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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:

Technical Sergeant Lawrence W Groshong, 37300597, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , Germany on 28 March 1945. When his platoon was pinned-down by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Groshong made his way over open terrain, exposed to the enemy fire, in order to lead armored elements to supporting positions. Under enemy fire, he then reorganized his platoon and maneuvered it into a position from which it advanced successfully against the enemy. The leadership, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Groshong reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Joseph Abbaleo, 42003659, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \* , Germany on 20 February 1945. Members of a mine-laying detail engaged in laying mines at a cross roads, were trapped between enemy fire from their front and an enemy outpost which had allowed them to infiltrate beyond the position. Private Abbaleo, a rifleman on outpost duty, opened fire on the enemy, pinning them to position and allowing the mine-laying detail to withdraw. He then made a reconnaissance of the area, went forward with the mine-laying detail a second time and protected their operations, placing accurate automatic rifle fire on enemy positions, then covered their return after the mines had been laid. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II -- 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:

First Lieutenant Randall J Peavey, 01301532, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \* and \* \* \* , Germany on 6, 7 and 8 March 1945. Lieutenant Peavey, commanding Company K, \* \* \* Infantry, led his troops against the well-emplaced and stubbornly defended enemy positions at \* \* \* , and personally led a squad in clearing enemy snipers from the town. Without rest, Lieutenant Peavey aggressively continued the attack. As he moved his company toward its next objective he was seriously wounded by an enemy shell fragment. Administering first aid to himself, he gallantly refused evacuation until his unit had secured its objective. Lieutenant Peavey's dynamic leadership, fortitude and zealous devotion to duty, reflect high credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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:

Major Harry F Parker, 0395926, 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 25 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain Charles W Jones, 0471375, 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 April 1945. With courage and coolness under fire, Captain Jones personally reconnoitered the area about the \* \* \* Canal, to obtain technical data for the bridging operation. Captain Jones' intrepid

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actions made possible the bridging of this obstacle in a minimum of time, thereby greatly facilitating the accomplishment of the unit mission. His devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain Ben A Smith Jr, 02051919, Judge Advocate General's Department, 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 1 September 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain Daniel D White Jr, 01296305, 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 25 July 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Benjamin A Miller, 02009581 (then first sergeant and second lieutenant), 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 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Master Sergeant William C Skaggs Jr, 20759741, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland from 11 July 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Sergeant Robert C Clark, 11023803, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, Germany on 30 March 1945. Disregarding personal safety, and with devotion to a wounded comrade, Sergeant Clark went forward to assist in the evacuation of a wounded soldier and, under enemy fire, brought him to an aid station. Later that day, he assisted the crew from a friendly armored vehicle that was set ablaze by an enemy shell. Sergeant Clark's initiative, courage and selflessness, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant David O Cantey Jr, 37066277, 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 14 March 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Orville W Love, 20725910, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, Germany on 28 March 1945. When the advance of supporting armor was impeded by enemy demolition of a strategic underpass, and a new route was urgently needed, Sergeant Love led a patrol forward in the face of enemy artillery and mortar fire and in a minimum of time, found an undemolished underpass and left a detail to guard it. Sergeant Love's leadership, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty, enabled the armored elements to continue their advance in an action that led to the seizure of \* \* \*. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Lester W Olsen, 32797100, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, Germany on 12 April 1945. Sergeant Olsen was the leader of a three-man patrol which made a daylight reconnaissance of the north bank of the \* \* \* River. The patrol encountered enemy troops and engaged in a fire fight, during the course of which one member of the patrol was seriously wounded. Sergeant Olsen crawled to the wounded soldier and, with the aid of his comrade, succeeded in evacuating the wounded man, amid a hail of fire, to a place of safety. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Peter J Busso, 32796227, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, Germany on 12 April 1945. Sergeant Busso, a squad leader, volunteered as a member of a three-man patrol for the dangerous mission of making a daylight reconnaissance of a sector along the \* \* \* River. Upon reaching friendly infantry outposts, the members of this patrol were told that the enemy was

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dug in along the north bank. With full knowledge of the hazards involved, Sergeant Russo and his comrades continued forward, placing the success of the mission above any thought of personal safety. Sergeant Russo was seriously wounded during the course of a sharp fire fight which ensued when the patrol encountered a group of German troops. His courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Dalton E Laughlin, 20726615, 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 29 March 1945. When it was learned that a heavy machine gun platoon was badly in need of supplies and ammunition as it advanced against the enemy, Sergeant Laughlin and a companion voluntarily drove their vehicle to a point near the unit and hand-carried vital supplies over 45 yards of open terrain to the platoon positions in the woods, despite the fact that enemy mortar shells were bursting all over the area and enemy artillery was scoring tree bursts in the woods. By accomplishing this hazardous mission, Sergeant Laughlin contributed materially to the success of the ensuing attack. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade George E Cvengros, 33415283, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, Germany on 27 March 1945. When the enemy impeded the advance of his unit by intense tank, mortar and machine gun fire, Corporal Cvengros, a scout, assisted by another enlisted man, ascended a hill. From this open position he fired upon the enemy, deliberately drawing the enemy fire upon himself and his comrade in order to give his unit an opportunity to deploy. The courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety displayed by Corporal Cvengros reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Lee F Bunge, 33604741, 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 29 March 1945. When it was learned that a heavy machine gun platoon was badly in need of supplies and ammunition as it advanced against the enemy, Private Bunge and a companion voluntarily drove their vehicle to a point near the unit and hand-carried vital supplies over 45 yards of open terrain to the platoon positions in the woods, despite the fact that enemy mortar shells were bursting all over the area and enemy artillery was scoring tree bursts in the woods. By accomplishing this hazardous mission, Private Bunge contributed materially to the success of the ensuing attack. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class James I Canterbury, 35842717, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, Germany on 29 March 1945. When his platoon was re-establishing its position along the \* \* \*, Private Canterbury, a rifleman, learned that a comrade had been seriously wounded and not yet evacuated. Under enemy observation and fire, assisted by another enlisted man, he made his way to the wounded soldier and carried him to the battalion aid station. The devotion to a wounded comrade, the courage and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private Canterbury mark him an asset to the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Robert J Dalbec, 37549597, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, Germany on 27 March 1945. When the enemy impeded the advance of his unit by intense tank, mortar and machine gun fire, Private Dalbec, a scout, assisted by another enlisted man, ascended a hill. From this open position he fired upon the enemy, deliberately drawing the enemy fire upon himself and his comrade in order to give his unit an opportunity to deploy. The courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private Dalbec reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Paul J Danger, 37599989, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, Germany on 29 March 1945. When his platoon was re-establishing its position along the \* \* \*, Private Danger, a rifleman, learned that a comrade had been seriously wounded and not yet evacuated. Under enemy

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observation and fire, assisted by another enlisted man, he made his way to the wounded soldier and carried him to the battalion aid station. The devotion to a wounded comrade, the courage and disregard for personal safety displayed by Private Danger mark him an asset to the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Arthur Herrmann, 38418414, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 31 March and 1 April 1945. Displaying initiative, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, Private Herrmann, assisted by another enlisted man, made numerous trips along a route which was under enemy observation and harassing fire, in order to insure his unit of an adequate supply of ammunition in its attack upon a well-fortified enemy position. The actions of Private Herrmann contributed materially to the success of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Salvatore M Maniscalco, 20223505, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 30 March 1945. After parking his own vehicle under cover when the convoy in which he was driving came under enemy shell-fire, Private Maniscalco noticed that a fellow driver had become so unnerved that he was unable to handle his vehicle. Disregarding his own safety, he left his covered position, told the other driver to seek cover, and parked the jeep and trailer under cover just before an enemy shell landed where the excited driver had been floundering. Private Maniscalco's quick thinking and coolness under fire reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Kenneth J Kortan, 35056082, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 31 March and 1 April 1945. Displaying initiative, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, Private Kortan, assisted by another enlisted man, made numerous trips along a route which was under enemy observation and harassing fire, in order to insure his unit of an adequate supply of ammunition in its attack upon a well-fortified enemy position. The actions of Private Kortan contributed materially to the success of his unit's mission. Entered military service from Ohio.

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:

Private First Class Harry F Dower, 33231840, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \* , Germany on 12 April 1945. Private Dower was a member of a three-man patrol which made a daylight reconnaissance of the north bank of the \* \* \* River. The patrol encountered enemy troops and engaged in a fire fight, during the course of which one member of the patrol was seriously wounded. Private Dower crawled to the wounded soldier and, with the aid of his comrade, succeeded in evacuating the wounded man, amid a hail of fire, to a place of safety. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

V -- 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 bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

Captain George W Cumming, 0391201, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 6 March to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

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 second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

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First Lieutenant John L Venable, 01182986, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 24 February to 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

3. 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:

First Lieutenant Charles J Fitzgerald, 01176335, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany during the period 16 January to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

4. 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 fifth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

Captain William F Hesselbach, 01177836, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 15 January to 14 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

5. 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, an eighth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

First Lieutenant Raymond P Johnson, 0551952, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 26 January to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

VI -- MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended by Section II, Circular 421, War Department, 26 October 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following unit of this command for service during period indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Service Battery, 161st Field Artillery Battalion	10 July 1944 to 31 March 1945

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BAADÉ:

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