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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:

Sergeant Erwin A Lord, 39041858, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 15 April 1945. When his squad encountered heavy enemy fire after spearheading the assault crossing of the * * * River, Sergeant Lord proceeded forward alone, crossed a road swept by machine gun crossfire, killed an enemy rifleman, silenced an enemy machine gun with automatic rifle fire, and continued forward to a vantage point from which he placed accurate fire into another machine gun position, killing several of the crew members. He then started maneuvering his men forward, and was killed by enemy fire as he dashed across open terrain. Sergeant Lord's inspiring leadership and tactical acumen honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Leon Lee, 33794694, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 16 April 1945. After participating in the assault crossing of the * * * River, Private Lee, an acting squad leader, dashed across open terrain despite withering fire, in an attempt to rescue a wounded comrade. Upon ascertaining that his comrade was beyond help, he continued forward, killed an enemy rifleman, then assaulted and destroyed a machine gun nest with grenades and rifle fire, thereby making possible the seizure of the initial objective without further casualties. Later, while leading his squad in an attack on the final objective, Private Lee was mortally wounded by enemy rifle fire. His gallant actions entitle Private Lee to a place of honor in the annals of fighting infantrymen. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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 John F Bariani, 01185434, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 31 March 1945. When an outpost of an infantry unit reported two enemy machine guns emplaced to the front, Lieutenant Bariani, a forward observer, voluntarily made his way ahead of our lines and to a position within fifty yards of the enemy guns when he was pinned down by enemy fire, and an enemy rocket-launcher team moved toward him. He waited until the team neared his position, then directed artillery fire which destroyed the rocket launcher and its crew. Remaining in his forward position, he directed artillery fire in the destruction of the enemy machine gun emplacements before returning to his original position. Lieutenant Bariani's bravery, coolness under fire, and accurate fire direction, honor his character as an officer. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Stanley V Trick, 01013779, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 31 March 1945. Lieutenant Trick led a platoon of tanks in support of an infantry attack toward the town of * * * , Germany. As his tank, spearheading the attack, entered the town, it was hit by enemy rocket fire and disabled. All members of the tank crew were wounded as they dismounted from the tank and sought cover. Despite heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Trick administered first aid to these soldiers, then dragged them one by one to a position of comparative safety. He then made his way to the side of a seriously wounde

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infantryman, applied a tourniquet, and moved him to a place of safety. His gallant actions under intense enemy fire resulted in saving the lives of several soldiers and reflect high credit upon Lieutenant Trick's character as an officer. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Bertice F Womack, 35779679, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 17 April 1945. During an enemy counterattack, one of the squads in Sergeant Womack's platoon was surrounded by the enemy. Sergeant Womack unhesitatingly ran through intense enemy small arms fire to reach a building near the cut off squad. Although knocked down by the concussion of rocket fire as he reached the building, he entered and from a window threw hand grenades into enemy positions, causing confusion among the enemy force and enabling the squad to deploy and effectively repel the enemy force. Sergeant Womack's gallant actions and courageous initiative reflect credit upon his character as a noncommissioned officer. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Alsey P Sanders Jr, 18057896, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 10 April 1945. Sergeant Sanders was a member of a forward observer's party accompanying leading elements of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, which were temporarily halted by enemy machine gun and small arms fire as they neared their objective. Armed only with a rifle, Sergeant Sanders worked his way forward to a vantage point, placed effective fire upon enemy positions, then returned and guided a group of tank destroyers forward, pointing out targets which were promptly brought under fire and neutralized. He then returned to his observation post and assisted in directing artillery fire upon enemy positions. His aggressiveness, coolness and bravery under fire reflect credit upon Sergeant Sanders' character as a soldier. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Clyde J Bell, 34504761, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 15 April 1945. After participating with his unit in the assault crossing of the * * * River, Private Bell repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire as he carried messages from his company commander to a mortar section when radio communications failed. Later that day, while making his way along a ditch known to be under enemy observation, he was wounded by rifle fire but proceeded with his mission and refused medical treatment until he had successfully guided reinforcements forward along this route. His intrepidity, disregard for personal safety, and zeal for the success of his mission, are in accord with military tradition. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Benjamin Guskin, 32997066 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France on 10 August 1944. For a period of five hours, Private Guskin, a rifleman, manned an observation post alone in enemy territory three hundred yards from the lead tank of an armor-infantry force which had advanced under enemy fire of such intensity that only five other tank-riding infantrymen reached the objective. Observing an enemy column approaching, he returned under enemy fire to direct his tank's fire so effectively that at least thirty enemy troops were killed. Private Guskin's gallantry in action reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

III — SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

Second Lieutenant Omer D Whitwell, 0550527, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 15 April 1945. After leading his platoon in an assault crossing of the * * * River, Lieutenant Whitwell moved ahead of his troops to make a personal reconnaissance. While so engaged he received a painful head wound. Despite his wound, and the fact that his platoon had suffered casualties including two squad leaders, Lieutenant Whitwell moved among his men, directing their fire and movement in the seizure of the initial objective, personally killing a well camouflaged enemy rifleman and neutralizing a machine gun emplacement with automatic rifle fire. He then led his platoon in a successful assault on the final objective, and was seriously wounded as he exposed himself to enemy fire to help his men reach covered positions. Lieutenant Whitwell's gallantry and disregard for personal safety honor his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from Texas.

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Staff Sergeant Firmus J Pfeffer, 32753684, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Germany on 4 April 1945. When three men were marooned on the hostile shore of the * * * Canal following a fire fight, Sergeant Pfeffer, a squad leader, rowed a rubber boat across the canal in the face of heavy enemy fire and picked up these men. On the return trip the overloaded boat capsized. Helping two men who could not swim to the side of the boat, he swam to the rear of the boat and pushed it to shore. Sergeant Pfeffer, by his gallant actions, initiative, and tenacity of purpose prevented three men from being killed or captured by the enemy, and saved two of them from drowning. Entered military service from New Jersey.

IV -- SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following:

Private Eddie Connelly, 20737882, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroism in the vicinity of * * *, Germany on 20 April 1945. While engaged in destroying an enemy ammunition dump and field pieces, Private Connelly was injured by metal fragments which also seriously injured his squad leader. Disregarding his own painful injury and although faint from loss of blood, he applied a tourniquet, supervised construction of a hasty litter, and assisted in carrying his injured comrade four hundred yards to a waiting vehicle. Private Connelly's heroic actions were directly responsible for saving his comrade's life. Entered military service from Missouri.

V -- 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:

Technician Fifth Grade Gerald G Wolthuis, 36896976, 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 December 1944 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Henry C Morrison, 34935594, 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 15 April 1945. When he was fired upon by enemy troops while scouting enemy positions, Private Morrison, a rifleman, reported the situation to his company commander, then advancing with his squad, heroically exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to assist in directing the members of his squad to more advantageous positions. While so engaged, he was killed by an enemy rifleman. Private Morrison's courage, disregard for personal safety, and concern for the welfare of his comrades reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

VI -- 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 Lee R Barnes, 0415434, 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 April 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Captain Lynn H Dunlap, 01169086, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Leslie M Greiner, 0408007, Field Artillery, 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 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

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Captain Robert R Holden, 0285568, Field Artillery, 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 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Utah.

Captain Arnold I Maurer, 0333282, 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 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Paul H Wiehenkamp, 0415643, 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 10 July 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Forrest E Anderson, 01175629, Field Artillery, 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 9 July 1944 to 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Norman M Bickling, 01386233, 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 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Colorado.

First Lieutenant John F Blow, 01822770, Field Artillery, 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 his tank destroyers, then supporting an infantry advance into an enemy-held village, were halted by intense enemy fire before a mine field, Lieutenant Blow dismounted from his vehicle and, in the face of the enemy fire, led his vehicles through the mine field to attack enemy gun positions. Lieutenant Blow's courage, resourcefulness and initiative reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Robert L Gordon, 01290590, 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 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant William H Gordon Jr, 01320521, 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. When advance elements of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, were halted by direct fire from enemy tanks and artillery, Lieutenant Gordon, forward observer for the cannon company, moved to a position at a second story window of a nearby house, and despite the fact that enemy artillery made direct hits on the house, courageously and with complete disregard for personal safety, remained at his post and directed a barrage which neutralized the enemy fire and enabled the advance to continue. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant Warren T Hanne, 01643634, Signal 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 September 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Arizona.

First Lieutenant Kenneth K Jarvis, 01297375, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg from 11 July 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Robert P Junk, 01319958, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg from 11 July 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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First Lieutenant Bruno J Katzmark, 01321523, Infantry, United States Army, meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany from 18 July 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Albin K Kayrukstis, 01115939, Corps of Engineers, 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 10 November 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

First Lieutenant Peter C McBean, 01308988, 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 30 March 1945. When Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, was ordered to cover the combat team artillery, Lieutenant McBean, Company Executive Officer, together with an enlisted man voluntarily went forward to survey the area for this operation, plotting gun positions and placing orienting markers. Despite the fact that the area was subjected to three enemy barrages, his tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety made possible the successful accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant John D Miller, 0411320, 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 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Everett E Missman, 01641591, Signal 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 August 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant Steven D Narick, 0534297, 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 9 July 1944 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

First Lieutenant Edmund G Olszyk, 01056495, Coast Artillery Corps, 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 12 October 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Robert P Owens, 01174668, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

First Lieutenant Thomas V Slater, 01172286, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant John K Sudduth, 0444766, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg from 11 July 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Second Lieutenant Darrol L Dunham, 02010866, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 31 March to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Richard A Burke, W2108793, Unites 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 11 July 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Master Sergeant Wayne A Andersen, 37189158, 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 10 July 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Master Sergeant John V Elmendorf, 31254685, 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 13 December 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

First Sergeant Robert F Anderson, 20738609, 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 25 July 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Sergeant Vincent P Nehe, 20720967, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 15 July to 3 August 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Ernest D Mhoon, 39020581, 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 and Germany from 19 June 1944 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant William C Sloop, 37005307, Signal 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 August 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Marvin H Cahal, 35813174, 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 3 October 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Louis A Evans, 35266400, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 15 April 1945. While under heavy enemy fire during an attack, Sergeant Evans, an aid man, completely disregarding personal safety, rendered first aid to five wounded comrades, then improvised a litter from German equipment and assisted in moving the casualties to a place of safety. Later, he again went forward under heavy enemy fire, administered first aid to, and personally evacuated a seriously wounded officer. His courage, ingenuity and zealous devotion to duty honor Sergeant Evans' character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Berchman J Gorman, 20760048, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Marion R Green, 20725994, 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 25 July 1944 to 4 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Peter Holler, 33928997, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 6 March 1945. During the early morning when his platoon was moving into position, Sergeant Holler established an outpost at the bottom of a forward slope of a slag pile and observed an enemy force attempting to set up a machine gun. Disregarding personal safety, he opened fire, killing three, wounding several and preventing the enemy establishment of a position commanding the terrain over which his company planned to attack the following morning. His initiative and courageous actions contributed to the success of his unit's mission and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.



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Staff Sergeant John T Kennedy, 20760058, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 18 April 1945. When his battery was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Kennedy, realizing the importance of obtaining an accurate shell report, left the security of his foxhole and coolly remained in the open until he had secured the necessary data, reporting his findings to higher headquarters before the enemy shelling had ceased. Sergeant Kennedy's devotion to duty and coolness under fire reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Harold L McGreer, 37085126, Medical Department, 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 11 July 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Third Grade Everett W Kennedy, 20739746, Medical Department, 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 11 July 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Third Grade Arthur L Rosenthal, 32427825, Signal 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 August 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Walter E Janken, 36680376, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at * * * , Germany on 30 March 1945. Sergeant Janken, a platoon sergeant, wary of a trap, halted his men before a well-planned enemy ambush. The enemy, their plan frustrated, directed intense fire into the platoon position. Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Janken moved among and reorganized his men. Upon a prearranged signal, he led the platoon forward, overrunning the enemy position, killing several and capturing eight Germans, enabling the platoon to continue upon its mission. Sergeant Janken's leadership and his zeal for the success of his mission, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Victor E Scheer, 20721016, 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 30 March 1945. When Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, was ordered to cover the combat team artillery, Sergeant Scheer, a reconnaissance sergeant, together with an officer voluntarily went forward to survey the area for this operation, plotting gun positions and placing orienting markers. Despite the fact that the area was subjected to three enemy barrages, his tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety made possible the successful accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward J Hoffstetter, 35283368, Medical Department, 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 11 July 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal Vernon P Timmins, 31262473, 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 28 February 1945. When an aid man was seriously wounded by an enemy mine while attempting to reach several wounded soldiers, Corporal Timmins crossed the mine field, administered aid to, and assisted in evacuation of the aid man and the other wounded soldiers. His heroic action in placing the welfare of wounded comrades above any thought of personal safety reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Jay C Layson, 36514598, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at * * * , Germany on 30 March 1945. When a nearby building was hit by an enemy shell, Corporal Layson, an aid man, left his place of safety and quickly made his way through pitch darkness to the building where the



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wounded men lay. Despite the continuing enemy shellfire, he administered first aid and assisted in evacuating the seriously wounded men to the aid station. Corporal Layson's prompt and efficient action, and courageous initiative, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Lindell B Abbott, 12240739, 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 15 April 1945. When he was fired upon by enemy troops while scouting enemy positions, Private Abbott, a rifleman, reported the situation to his company commander, then exposed himself to heavy enemy fire and assisted in directing the men of his squad to more advantageous positions. Private Abbott's courage, disregard for personal safety, and concern for the welfare of his comrades reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Arthur L Billups, 34626769, 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 tank was hit by an antitank shell, wounding his company commander and himself, Private Billups dismounted from his tank under heavy enemy fire to aid his commanding officer to temporary safety in a ditch. He again exposed himself to enemy fire to place the officer on the rear of a tank, and assisted in his evacuation. Private Billup's heroic actions and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Robert E Jackson, 32875617, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 16 April 1945. When a group of Germans were observed en route to their lines with twenty-three American soldiers as prisoners, Private Jackson and three comrades volunteered as a rescue party, hastily sandbagged a truck and, although subjected to machine gun and small arms fire, overtook the enemy force about half a mile behind the enemy lines, dispersed them, and effected the release of the American soldiers. The heroic actions of Private Jackson reflect credit upon himself, his unit, and the service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class John W Law, 37747710, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 6 March 1945. During an attack on * * * by his unit, Private Law, a rifleman, exposed himself to full view of three heavily armed enemy soldiers who were attempting to infiltrate behind his platoon and killed one and wounded the other two Germans, permitting his platoon to successfully continue their mission. His quick thinking and prompt action reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class George T Mertens, 42060668, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 30 March to 6 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Woodrow W Ratliff, 36896845, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 16 April 1945. When a group of Germans were observed en route to their lines with twenty-three American soldiers as prisoners, Private Ratliff and three comrades volunteered as a rescue party, hastily sandbagged a truck and, although subjected to machine gun and small arms fire, overtook the enemy force about half a mile behind the enemy lines, dispersed them, and effected the release of the American soldiers. The heroic actions of Private Ratliff reflect credit upon himself, his unit, and the service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Elmer L Swanson, 33408358, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in * * * , Germany on 31 March 1945. During an attack in which his organization was participating, Private Swanson, a switchboard operator, was

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located in the second story of a house relaying fire directions to the guns. Although a German self-propelled gun registered four direct hits on the house, blowing the roof off, and causing casualties in the room wherein Private Swenson was located, he courageously remained at his switchboard during thirty minutes of intense shelling, keeping the lines open and preventing an interruption in cannon fire. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Sanford H Weinzimer, 32988886, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 16 April 1945. When a group of Germans were observed en route to their lines with twenty-three American soldiers as prisoners, Private Weinzimer and three comrades volunteered as a rescue party, hastily sand-bagged a truck and, although subjected to machine gun and small arms fire, over-took the enemy force about half a mile behind the enemy lines, dispersed them, and effected the release of the American soldiers. The heroic actions of Private Weinzimer reflect credit upon himself, his unit, and the service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Bud West, 34862629, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 5 April 1945. While on outpost duty at 0200 hours, Private West heard footsteps approaching his machine gun position. When the countersign was not given upon his challenge, he fired his weapon and wounded one of the enemy. They returned fire on the muzzle-flash of his carbine, but by then he was manning his machine gun. His heroic actions which induced an entire enemy patrol to surrender reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

VII -- BRONZE STAR 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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

Technical Sergeant Chester F Martin, 36558554, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in * * * , Germany on 13 April 1945. When his platoon became isolated from adjoining units during an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Martin assumed command, reorganized the platoon under fire, and set up defensive positions in a group of buildings. His calm leadership was directly responsible for the repulsing of a strong enemy attack during the night. The following morning he directed the fire and movement of his troops in an attack which succeeded in overrunning enemy positions and regained contact with other units of the company. Entered military service from Michigan.

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 in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 31 March 1945. Under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant Richardson, an assistant bulldozer driver, cleared a road-block in an underpass on the Reich Autobahn, thereby enabling American armor to break through, over-run enemy positions and secure their objective. Sergeant Richardson's heroic devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety were an inspiration to the men with him and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade James A Williams, 32746395, Corps of Engineers, 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 an enemy road block beneath an overpass on the Reich Autobahn impeded the advance of our armored vehicles, Corporal Williams, in the face of enemy machine gun and sniper fire, skillfully drove his bulldozer to remove the obstacle. Corporal Williams' courage, skill and disregard for personal safety, enabled our armored vehicles to continue their advance, and his actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

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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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

Technician Fifth Grade Herman H Bruning Jr, 13199963, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 16 April 1945. When a group of Germans were observed en route to their lines with twenty-three American soldiers as prisoners, Corporal Bruning and three comrades volunteered as a rescue party, hastily sand-bagged a truck and, although subjected to machine gun and small arms fire, over-took the enemy force about half a mile behind the enemy lines, dispersed them, and effected the release of the American soldiers. The heroic actions of Corporal Bruning reflect credit upon himself, his unit, and the service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VIII -- 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:

First Lieutenant Carmen L Lierly, O1171250, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 24 March to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

IX -- 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:

First Lieutenant Henry Coppock Jr, O1171497, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 28 March to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant John C Hunter, O1177012, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 29 March to 19 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant John W Spain, O1822642, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 10 March to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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:

Captain Robert E Philbeck, 0293430, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 10 March to 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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 ninth 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 Germany during the period 26 March to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

X -- 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 |
|---|---|---|
| First Lieutenant Herbert Freedman 0887527, Infantry | 25 Apr | New Hampshire |
| Staff Sergeant Arthur G Boyer 35298215, Infantry | 23 Apr | Ohio |
| Staff Sergeant Paul Gavzy 32938921, Infantry | 19 Apr | New York |
| Staff Sergeant Edward H McFadden 20760167, Field Artillery | 20 Apr | Kansas |
| Sergeant James A Babcock 37036443, Infantry | 3 May | Nebraska |
| Corporal Delbert W Welker 35392520, Coast Artillery Corps | 16 Apr | Ohio |
| Private First Class Edward F Gerber 32772941, Infantry | 19 Apr | New Jersey |
| Private First Class Robert R Knight 34535794, Infantry | 5 Apr | Massachusetts |
| Private First Class Raymond W North 36988814, Infantry | 20 Apr | Wisconsin |
| Private First Class Charles T Ruther 33614859, Infantry | 1 Apr | Pennsylvania |
| Private First Class Frankie L Smith 34589633, Infantry | 20 Apr | Alabama |
| Private George R Copeland 17175223, Coast Artillery Corps | 23 Apr | Missouri |

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| Major George Moore 0248303, Field Artillery | 17 Aug | Utah |
| First Lieutenant Forrest E Anderson 01175629, Field Artillery | 15 Aug | Kansas |
| Second Lieutenant Arthur V Schmidt 01180329, Field Artillery | 11 Sep | Kansas |
| Sergeant Lee A Henderson 7084380, Field Artillery | 27 Sep | South Carolina |
| Sergeant Tony A Kolcyznski 42140930, Infantry | 29 Jan | New York |
| Private First Class Lewis E Helwig 37145112, Infantry | 9 Aug | Missouri |
| Private First Class Claude L Wright 14029645, Field Artillery | 24 Jul | Georgia |
| Private John G Pfaff Jr 33719947, Medical Department | 11 Aug | Maryland |

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| Sergeant John Morse Jr 39615904, Infantry | 29 Dec | Montana |

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| Sergeant Exie G Morgan 20733585, Field Artillery | 17 Jan | Kansas |
| Private Frank Rodriguez 32982159, Field Artillery | 17 Jan | New York |

XI -- 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Sergeant Raymond P Barnes 37112983, Infantry | 17 Apr | Iowa |
| Private First Class William R Carver 34503727, Infantry | 26 Apr | Tennessee |
| Private Paul T Newberry 36776829, Field Artillery | 5 Jan | Illinois |

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| Staff Sergeant Richard R Sechler 33763709, Infantry | 17 Sep | 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 Purple Heart previously awarded, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on date indicated:

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| RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH | DATE WOUNDED | ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM |
|---|---|---|
| Staff Sergeant Richard R Sechler 33763709, Infantry | 14 Nov | Pennsylvania |

XII -- PURPLE HEART. So much of Section VI, General Orders, Number 28, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 24 April 1945, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Orville L Franklin 37168376, Field Artillery, is rescinded.

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