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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:

Corporal Russel H Pedigo, 36863506, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Germany on 13 April 1945. When the building in which the forward elements of his unit were quartered was suddenly subjected to heavy enemy rocket fire, followed by an attack by German riflemen, Corporal Pedigo and a companion on guard at the entrance of the building, engaged the enemy in a fire fight, slowing their advance and enabling the men within the building to organize resistance and repel the enemy assault. Corporal Pedigo was killed by enemy fire while at his post. His heroic self-sacrifice honors his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class William H Bean, 36909534, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Germany on 13 April 1945. When the building in which the forward elements of his unit were quartered was suddenly subjected to heavy enemy rocket fire, followed by an attack by German riflemen, Private Bean and a companion on guard at the entrance of the building, engaged the enemy in a fire fight, slowing their advance and enabling the men within the building to organize resistance and repel the enemy assault. Private Bean was killed by enemy fire while at his post. His heroic self-sacrifice honors his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

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 Mack G Reed, 01058361, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Germany on 15 April 1945. When intense concentrations of enemy fire forced his platoon to withdraw from its assault on an enemy pocket of resistance, leaving several wounded men behind, Lieutenant Reed quickly reorganized his troops and led them forward by another route. Making maximum use of cover and concealment, he reached the edge of the town of * * *, personally captured the officer directing the defense of the pocket then, aided by information secured from the captured enemy commander, led his platoon in capturing the entire German garrison without additional casualties. He then led his troops in an assault on enemy outpost positions around the town, killing or capturing the remaining Germans. His gallant actions resulted in seizure of the company objective, and enabled troops wounded during the initial assault to receive prompt medical treatment. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Glenn E Metcalf, 36580524 (then staff sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, Germany on 31 March 1945. After leading a raiding party across the * * * Canal under enemy observation and fire, Sergeant Metcalf, a platoon guide, displayed aggressive and skillful leadership in directing the fire and movement of his men in clearing a group of fortified buildings, inflicting heavy casualties among the enemy defenders. By his outstanding performance of this hazardous mission, Sergeant Metcalf was largely responsible for relieving the pressure on an adjoining unit which had been pinned to position by enemy fire, and paved the way for other elements of his company to cross the canal and seize their objective that night. His dynamic leadership reflects high credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant Fred J. Speaker, 20607378, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 10 April 1945. Sensing an attack upon cessation of heavy enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Speaker, a section leader, alerted his machine gun section and riflemen, who provided the first counter-fire when the attack materialized. To afford a more advantageous field of fire for his weapons, he led his men through enemy fire to new positions and, while enemy shells struck the roof of the building, he cradled a machine gun in his arm and fired at the enemy from an upper window. Sergeant Speaker's gallantry in action halted the enemy attack and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Robert A. Johnson, 35385603, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 4 April 1945. When Sergeant Johnson and three companions, after crossing the * * * Canal, were fired on by a German patrol, he courageously returned the enemy fire, killing one German and scattering the remainder. Three of his comrades, crossing in a rubber boat, were fired upon and the boat overturned. Two of the men swam to shore, leaving a third man floundering in the water. Although unable to swim, Sergeant Johnson jumped into the canal and pulled the drowning man to safety. He was the last man to leave the hostile shore. His gallant actions under enemy fire reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Johnnie T. Trout, 34645927, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 9 April 1945. After holding his position when others sought safety during an enemy artillery barrage followed by an infantry attack, Private Trout, a rifleman, inflicted casualties on the enemy by his counter-fire, then exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to seek assistance. Upon his return, the enemy had occupied adjacent buildings and had pinned down his platoon. Again disregarding personal safety, he moved forward and silenced the enemy riflemen with grenades, enabling his platoon to resume the fight and halt the enemy attack. Private Trout's gallantry in action reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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 Joseph J. Madanski, 35929756 (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 31 March 1945. Sergeant Madanski, an acting squad leader, voluntarily accompanied a raiding party across the * * * Canal under enemy observation and fire, then displayed excellent leadership in directing his men in clearing a group of fortified buildings, inflicting heavy casualties among the enemy defenders. His courageous leadership contributed to the success of this hazardous mission, which relieved pressure on an adjoining unit and enabled other elements of his company to cross the canal and seize their objective that night. Sergeant Madanski was killed in a subsequent action against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Walter D. Whitmore Jr, 38549538, 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. Private Whitmore, a Browning Automatic Rifleman, voluntarily accompanied a raiding party across the * * * Canal under enemy observation and fire, then displayed commendable bravery and marksmanship as he inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy defenders in a group of buildings on the hostile shore. His contribution to the success of this hazardous mission, which relieved pressure on an adjoining unit and paved the way for other elements of his company to cross the canal and seize their objective that night, honors Private Whitmore's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Texas.

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:

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Captain Marcus B. Whitt, 0456001, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Holland and Germany from 1 January to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Scott M. Schlofman, 0496321, Cavalry, 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 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Idaho.

First Lieutenant Paul W. Sorensen, 01583702, 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 10 July 1944 to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Claude Tuck Jr, 0341739, Cavalry, 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 16 January to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Second Lieutenant Efraim Ackerman, 02000203, 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 6 July 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade James S. O'Donnell, W2120859, 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 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Master Sergeant Marvin B. Smith, 20738905, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 10 July 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Sergeant Leryn H. Lane, 20725061, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany from 10 July 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Charles W. Connor, 32927487 (then sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 10 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant John M. Herrera, 39472696, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Germany on 28 March 1945. As the battle for an important cross-roads increased in intensity, Sergeant Herrera and five comrades went forward despite heavy enemy fire of all kinds, in an attempt to rescue two wounded soldiers lying exposed to the enemy fire. When pinned down by machine gun fire, Sergeant Herrera and his companions retraced their steps, then continued forward by another route until they reached the wounded men, administered first aid, then evacuated first one and then the other to the aid station. The courage and perseverance displayed by Sergeant Herrera, in conjunction with the other members of the volunteer rescue party, reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Washington.

Staff Sergeant James A. Robertson, 34546780, 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. Sergeant Robertson, a platoon guide, voluntarily led a combat patrol into an enemy-held village across a canal from his unit's position. Taking full advantage of cover and concealment, his patrol achieved complete surprise, captured four Germans and captured five machine guns, which were promptly placed in operation against the retreating enemy troops. Sergeant Robertson's courageous initiative and leadership reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Florida.

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Staff Sergeant Cleland A Sloan, 20720927, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany from 10 July 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant William T Wells, 35491055, 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 19 April 1945. Sergeant Wells, a section sergeant, exposed himself to heavy enemy shellfire as he moved about his mortar positions directing fire upon the enemy. When members of his section obtained an enemy mortar, he personally manned the weapon and scored several direct hits upon enemy emplacements. Sergeant Wells' cool courage, initiative and leadership reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Cecil D Cox, 34052640, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany from 10 July 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Sergeant Pethel Dotson, 15086889, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany from 10 July 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Frank A Hawk Sr, 34937661, 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 12 April 1945. To secure information relative to enemy deployment and installations, Sergeant Hawk led a combat patrol into enemy territory, destroyed a strongly defended outpost, located a comparatively safe entrance into the town of * * *, through which he later led the spearhead platoon and enabled his company to capture the town without a casualty. Sergeant Hawk's aggressive initiative and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant Harry G Jost, 33802180, 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 11 April 1945. After leading his squad through wooded hills infested with concealed enemy riflemen, Sergeant Jost led his men to capture the first two buildings in the town of * * *, taking eight prisoners. From this position, he then coolly directed his squad in a fire fight against a large force of Germans, during the course of which fourteen of the enemy troops were killed. Sergeant Jost's initiative, personal bravery and tactical knowledge reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Forrest M Lewis, 20724974, 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 1 April 1945. When two ammunition-laden vehicles were set ablaze by enemy shellfire, Sergeant Lewis, despite the imminent danger of exploding ammunition, voluntarily aided in moving the burning vehicles into the open, where the flames were extinguished. Sergeant Lewis' initiative, courage, and disregard for personal safety prevented destruction of vital materiel and possible loss of life to members of his organization. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Anton J Tribel, 42087887, 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. During the crossing of the * * * River and capture of * * *, Sergeant Tribel, a communications sergeant, displayed exceptional tactical knowledge, leadership ability, and coolness under fire while serving as a platoon leader. Exposing himself repeatedly to heavy enemy fire, he led the attack from a position well ahead of his troops and by his courageous actions inspired his platoon to press home the attack until the objective was reached. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Sergeant George S Vedder, 33178883, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 2 April 1945. When his platoon was engaged as a reconnaissance and contact force between the left flank of the * * * Infantry Division and the right flank of the * * * Infantry Division, Sergeant Vedder, an armored car commander, maintained physical contact between the units, despite road blocks, heavily mined roads, and sporadic enemy fire. Sergeant Vedder's aggressive action eliminated the danger of a flanking attack while units of the division were engaged in a general advance against the enemy. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Harold F Luik, 39093851, 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 11 July 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Oregon.

Technician Fourth Grade Sterling E Miller, 37108018, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Harvey L Myers, 20724986, 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 1 April 1945. When two ammunition-laden vehicles were set ablaze by enemy shellfire, Sergeant Myers, despite the imminent danger of exploding ammunition, voluntarily aided in moving the burning vehicles into the open, where the flames were extinguished. Sergeant Myers' initiative, courage, and disregard for personal safety prevented destruction of vital materiel and possible loss of life to members of his organization. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Meriden E Smith, 37002516, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland from 11 July 1944 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Johnnie W Caskey, 38079068, Cavalry, 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 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Corporal Robert J Moyer Jr, 13019225, 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. As the battle for an important cross-roads increased in intensity, Corporal Moyer and five comrades went forward despite heavy enemy fire of all kinds, in an attempt to rescue two wounded soldiers lying exposed to the enemy fire. When pinned down by machine gun fire, Corporal Moyer and his companions retraced their steps, then continued forward by another route until they reached the wounded men, administered first aid, then evacuated first one and then the other to the aid station. The courage and perseverance displayed by Corporal Moyer, in conjunction with the other members of the volunteer rescue party, reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Washington, DC.

Corporal John L Van Meter Jr, 36416492, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 9 April 1945. During a desperate enemy attack, Corporal Van Meter repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to maintain radio and telephone communications which were vital factors in repulsing the attack. When his telephone lines were broken by enemy artillery fire, he travelled four hundred yards through the enemy barrage to repair the damage. Corporal Van Meter's courage, initiative and zealous devotion to duty honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Kenneth F Anderson, 20724938, 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 1 April 1945. When two ammunition-laden vehicles were set ablaze by enemy shellfire, Private Anderson, despite

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the imminent danger of exploding ammunition, voluntarily aided in moving the burning vehicles into the open, where the flames were extinguished. Private Anderson's initiative, courage, and disregard for personal safety prevented destruction of vital materiel and possible loss of life to members of his organization. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Roger F Cowan, 36987222, 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. Private Cowan, an assistant Browning Automatic Rifleman, voluntarily accompanied a raiding party across the * * * Canal under enemy observation and fire, then displayed commendable bravery and marksmanship as he inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy defenders in a group of buildings on the hostile shore. His contribution to the success of this hazardous mission, which relieved pressure on an adjoining unit and paved the way for other elements of his company to cross the canal and seize their objective that night, honors Private Cowan's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class James A Dolan, 35817056, 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. Private Dolan, an assistant squad leader, voluntarily accompanied a raiding party across the * * * Canal under enemy observation and fire, then displayed commendable bravery as he assisted in directing an attack which caused numerous casualties among the enemy defenders in a group of buildings on the hostile shore. His contribution to the success of this hazardous mission, which relieved pressure on an adjoining unit and paved the way for other elements of his company to cross the canal and seize their objective that night, honors Private Dolan's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Nicholas W Dold, 37070940, 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 1 April 1945. When two ammunition-laden vehicles were set ablaze by enemy shellfire, Private Dold, despite the imminent danger of exploding ammunition, voluntarily aided in moving the burning vehicles into the open, where the flames were extinguished. Private Dold's initiative, courage, and disregard for personal safety prevented destruction of vital materiel and possible loss of life to members of his organization. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Leslie W Dycus Jr, 44040692, 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. Private Dycus, a Browning Automatic Rifleman, voluntarily accompanied a raiding party across the * * * Canal under enemy observation and fire, then displayed commendable bravery and marksmanship as he inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy defenders in a group of buildings on the hostile shore. His contribution to the success of this hazardous mission, which relieved pressure on an adjoining unit and paved the way for other elements of his company to cross the canal and seize their objective that night, honors Private Dycus' character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Herman L Gouker, 33907089, 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. Private Gouker, a rifle grenadier, voluntarily accompanied a raiding party across the * * * Canal under enemy observation and fire, then displayed commendable bravery and marksmanship as he inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy defenders in a group of buildings on the hostile shore. His contribution to the success of this hazardous mission, which relieved pressure on an adjoining unit and paved the way for other elements of his company to cross the canal and seize their objective that night, honors Private Gouker's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Ambrose P Hando, 37710016, 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. Private Hando, a rifleman, voluntarily accompanied a raiding party across the * * * Canal under enemy

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observation and fire, then displayed commendable bravery and marksmanship as he inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy defenders in a group of buildings on the hostile shore. His contribution to the success of this hazardous mission, which relieved pressure on an adjoining unit and paved the way for other elements of his company to cross the canal and seize their objective that night, honors Private Hand's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Private First Class Neal L McGee, 34589849, 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 1 April 1945. When two ammunition-laden vehicles were set ablaze by enemy shellfire, Private McGee, despite the imminent danger of exploding ammunition, voluntarily aided in moving the burning vehicles into the open, where the flames were extinguished. Private McGee's initiative, courage and disregard for personal safety prevented destruction of vital materiel and possible loss of life to members of his organization. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Charles J McKerren, 38463261, 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. After assisting in leading a raiding party across the * * * Canal under enemy observation and fire, Private McKerren, a Browning Automatic Rifleman, inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy defenders in a group of buildings on the hostile shore. His part in the outstanding performance of this hazardous mission, which relieved pressure on an adjoining unit and paved the way for other elements of his company to cross the canal and seize their objective that night, reflects credit upon Private McKerren's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Glave C Noel, 35842753, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 28 March 1945. As the battle for an important cross-roads increased in intensity, Private Noel and five comrades went forward despite heavy enemy fire of all kinds, in an attempt to rescue two wounded soldiers lying exposed to the enemy fire. When pinned down by machine gun fire, Private Noel and his companions retraced their steps, then continued forward by another route until they reached the wounded men, administered first aid, then evacuated first one and then the other to the aid station. The courage and perseverance displayed by Private Noel, in conjunction with the other members of the volunteer rescue party, reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class James M Street, 34949839, 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 4 April 1945. When his platoon was assigned to make a reconnaissance behind enemy lines across the * * * Canal, Private Street volunteered to row two men at a time over in a rubber boat. On his third trip enemy troops opened fire, the boat capsized and, under heavy enemy fire, Private Street aided a non-swimmer to the side of the boat, then assisted in pushing the boat to shore. His courageous actions under fire honor Private Street's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Alabama.

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:

Corporal Michael Waseline, 33166179, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class Darrell C Butts, 39147242, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 28 March 1945. As the battle for an important cross-roads increased in intensity, Private Butts and five comrades went forward despite heavy enemy fire of all kinds, in an attempt to rescue two wounded soldiers lying exposed to the enemy fire. When pinned down by machine gun fire, Private Butts and his companions retraced their steps, then continued forward by another route until they reached the wounded men, administered first aid, then evacuated first one and then the other to the aid station. The courage and perseverance displayed by Private Butts, in conjunction with the other members of the volunteer rescue party, reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Eugene E Marcoux, 31448139, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 28 March 1945. As the battle for an important cross-roads increased in intensity, Private Marcoux and five comrades went forward despite heavy enemy fire of all kinds, in an attempt to rescue two wounded soldiers lying exposed to the enemy fire. When pinned down by machine gun fire, Private Marcoux and his companions retraced their steps, then continued forward by another route until they reached the wounded men, administered first aid, then evacuated first one and then the other to the aid station. The courage and perseverance displayed by Private Marcoux, in conjunction with the other members of the volunteer rescue party, reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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 28 March 1945. As the battle for an important cross-roads increased in intensity, Private Parks and five comrades went forward despite heavy enemy fire of all kinds, in an attempt to rescue two wounded soldiers lying exposed to the enemy fire. When pinned down by machine gun fire, Private Parks and his companions retraced their steps, then continued forward by another route until they reached the wounded men, administered first aid, then evacuated first one and then the other to the aid station. The courage and perseverance displayed by Private Parks, in conjunction with the other members of the volunteer rescue party, reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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

First Lieutenant Elliott T Devoe, 0464641, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 24 February to 30 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.


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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Headquarters Company, 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion	11 July 1944 to 1 March 1945
Medical Detachment, 137th Infantry	11 July to 20 September 1944

VIII -- AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Paragraph 2, Section IX, General Orders, Number 31, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945, pertaining to Captain Robert E Philbeck, 0293430, Field Artillery, as reads "in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a sixth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:" is amended to read "in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a seventh bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BAABE:

OFFICIAL:


 RICHARD G CHADWICK
 Lieutenant Colonel, AGD

 DONALD M ASHLOCK
 Lieutenant Colonel, GSC
 Actg Chief of Staff