tactical skill and disregard for personal safety are in accord with military tradition. Entered military service from Georgia.

Second Lieutenant Irving E Milstein, 01055675, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 5 March 1945. While leading his platoon against the enemy, Lieutenant Milstein was informed of a house containing a number of Germans. While two of his men covered his advance, he crept to a window where he overheard a German plan of reorganization. Without thought of his personal safety and though lightly armed, he entered the house, surprised the enemy and captured fifty-five soldiers, two officers and a quantity of materiel. His daring, initiative, bold courage and gallantry reflect credit upon his character as an officer and a leader of men. Entered military service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant Otto A Nance Jr, 0520358, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 8 March 1945. At the point of his platoon as they attacked and were pinned down by enemy fire, Lieutenant Nance personally led his men in a charge against an enemy-held house and seized it. Then, despite the fact that his carbine had jammed and was useless, he raided an enemy hideout near the building and captured five prisoners. His utter disregard for personal safety, his courage, leadership and inspirational bravery reflect credit upon him as an officer and upon the military service of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Robert L English, 20724252, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 7 March 1945. As Sergeant English and a companion moved forward to establish a company command post, they were pinned down by machine gun fire emanating from a nearby barn. The men advanced to the barn and routed the well-armed Germans occupying it. Later in the day, when two men were wounded by artillery in front of the command post, Sergeant English and his comrade went into the street during continued shelling, administered first aid to one soldier who was still alive, and directed his evacuation. Sergeant English's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in accord with military traditions. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Michael S Monkiewicz, 31103849, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. When a building occupied by his unit received two direct hits during an enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Sergeant Monkiewicz, a platoon sergeant, although himself painfully wounded, refused immediate medical attention and made his way around the area making sure that the wounded men received prompt treatment. After assisting in carrying two of the more seriously wounded soldiers to safety, Sergeant Monkiewicz permitted his own wounds to be dressed but refused evacuation, stating that he preferred to remain with his unit inasmuch as an assault against strong enemy positions was imminent. His gallant actions served as an inspiration to all members of his platoon, and reflect the highest credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Horace O Michael, 34975788, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. When the right flank of his unit was pinned to position by enemy fire from a fortified house against which they were advancing, Sergeant Michael, a squad leader, crept forward to a vantage point, threw hand grenades and then sprayed the entrenched enemy position with fire from his automatic weapon. Through his intrepidity Sergeant Michael accounted for five enemy dead, two wounded, and three prisoners of war, thereby neutralizing an enemy pocket of resistance and relieving the pressure retarding the forward movement of his unit. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade James G Meisel, 32792294, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action, near * * * , Germany on 24 March 1945. During the assault crossing of the * * * River, Sergeant Meisel, in charge of an assault boat, assisted in repairing the craft on the hostile shore while under savage fire. After several trips his damaged boat sank. He took charge of an unmanned boat in the vicinity and, unassisted, took a load of infantrymen across. While returning under continuing enemy fire, Sergeant Meisel rescued an infantryman who was floating unconscious downstream. His courage, devotion to duty, and coolness under fire reflect high credit upon his character. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Darrell J Mishler, 37658542, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 7 March 1945. As Private Mishler and a companion moved forward to establish a company command post, they were pinned down by machine gun fire emanating from a nearby barn. The men advanced to the barn and routed the well-armed Germans occupying it. Later in the day, when two men were wounded by artillery in front of the command post, Private Mishler and his comrade went into the street during continued shelling, administered first aid to one soldier who was still alive, and directed his evacuation. Private Mishler's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in accord with military traditions. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Donald E Harper, 35895364, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. Although immediate evacuation was advised, Private Harper who was suffering from multiple wounds around the face requested and was granted permission to remain with his unit, knowing that an attack against strongly defended enemy positions was imminent. A short while later he went on a combat patrol under heavy fire and was again wounded. Although in great pain, he refused evacuation until an enemy artillery barrage had lifted, so that litter bearers could make the trip in comparative safety. Private Harper's intrepidity, tenacity of purpose, and concern for the welfare of his comrades, reflect the highest credit upon himself, his unit and the service. Entered military service from Indiana.

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, warrant officers and enlisted men:

Captain L D Asher, 0416861, 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 15 July 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Captain Charles L Feldman, 01001778, Adjutant General's Department, 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 12 July 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Captain John H Shumate Jr, 01735743, Dental Corps, 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 9 October 1944 to 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Lieutenant Pierson P Brower, 01165476, 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 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant William J Corbett, 01170687, 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 31 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Clifford L Johnson, 01054636 (then second lieutenant), 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. Lieutenant Johnson's skillful deployment and use of men against a well-situated enemy position, his utter disregard for personal safety in exposing himself to the threat of enemy snipers and machine gun fire coupled with his accurate and effective adjustment of artillery fire, accounted for many casualties among the enemy and enabled his company to seize their objective in record time with low casualties. His actions reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Melvin J Pasta, 01171309, 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 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Montana.

First Lieutenant Richard K Reed, 01291330, 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 30 August 1944 to 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Henry Townsend, 01113485, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. Lieutenant Townsend, with a patrol of four enlisted men, discovered a road block on the outskirts of * * * . While they were removing the obstacle in complete darkness, an approaching friendly tank struck an antitank mine, arousing the enemy force garrisoning the town, and a lively fire fight ensued. Leaving two men working at the road block, Lieutenant Townsend went to the disabled tank, coolly supervised the evacuation of several painfully wounded infantrymen to safety, and returned to complete the removal of the road block, thus facilitating the capture of * * * . Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Bernard Zuckermandel, 01178998, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in * * * , Germany on 2 April 1945. Lieutenant Zuckermandel, a forward observer directing artillery fire from an observation post situated in a house which had received five hits from enemy artillery, directed artillery fire on three 88mm guns, which were destroyed. Having had his SC 610 radio knocked out, Lieutenant Zuckermandel carried an SC 536 (infantry) radio to another observation post several hundred yards closer to the enemy and relayed fire commands to the artillery fire direction center which were instrumental in the destruction of four self-propelled guns and one 20mm gun. Lieutenant Zuckermandel's courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from New York.

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Second Lieutenant Theodore J Dulchinos, 01328339, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Holland and Germany from 22 January to 12 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant James C McGinn, 01328828, 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. When his platoon was pinned in position by machine gun fire which was directed from higher ground as they advanced towards the objective, Lieutenant McGinn personally led a running charge of a squad of infantrymen against the enemy position, routed the Germans, killed several and captured five prisoners. His bravery, daring and courage repulsed the enemy attempt to halt the advance of the American troops, who continued forward to their objective. Entered military service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant Wayne W Whiteman, 02009620, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at * * * , Germany on 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Chief Warrant Officer Lawrence D Sites, W2100017, 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 10 July 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Paul V Campbell, W2111959, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Sergeant Raymond J Eibel, 33053397 (then technical sergeant), Infantry, 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 28 August 1944 to 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Fred Bender, 32648871 (then staff sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 13 November 1944 to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Elton L Kuhn, 37162534 (then staff sergeant), Infantry, 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 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Harry G Stanley, 37085108, Infantry, 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 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Marvin S Feeback, 35469955, Coast Artillery Corps, 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 19 June 1944 to 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Franklin S Garrido, 16170282, 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 his tank was pinned down by enemy antitank gun fire, Sergeant Garrido, utterly disregarding the safety of his own life, entered a burning building under heavy antitank, mortar and small arms fire to evacuate three wounded men to a place of safety. Sergeant Garrido's intrepidity and devotion to wounded comrades are in accordance with the best military traditions. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant Michael Giannelli, 33043288, Infantry, 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 20 December 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Harry Thomas, 35414891, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium and Germany from 13 July 1944 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Third Grade Patrick J Burke, 19183282, Signal Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

Technician Third Grade Myron Levite, 32342882, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium and Germany from 6 July 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Irving E Richardson, 32744627, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. Sergeant Richardson was a member of an engineer patrol attached to a force composed of one tank and approximately two squads of infantry. Attempting to bypass a road block, the tank struck an enemy minefield, painfully wounding several of the attacking infantrymen. The enemy, aroused by the explosion, laid heavy small arms fire on the minefield, causing more casualties and disorganization among our forces. Sergeant Richardson assumed command, directed evacuation of the wounded to the cover of the tank, and administered first aid. Sergeant Richardson's intrepid devotion to duty and to wounded comrades reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Joseph Riecan, 6918250, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 March 1945. During the tactical phases of the assualt crossing of the * * * River, Sergeant Riecan voluntarily left the comparative safety of his tank destroyer and twice went under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, for distances of approximately 50 and 150 yards respectively, to locate telephone lines and bring them to his tank destroyer positions in order that communications could be maintained with his company command post and a reconnaissance listening post. Sergeant Riecan's personal bravery, calmness under heavy enemy fire and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his training as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Alsey P Sanders Jr, 18057896, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in * * * , Germany on 2 April 1945. Sergeant Sanders, an assistant forward observer directing artillery fire from an observation post situated in a house which had received five hits from enemy artillery, directed artillery fire on three 88mm guns, which were destroyed. Having had his SC 610 radio knocked out, Sergeant Sanders carried two SC 536 (infantry) radios to another observation post several hundred yards closer to the enemy and relayed fire commands to the artillery fire direction center which were instrumental in the destruction of four self-propelled guns and one 20mm gun. Sergeant Sanders' courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Vernon E Ecklund, 19129100, Signal Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade Embrose Hicks, 32680492, 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. When three drivers of ammunition trucks abandoned their trucks because of a burning ammunition truck nearby with exploding ammunition, Sergeant Hicks, despite heavy enemy shelling, with utter

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disregard for his own safety, moved the trucks nearest the burning truck. Two minutes after the trucks were moved, the burning ammunition truck exploded. By his action, Sergeant Hicks displayed great courage and inspired other men in the performance of their duty. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond A Hoppe, 39387003, 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 7 July 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Fourth Grade Benjamin Juliano, 32797086, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert G Martin Jr, 38182290, Infantry, 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 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade Howard H Smith, 35627796, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. Sergeant Smith, a member of a four man patrol, was engaged in the removal of a road block which barred entrance of vehicles into the town. The night was exceptionally dark. A friendly tank approaching from their rear struck and antitank mine, and the detonation aroused the enemy garrison, which engaged in a fierce fire fight. Disregarding the withering fire, Sergeant Smith continued with his job until it was successfully completed. Sergeant Smith's coolness under fire and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal Lester H Diekmann, 37431276, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at * * * , Germany on 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal Claris R Smith, 20734457, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal John R Spencer, 37001146, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. Corporal Spencer, a member of a four man patrol, was engaged in the removal of a road block which barred entrance of vehicles into the town. The night was exceptionally dark. A friendly tank approaching from their rear struck an antitank mine, and the detonation aroused the enemy garrison, which engaged in a fierce fire fight. Disregarding the withering fire, Corporal Spencer continued with his job until it was successfully completed. Corporal Spencer's coolness under fire and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Leo C Davis, 37661244, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Edgar H Hartmann, 37383011, 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 1 January to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl O Madsen, 32797088, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 March 1945. During an assault crossing of the * * * River, Corporal Madsen, serving as a crew member of an assault boat, came upon a seriously wounded infantryman, whose leg had been

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blown off during an intense mortar barrage. Corporal Madsen, disregarding enemy fire, applied a tourniquet and comforted the painfully wounded man, then went for medical assistance and aided in his evacuation. Corporal Madsen's bravery, coolness, and devotion to a wounded comrade reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Darrell C Butts, 39147242, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 19 February 1945. Private Butts, an aid man, voluntarily and without thought of personal safety made his way across flat terrain swept by enemy machine gun fire, and carried a seriously wounded soldier to a place of safety. His bravery and zealous devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man. Private Butts' courage and initiative under fire reflect credit upon himself and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Roy W Cook, 37681321 (then private), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Holland on 15 March 1945. Private Cook, a litter bearer, volunteered to enter a heavily mined area in an attempt to reach three men severely wounded by an exploding mine. Although two other members of the litter squad were severely wounded when they stepped on another mine, Private Cook assisted in evacuating all the wounded men. His dauntless courage and prompt, skillful action reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Wilton C Davis, 37546586, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Holland on 15 March 1945. Private Davis, a cook's helper, displaying unselfish devotion to duty, volunteered to enter a heavily mined area in an attempt to reach three men severely injured by an exploding mine. Although he was seriously injured by another exploding mine, while approaching the casualties, he heroically insisted that the other casualties be attended to before he submitted to treatment himself. His unhesitating loyalty to his comrades and his willing consideration of their welfare over his own reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Clyde Edwards, 33651144, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Holland on 15 March 1945. Private Edwards, a litter bearer, volunteered to enter a heavily mined area in an attempt to reach three men severely wounded by an exploding mine. Although two other members of the litter squad were severely wounded when they stepped on another mine, Private Edwards assisted in evacuating all the wounded men. His dauntless courage and prompt, skillful action reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class P J Jones, 34468296, 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. When three drivers of ammunition trucks abandoned their trucks because of a burning ammunition truck nearby with exploding ammunition, Private Jones, despite heavy enemy shelling, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved the trucks nearest the burning truck. Two minutes after the trucks were moved, the burning ammunition truck exploded. By his action, Private Jones displayed great courage and inspired other men in the performance of their duty. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class George J Muller, 32793742, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 March 1945. When the assault boat in which he was serving as a crew member struck an obstruction on the hostile bank of the * * * River, damaging the motor and tearing a hole in the bow just above the water line, Private Muller made a hasty inspection, jumped into the river, and worked in complete darkness and under heavy enemy mortar fire to make the boat seaworthy. He then returned to the friendly shore and started back

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across with another load of infantrymen, when the weight of his load caused the boat to ship water where it had been damaged. Undaunted, he placed his hands over the hole and reassured the infantrymen that the craft would not sink. Private Muller's coolness, courage and demonstrated leadership ability resulted in the successful completion of a hazardous crossing operation. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class James E Snedeker, 32669127, Infantry, 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 18 August 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Balzar M Stach, 37550397, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Holland on 15 March 1945. Private Stach, an ambulance driver, displaying unselfish devotion to duty, volunteered to enter a heavily mined area in an attempt to reach three men severely injured by an exploding mine. Although he was seriously injured by another exploding mine, while approaching the casualties, he heroically insisted that the other casualties be attended to before he submitted to treatment himself. His unhesitating loyalty to his comrades and his willing consideration of their welfare over his own reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Private First Class Robert W Wilson, 36673185, Signal Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private John W Hardwick Jr, 34833815, Signal Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 28 March 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

IV -- 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:

Lieutenant Colonel Donald M Ashlock, 0219043, General Staff Corps (Field Artillery), United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 13 April 1945. Colonel Ashlock, as Assistant Chief of Staff G-1, 35th Infantry Division, was on reconnaissance for a Division Command Post when he saw a group of German soldiers peering at him from behind a long concrete wall. Realizing the probability of an ambush Colonel Ashlock, through an interpreter, called upon the Germans to come out and surrender. By negotiating with the German officer in command, Colonel Ashlock, though outnumbered by the enemy, convinced the enemy that they should surrender. By his quick thinking, courage, and devotion to duty, the reconnaissance party was not fired upon, casualties were prevented, and one German officer and twenty-seven men surrendered. Colonel Ashlock's actions are in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Webster W Phillips, 35206944, 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. Under heavy enemy fire, without thought for his personal safety, Sergeant Phillips made two trips into the open in front of his lines to rescue two seriously wounded men. His courage, bravery and prompt action in bringing them to safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from West Virginia.

V -- 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 officers:

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First Lieutenant Henry Coppock Jr, 01171497, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 14 February to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Peter F Nolan Jr, 01182670, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany from 18 July 1944 to 19 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

VI -- AIR 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 Air Medal previously awarded, a third bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant Warren G Terhorst, 01182725, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 27 February to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

2. 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 sixth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer:

Captain Robert E Philbeck, 0293430, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 10 January to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

VII -- 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 for wounds received in action against the enemy in country shown on dates indicated:

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RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Second Lieutenant Leo W Kennedy 0522612, Field Artillery	26 Mar	Colorado
Second Lieutenant John P Westohal 01053869, Infantry	3 Apr	South Dakota
Technical Sergeant Lloyd E Letcher 18014629, Infantry	3 Apr	New Mexico
Staff Sergeant Charles F Craig 37070514, Infantry	4 Apr	Kansas
Staff Sergeant Lawrence E Higle 39622588, Infantry	1 Apr	Montana
Staff Sergeant Woodrow M McClendon 39342728, Infantry	5 Apr	Missouri
Sergeant Gilbert E Snyder 33117159, Field Artillery	5 Apr	Pennsylvania
Sergeant Dale Stockwell 37070315, Infantry	4 Apr	Kansas
Corporal Ralph L Beckner 32720470, Infantry	5 Apr	New York
Corporal William E Mandrell 35598391, Infantry	13 Apr	Ohio
Technician Fifth Grade Jesus Lara 38438240, Infantry	7 Apr	California
Technician Fifth Grade Reuben G Lobley Jr 33786160, Infantry	24 Feb	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Leo H Bogdewicz 42140339, Infantry	9 Mar	New Jersey
Private First Class Stanley W Brewer 35692902, Field Artillery	28 Mar	Indiana
Private First Class Lawrence N Canjar 13122600, Corps of Engineers	5 Apr	Pennsylvania
Private First Class John D Kvech 37034797, Infantry	4 Apr	Nebraska
Private First Class Percy H Lasley 35812010, Infantry	5 Apr	Kentucky
Private First Class William Murphy 36561481, Infantry	30 Mar	Michigan
Private First Class Leonard A Renfro 14069656, Infantry	4 Apr	Florida
Private First Class James J Tucker 35769102, Infantry	25 Feb	West Virginia
Private James T Blake 20725969, Infantry	25 Feb	Kansas
Private John J Brandon 32698213, Field Artillery	2 Apr	New York

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RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Private First Class Ralph E Watkins 35882860, Infantry	10 Jan	Ohio

FRANCE

Private First Class Fred Weiss 36886905, Infantry	31 Dec	Michigan

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

GERMANY

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Technician Fifth Grade Virgil G Foster 34890626, Field Artillery	7 Apr	North Carolina

FRANCE

Second Lieutenant Michael A DeFeen 01290767, Infantry	15 Sep	Pennsylvania
Private First Class James W Roberts 32487712, Infantry	25 Nov	New Jersey

2. 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 second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on date indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Private First Class Raymond E Magistrelli 36771487, Infantry	1 Apr	Illinois

IX -- 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:

UNIT	DATE
Service Battery, 219th Field Artillery Battalion	11 July 1944 to 31 March 1945

X -- SILVER STAR. 1. So much of Section I, General Orders, Number 47, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 25 October 1944, pertaining to Technician Fifth Grade Max E Sawyer, 36861798, Medical Department, as reads "for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France on 20 September 1944." is amended to read "for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 21 September 1944."

2. So much of Section I, General Orders, Number 48, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 29 October 1944, pertaining to Staff Sergeant Harold E Hudson, 20726593, Infantry, as reads "for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France. 27 September 1944." is amended to read "for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 2 October 1944."

3. So much of Section I, General Orders, Number 51, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 8 November 1944, pertaining to First Lieutenant William T Humphreys, 01302467, Infantry, as reads "for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, on 15 and 16 July 1944. Lieutenant Humphreys assumed command of Company I, * * * Infantry, on 15 July when his commanding officer became a

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casualty." is amended to read "for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, on 14 and 15 July 1944. Lieutenant Humphreys assumed command of Company I, * * * Infantry, on 14 July when his commanding officer became a casualty."

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