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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:

Staff Sergeant William F Yorkshire, 33008227, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 28 March 1945. When a tank commander of his platoon was seriously wounded, Sergeant Yorkshire, with complete disregard for his own safety and under heavy enemy fire, dismounted his tank and evacuated the wounded man to a position where first aid could be administered. Later the same day, another tank of his platoon was set afire by enemy rocket fire and, again under enemy fire, he assisted in evacuating the five-man crew, despite the danger of imminent explosion. Sergeant Yorkshire was mortally wounded in action the following day. His intrepidity reflects high credit upon his 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:

First Lieutenant Robert S Pallard, 01015957, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 7 March 1945. When a tank of his command was immobilized during an attack, Lieutenant Ballard ordered two other tanks into position, designated their targets, then left his own tank and made his way across open ground in the face of heavy enemy fire to the disabled tank. Mounting the turret, he loaded, adjusted and fired the 76mm weapon, destroying an enemy antitank position and silencing a machine gun nest. Lieutenant Ballard's gallant and daring actions contributed materially to the success of the unit operation. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant David H Sudderth, 01327679, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * and * * * , Germany on 8 March 1945. Lieutenant Sudderth led his platoon in an attack against stubborn enemy defenses between * * * and * * * . When his unit was pinned down by heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Sudderth moved among his troops, reorganized them under fire, then personally led a supporting squad in a flanking movement to place heavy fire on the enemy positions, thereby enabling leading elements of his platoon to advance and seize enemy weapons that were hampering the advance. While consolidating newly won ground, he noticed two soldiers lying wounded ahead of our lines. Without hesitation he went to their side, administered first aid, and personally evacuated one of them to a place of safety. Lieutenant Sudderth's dynamic leadership and gallantry reflect credit upon his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from Florida.

Second Lieutenant Omer D Whitwell, 0550527, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 4 April 1945. Lieutenant Whitwell, a platoon leader, voluntarily led a night patrol across the * * * Canal and behind enemy lines on a reconnaissance mission. He led the group past several enemy outposts and through the streets of two heavily garrisoned towns. The mission accomplished, the patrol was returning to a crossing site at a damaged bridge across the canal when they were challenged by an enemy sentry. Without hesitation Lieutenant Whitwell rushed forward, wrested the sentry's weapon from him and took him prisoner, then led the patrol to the friendly shore. His gallant actions in the outstanding performance of a hazardous mission reflect high credit upon Lieutenant Whitwell's character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from Texas.

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Staff Sergeant Ernest E Boyce Jr, 36905010 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 29 March 1945. When his platoon leader, who was well ahead of his platoon, was pinned to position by enemy machine gun and rifle fire which had halted the advance of his company and forced them to withdraw, Sergeant Boyce remained in position for three hours, delivering effective fire with his automatic rifle, killing three Germans and frustrating enemy attempts to capture the officer. By his gallant actions, Sergeant Boyce saved his officer from death or capture, and made the continued advance of his company less perilous. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant James A Robertson, 34546780, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 31 March and 1 April 1945. On 31 March Sergeant Robertson, a platoon guide, voluntarily traversed terrain subjected to enemy observation and fire in order to bring up communication wire which enabled attacking echelons to maintain contact. On the following day he led a reconnaissance for a better position for his platoon and an observation post from which supporting artillery and mortar fire could be directed upon enemy positions, then led a patrol across open ground and succeeded in establishing contact with another platoon which was isolated in a heavily fortified factory area. His outstanding performance of these hazardous missions, vitally important to the continued advance of his unit, reflects high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Florida.

Sergeant James M Leavy, 6873913, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 30 March 1945. When two infantrymen lay wounded in an exposed position, Sergeant Leavy, a medical aid man, made his way through an enemy artillery barrage and enemy small arms fire and carried the two wounded soldiers to shelter where he treated their wounds and evacuated them to the aid station. For more than eighteen hours he remained on duty as the only aid man with the company after two other medics had been wounded. Sergeant Leavy's gallant actions, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department. Entered military service from Delaware.

Sergeant Vermon G Sprayberry, 34801842, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action at * * * , Germany on 9 April 1945. While the remainder of his squad flanked an enemy-held warehouse, Sergeant Sprayberry, aided by a companion, advanced frontally upon the enemy stronghold after throwing hand grenades through its windows. Then with his companion, he entered the main part of the structure, and forced the enemy garrison of twenty-six soldiers to seek refuge in the basement and upper floor, where the enemy were held at bay until the remainder of his squad arrived to assist in the capture of the enemy force. Sergeant Sprayberry's intrepidity, initiative and tenacity of purpose, denote him an asset to the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class John Catau, 33906760, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action at * * * , Germany on 9 April 1945. While the remainder of his squad flanked an enemy-held warehouse, Private Catau, aided by a companion, advanced frontally upon the enemy stronghold after throwing hand grenades through its windows. Then with his companion, he entered the main part of the structure, and forced the enemy garrison of twenty-six soldiers to seek refuge in the basement and upper floor, where the enemy were held at bay until the remainder of his squad arrived to assist in the capture of the enemy force. Private Catau's intrepidity, initiative and tenacity of purpose, denote him an asset to the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Charles L Donaldson, 37242261, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 27 March 1945. When his platoon was pinned down in an open field by enemy machine gun and automatic weapons fire, Private Donaldson, a platoon runner, exposed himself to the fury of the enemy fire and made his way across the exposed terrain to within fifty yards of the enemy emplacements, from which position he killed the enemy machine gunner and forced the remaining members of the crew to evacuate the position, thereby allowing his platoon to advance and secure the objective. Private Donaldson's courageous initiative and gallantry reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Missouri.

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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, posthumously, to the following:

Sergeant James T Blake, 20725969, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Blake volunteered to lead a reconnaissance patrol across the * * * Canal into enemy territory. An enemy patrol was encountered and Sergeant Blake was killed in the ensuing fire fight. His heroic action in undertaking this hazardous mission, and in standing fast and engaging the enemy force on the hostile shore of the canal, honors Sergeant Blake's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Erwin A Lord, 39041858, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Lord, an acting squad leader, volunteered as a member of a night reconnaissance patrol across the * * * Canal and behind enemy lines. The patrol passed several enemy outposts and through the streets of two heavily garrisoned towns. Returning to a damaged bridge on the canal, which was used as the crossing site, the patrol captured an enemy sentry. When the sentry's relief arrived as the patrol was only half-way across the bridge, Sergeant Lord grabbed the prisoner who had attempted to jump into the canal, and prevented him from giving an alarm. Sergeant Lord's bravery and resourcefulness contributed to the success of the patrol in accomplishing its hazardous mission. Entered military service from California.

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:

Captain Joseph Brigandi, 0540530, 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. When the forward movement of his unit was halted by intense enemy fire of all types at the approaches to * * * , Captain Brigandi, commanding Company L, * * * Infantry, moved among his troops, reorganized them and moved out at their head, so inspiring his men by his personal bravery and leadership that they moved relentlessly forward to secure the objective, capturing three enemy machine guns, four field guns and their crews, and a total of sixty-three other prisoners. Captain Brigandi's aggressive actions under fire are in accord with military tradition. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Edwin D Ebright, 0410760, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 20 February to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Richard O Anderson, 01017259, Cavalry (Armored Force), United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 28 February 1945. When one of his tanks was disabled by an enemy shell, Lieutenant Anderson left the comparative safety of his own tank and in the face of heavy enemy fire, made his way across open terrain to the disabled vehicle. While so engaged, he was wounded by an enemy shell fragment. Refusing evacuation, he remounted his tank, and continued to lead the attack. Lieutenant Anderson's courage, fortitude and zeal for his unit's success denote him an asset to his organization. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Phillip L Bailey, 01326730 (then second lieutenant), 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 elements of two battalions of his regiment were halted by intense enemy fire at the approaches to * * * , Lieutenant Bailey led his platoon forward, located a weak point in the enemy line and led his troops through this opening. Acting quickly, without giving the enemy a chance to react, he led his platoon in an attack upon the enemy from the rear, killing a great number of Germans and capturing nineteen. The penetration achieved by Lieutenant Bailey so weakened the enemy defenses that our troops were enabled to move on swiftly to their objective. Entered military service from California.

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First Lieutenant Thomas F Rock, 01182949, 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. When a powder dump near one of his gun sections was set afire during an enemy shelling, Lieutenant Rock left the security of his shelter to help extinguish the blaze in an effort to save valuable powder and ammunition stores and to avert casualties resulting from exploding ammunition. With total disregard for his own safety he continued his efforts until wounded by the explosion of one of our smoke shells. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant John Tomcak, 02007905, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 26 February to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Master Sergeant Clark E Bordner, 20732743, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 23 March to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Sergeant Eugene R Rosier, 20760409, 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. When a powder dump near a gun section was set afire during an enemy shelling, Sergeant Rosier left the security of his shelter to help extinguish the blaze in an attempt to save valuable powder and ammunition stores and to avert casualties that would result from exploding ammunition. When two of the men he was assisting were wounded by an exploding smoke shell, Sergeant Rosier helped to evacuate them to a place of safety, then returned to assist in bringing the blaze under control. Sergeant Rosier's courageous actions and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Sergeant Cecil C Whitfield, 20726044, 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 11 July 1944 to 26 March 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Walter H Fried, 35480823, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 1 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Ronald J Ackerman, 36117182, 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 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant John R Carson, 32883005, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 7 March 1945. When his platoon was setting up mortars to support infantry and tanks, Sergeant Carson, a platoon sergeant, learned of activity in an enemy pillbox in the vicinity. Approaching the pillbox from its blind side, Sergeant Carson surprised and captured an enemy corporal and five men. By Sergeant Carson's quick thinking, enemy action on an exposed flank was prevented. His actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Howard E Thompson, 20739021, Quartermaster 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 1 January to 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Malcolm E Umholtz, 33014854, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 31 March 1945. When the enemy prevented an engineer unit from removing a road block impeding the advance of our armor, Sergeant Umholtz maneuvered his squad into positions from which its effective fire pinned down the

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enemy, enabling the engineers to clear the obstruction. Sergeant Umholtz' leadership and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Lyle E Winters, 20760434, 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. When a powder dump near one of his gun sections was set afire during an enemy shelling, Sergeant Winters left the security of his shelter to help extinguish the blaze in an effort to save valuable powder and ammunition stores and to avert casualties resulting from exploding ammunition. With total disregard for his own safety he continued his efforts until wounded by the explosion of one of our smoke shells. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Jack W Gaber, 33693122, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 30 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Walter J Hrbacek, 36649248, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 April 1945. While on a night reconnaissance across the * * * Canal and behind enemy lines, Sergeant Hrbacek, a platoon guide, by his ability to speak the German language fluently and convincingly several times saved the men with him from death or capture when enemy outposts were encountered. This patrol passed through two heavily garrisoned towns and, their mission accomplished, returned to a damaged bridge to re-cross the canal, captured an enemy sentry, then escaped detection when the sentry's relief arrived as the group was only half-way across the bridge. Sergeant Hrbacek's heroic actions contributed to the success of the patrol in accomplishing its hazardous mission. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Henry J Lehman, 42138388 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 1 April 1945. Sergeant Lehman, an acting squad leader, voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire in order to assist his platoon guide in a reconnaissance for a better position for the platoon and an observation post from which artillery and mortar fire could be directed. Later the same day, Sergeant Lehman again braved enemy machine gun and rifle fire to establish contact with an adjoining platoon engaged in bitter combat with the enemy in a group of buildings. By his courage, initiative and calm leadership, Sergeant Lehman won the admiration and respect of all the men around him. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Warren Blunt, 35797828, Infantry (Armored Force), 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 his platoon sergeant was seriously wounded by sniper fire, Sergeant Blunt, assisted by two companions, and disregarding his personal safety, dismounted from his tank under heavy enemy bazooka, mortar and small arms fire, moved forward, administered first aid to, and assisted in evacuation of the wounded man. His heroic actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Dewey E McFarland, 34627240, Infantry (Armored Force), 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 his platoon sergeant was seriously wounded by sniper fire, Sergeant McFarland, assisted by two companions and disregarding his personal safety, dismounted from his tank under heavy enemy bazooka, mortar and small arms fire, moved forward, administered first aid to, and assisted in evacuation of the wounded man. His heroic actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fourth Grade Tony Oropesa, 20726758, 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 28 March 1945. During an attack on bitterly defended enemy positions near * * * , Sergeant Oropesa

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and five comrades volunteered for duty as litter bearers, and worked under heavy enemy fire with the attacking units for sixteen consecutive hours. The bravery and zealous devotion to duty on the part of Sergeant Oropesa served as an inspiration to all troops in the area. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal James E Backman, 39915680, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 31 March 1945. When heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire continued to fall in the immediate vicinity of his emplacement, this anti-tank gunner ordered the other members of his crew to take cover while he alone, disregarding personal safety and the proximity of enemy shells, fired persistently until the enemy weapons had been silenced. Corporal Backman's actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Utah.

Corporal Ralph E Diehm, 20760322, 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. When a powder dump near a gun section was set afire during an enemy shelling, Corporal Diehm left the security of his shelter to help extinguish the blaze in an attempt to save valuable powder and ammunition stores and to avert casualties that would result from exploding ammunition. When two of the men he was assisting were wounded by an exploding smoke shell, Corporal Diehm helped to evacuate them to a place of safety, then returned to assist in bringing the blaze under control. Corporal Diehm's courageous actions and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Carl W LaMora, 32234741, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 1 to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Rex A Russell Jr, 38447498, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 1 April 1945. When heavy enemy fire made the original gun position untenable and forced other members of his squad to take cover, Corporal Russell, working alone, moved the weapon to another position and manned it, delivering such effective fire that he forced the enemy to withdraw. Corporal Russell's courage, initiative, and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Corporal George J Tillie, 33670048, Infantry (Armored Force), 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 his platoon sergeant was seriously wounded by sniper fire, Corporal Tillie, assisted by two companions and disregarding his personal safety, dismounted from his tank under heavy enemy bazooka, mortar and small arms fire, moved forward, administered first aid to, and assisted in evacuation of the wounded man. His heroic actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Alvin C Kinsing, 32951954, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 26 March 1945. Corporal Kinsing, a surgical technician, voluntarily assumed the duties of section leader, Second Battalion Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, while the battalion was engaged in heavy fighting against the enemy in a wooded area east of * * * . He worked tirelessly throughout the day and the following night directing the activities of the section, aiding in the treatment and evacuation of the wounded, and moving about the battlefield to ensure that casualties were being cared for with maximum speed and efficiency. His courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Biagio F Sannizzaro, 31271332, 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 28 March 1945. During an attack on bitterly defended enemy positions near * * * , Corporal Sannizzaro and five comrades volunteered for duty as litter bearers, and worked under heavy enemy fire with the attacking units for sixteen consecutive

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hours. The bravery and zealous devotion to duty on the part of Corporal Sannizzaro served as an inspiration to all troops in the area. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Wesley J Bryan, 33591672, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 4 April 1945. Private Bryan, a platoon messenger, volunteered as a member of a night reconnaissance patrol and accompanied it across the * * * Canal and behind the enemy lines. The patrol made its way past several enemy outposts and through the streets of two heavily garrisoned towns. When he was approached by a German soldier in one of the towns, Private Bryan promptly knocked the German unconscious and continued with the mission. Their mission accomplished, the patrol returned to a crossing site at a damaged bridge across the canal, captured an enemy sentry there, and reached friendly territory without casualties. Private Bryan's bravery and resourcefulness honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class George A Buntrock, 36989482, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 10 April 1945. While on a reconnaissance of enemy positions ahead of his unit, Private Buntrock encountered nine members of an enemy half-track crew and, although alone, called to them to surrender. He killed one of the Germans who attempted to resist, whereupon the other eight surrendered. He made his way back to his original position with his captives, despite his being fired upon by an enemy tank. Private Buntrock's daring and resourcefulness honor his character as a member of the armed forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Frank A Creasman, 34963409, 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 9 April 1945. While on a reconnaissance patrol behind enemy lines, Private Creasman and a comrade discovered a large air raid bunker which enemy troops were using to store ammunition and also as sleeping quarters. Private Creasman and his companion concealed themselves in the bunker and captured a German officer and eight men who entered a short time later. Before leaving with his prisoners, Private Creasman destroyed the enemy weapons in the bunker. The courage and initiative displayed by Private Creasman reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class John W Fastnaught, 33044768, 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 28 March 1945. During an attack on bitterly defended enemy positions near * * * , Private Fastnaught and five comrades volunteered for duty as litter bearers, and worked under heavy enemy fire with the attacking units for sixteen consecutive hours. The bravery and zealous devotion to duty on the part of Private Fastnaught served as an inspiration to all troops in the area. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Rene E Field Jr, 31108561, 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 31 March 1945. After his platoon leader and platoon sergeant had been seriously wounded by enemy fire, Private Field made his way to their side and carried them to a nearby building. He secured the assistance of three comrades and, traversing terrain subjected to heavy mortar fire, successfully evacuated the wounded men to the rear. Private Field's courageous actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Private First Class Virgil Finney, 34505598, 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 9 April 1945. While on a reconnaissance patrol behind enemy lines, Private Finney and a comrade discovered a large air raid bunker which enemy troops were using to store ammunition and also as sleeping quarters. Private Finney and his companion concealed themselves in the bunker and captured a German officer and eight men who entered a short time later.

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Before leaving with his prisoners, Private Finney destroyed the enemy weapons in the bunker. The courage and initiative displayed by Private Finney reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class David F Foust Jr, 35027828, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 28 March 1945. While the unit to which he was attached as aid man was being subjected to heavy enemy fire, Private Foust left his place of comparative security time after time to treat wounded men in the area and to assist them to defilade positions awaiting evacuation. Private Foust's outstanding devotion to duty and courageous actions proved an inspiration to the entire company and reflect credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Peter Guzman, 39861868, 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. During the assault crossing of the * * * Canal, Private Guzman, a radio operator for the Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, forward observer, due to poor transmission was forced to operate his radio outside a window of a building under enemy observation. Despite heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private Guzman maintained communications which enabled his unit to lay down such effective preparatory fire that it was possible for a platoon of riflemen to cross the canal without suffering a single casualty. His zealous devotion to duty honors Private Guzman's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Arizona.

Private First Class Howard E Kroeger, 37594448, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 1 April 1945. Private Kroeger, acting as assistant squad leader, accompanied his platoon guide under heavy enemy fire and succeeded in establishing contact between the main body of the company and the forward platoon. Later the same day, he again volunteered as a member of a patrol with the mission of locating an enemy gun position. This patrol moved forward and soon came under direct fire from the enemy machine gun, whereupon Private Kroeger stood fast and delivered intense automatic rifle fire into the enemy position, then rejoined other members of the patrol who were enabled to reach safety as a result of his covering fire. His courageous initiative reflects credit upon Private Kroeger's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Oliver P Niemuth, 36989558, 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. In order to establish contact between the company and platoon command posts, Private Niemuth, a rifleman, crossed open terrain subjected to enemy machine gun and sniper fire, making four such trips during the day, displaying such courage and disregard for personal safety as to make possible the coordination of the attacking elements. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Everitt Parks, 42146109, 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 an enemy patrol was attempting to infiltrate their outpost position and overrun the machine gun emplacements which were protecting the flanks of the company, Private Parks and a comrade waited until the Germans, who outnumbered them eight to one, were within close range, fired, killed two of the enemy, and captured fourteen others. His courageous and resourceful actions thwarted an enemy counter thrust and protected his company positions. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Claude Patterson, 35484031, 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 28 March 1945. During an attack on bitterly defended enemy positions near * * * , Private Patterson and five comrades volunteered for duty as litter bearers, and worked under heavy enemy fire with the attacking units for sixteen consecutive hours. The bravery and zealous devotion to duty on the part of Private Patterson served as an inspiration to all troops in the area. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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Private First Class Arnold Perry, 35880126, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 6 April 1945. Private Perry, on outpost duty during the early hours of 6 April, discovered a four-man enemy patrol stealthily approaching the position he occupied with another soldier. When his companion opened fire, Private Perry heroically set out on a flanking movement, firing at intervals to give the enemy soldiers the impression that they were surrounded. After a short but intense fire fight, the patrol surrendered. The capture of this patrol, whose mission was to stay behind American lines for six days and send back information each night, may have saved the lives of many American soldiers. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Guy O Sanders, 35169473, 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 17 April 1945. While on patrol along the * * * River, Private Sanders, a rifleman, observed a large group of enemy troops approaching a dike prior to attempting to cross the river. While his comrades withdrew from their exposed positions, he engaged the enemy in a fire fight, killing one and wounding two. Private Sanders' courageous actions reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Lawrence R Segner, 38678368, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 6 April 1945. Private Segner, on outpost duty during the early hours of 6 April, discovered a four-man enemy patrol stealthily approaching the position he occupied with another soldier. He promptly opened fire, drawing enemy fire upon his position, while his companion attempted to outflank and confuse the enemy troops. After a short but intense fire fight the four Germans surrendered. The capture of this patrol, whose mission was to stay behind American lines for six days and send back information each night, may have saved the lives of many American soldiers. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Stephen A Tretiak, 31281890, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 1 and 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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:

Technician Fourth Grade Rudolph J Sodia, 38085277, 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 28 March 1945. During an attack on bitterly defended enemy positions near * * * , Sergeant Sodia and five comrades volunteered for duty as litter bearers, and worked under heavy enemy fire with the attacking units for sixteen consecutive hours. The bravery and zealous devotion to duty on the part of Sergeant Sodia served as an inspiration to all troops in the area. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade Frederick R Witzigman, 33681256, 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 28 March 1945. During an attack on bitterly defended enemy positions near * * * , Corporal Witzigman and five comrades volunteered for duty as litter bearers, and worked under heavy enemy fire with the attacking units for sixteen consecutive hours. The bravery and zealous devotion to duty on the part of Corporal Witzigman served as an inspiration to all troops in the area. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VI — PURPLE HEART. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following 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
Captain William S Brockington 0483272, Medical Corps	21 Apr	South Carolina
First Lieutenant David H Sudderth 01327679, Infantry	19 Apr	Ohio
First Lieutenant John A Taylor 0394169, Field Artillery	23 Apr	Alabama
Second Lieutenant Ronald A Taylor Jr 01328199, Infantry	20 Apr	New York
Master Sergeant Clark E Bordner 20723743, Field Artillery	5 Mar	Kansas
Technical Sergeant James R Detherage 35374381, Infantry	17 Apr	Missouri
Staff Sergeant Francis F Fullhart 37144761, Infantry	20 Apr	Kansas
Staff Sergeant James C Jenkins 7084588, Infantry	26 Mar	Tennessee
Staff Sergeant John Rabis 31042325, Infantry	28 Mar	Connecticut
Technician Third Grade William Robertson 39095237, Medical Department	18 Apr	California
Sergeant Moir W Workman Jr 33887804, Infantry	23 Apr	Virginia
Corporal Thomas J Kramer 35414897, Coast Artillery Corps	5 Feb	Ohio
Technician Fifth Grade Rodney A Lewis 38297922, Coast Artillery Corps	15 Apr	Arkansas
Private First Class Ralph Beck 36961271, Infantry	16 Apr	Illinois
Private First Class Robert H Beyer 31427648, Field Artillery	20 Apr	Massachusetts
Private First Class Hermon G Brown 34606919, Field Artillery	18 Apr	North Carolina
Private First Class Lohn B Cline 33768934, Infantry	16 Apr	Pennsylvania
Private First Class William Dane 35132404, Infantry	19 Apr	Ohio
Private First Class George E Davis 37612465, Infantry	17 Apr	Missouri
Private First Class James A Dolan 35817056, Infantry	15 Apr	Kentucky
Private First Class Dwain J Donnelly 37698639, Infantry	13 Apr	Iowa
Private First Class Shirley W Gibson 35077525, Infantry	1 Apr	West Virginia
Private First Class Cecil E Hanshaw 33662983, Infantry	15 Apr	Virginia
Private First Class Samuel R Hawthorne 32482191, Medical Department	21 Apr	New Jersey
Private First Class Lee A Hoard 36889112, Infantry	30 Mar	Michigan
Private First Class Charles E Idol 34869314, Infantry	23 Apr	North Carolina
Private First Class Paul E Jarnagin 34937798, Infantry	16 Apr	Tennessee
Private First Class Millan Latas 20760129, Field Artillery	18 Apr	Kansas
Private First Class James D Murch 31472081, Infantry	17 Apr	Maine
Private First Class Johnnie L Matl 38680808, Infantry	17 Apr	Texas
Private First Class Eli R Merrill Jr 38609238, Infantry	17 Apr	Texas
Private First Class Lloyd L Moody 39479371, Infantry	17 Apr	Wisconsin
Private First Class Daniel Moreno 36913669, Infantry	24 Apr	Illinois
Private First Class Clifford D Murray 39241883, Infantry	23 Apr	California
Private First Class Raymond P Omen 35273313, Medical Department	26 Feb	Ohio
Private First Class William E O'Neill 33324878, Infantry	16 Apr	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Delbert D Queen 37746389, Infantry	18 Apr	Kansas
Private First Class Raymond Roar 35773051, Infantry	15 Apr	Kentucky
Private First Class Ernest F Saracino 33843263, Infantry	17 Apr	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Frank J Shea 11045271, Infantry	22 Apr	Connecticut
Private First Class Chester D Sheaves 35071435, Infantry	18 Apr	West Virginia
Private First Class Thomas I Smith 20725502, Infantry	25 Mar	Nebraska
Private First Class Edward O Taylor 34684763, Field Artillery	23 Apr	Georgia
Private Thomas P Sertterh 37662411, Medical Department	8 Apr	Iowa
Private Harold H Thompson 35073204, Infantry	17 Apr	Ohio

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Captain Clarence C Stephens Jr 0429739, Infantry	13 Nov	Kansas
Staff Sergeant Burdett E Maust 37175512, Infantry	20 Jul	Minnesota
Sergeant John W Herbert 32777823, Infantry	7 Oct	New Jersey
Sergeant Joseph Riecan 6918250, Field Artillery	26 Jan	Illinois

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VII -- 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 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
Technician Fourth Grade William C Ditus 37070632, Medical Department	18 Apr	Kansas
Technician Fourth Grade Rudolph J Sodia 38085277, Medical Department	18 Apr	Colorado
Technician Fifth Grade Walter V Cunningham 13053305, Medical Department	18 Apr	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Clyde J Bell 34504761, Infantry	16 Apr	Tennessee
Private First Class Richard G Bollinger 33569948, Infantry	17 Apr	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Virgil Finney 34505598, Infantry	18 Apr	Tennessee
Private First Class Bob R Hodge 38582020, Infantry	21 Apr	Texas
Private First Class Gordon V Joy 42147094, Infantry	30 Mar	New York
Private First Class Ray B McFarland 35392514, Coast Artillery Corps	15 Apr	Ohio

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Staff Sergeant Burdett E Maust 37175512, Infantry	18 Dec	Minnesota
Staff Sergeant Richard R Sechler 33763709, Infantry	14 Nov	Pennsylvania
Private Rodger O Larson 36815957, Infantry	18 Jul	Wisconsin

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 for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Staff Sergeant Burdett E Maust 37175512, Infantry	31 Mar	Minnesota
Sergeant Sidney S Rhoades 37454698, Infantry	16 Apr	Nebraska
Private First Class Archie C Burkey 37447697, Infantry	23 Apr	Iowa

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 Purple Heart previously awarded, a third bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on date indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Sergeant Sidney S Rhoades 37454698, Infantry	22 Apr	Nebraska

VIII -- SILVER STAR. So much of Section I, General Orders, Number 54, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 30 November 1944, pertaining to Staff Sergeant Orville G Westre, 37152746, Infantry, as reads "for gallantry in action in the * * * , France on 29 September 1944." is amended to read "for gallantry in action in the * * * , France on 1 October 1944."

IX -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. So much of Section IV, General Orders, Number 28, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 24 April 1945, as pertains to the following, is rescinded:

Mr Thomas G Cairns, Senior Field Director, American Red Cross
Mr Burl W Clark, Field Director, American Red Cross
Mr Charles Glatzer, Field Director, American Red Cross

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2. So much of Section IV, General Orders, Number 26, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 12 April 1945, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Robert N Park, 38382427, Infantry, is rescinded.

X -- PURPLE HEART. 1. So much of Section IX, General Orders, Number 59, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 31 December 1944, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Burdett E Maust, 37175512, Infantry, is rescinded (see par 1 sec VII).

2. So much of Section V, General Orders, Number 25, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 7 April 1945, as pertains to Private First Class William M Burgin, 34899960, Infantry, is rescinded.

3. So much of Section VIII, General Orders, Number 26, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 12 April 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Charles B Womer, 35841070, Infantry, is rescinded.

4. So much of Section IV, General Orders, Number 28, Headquarters, 35th Infantry Division, 24 April 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Gordon B Joy, 42147094, Infantry, is rescinded (see par 1 sec VII).

XI -- COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular 408, War Department, 17 October 1944, as amended by Section III, Circular 450, War Department, 28 November 1944, a Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following, retroactive to 11 July 1944:

Colonel Harold R Emery, 012471, Infantry

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BAADE:

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Chief of Staff

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