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I -- SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following:

Captain Lonnie C Jones, 0446036, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 28 March 1945. Despite heavy enemy fire, which had forced aid men to withdraw from the battlefield, Captain Jones moved forward under direct observation of the enemy, rendered first aid to and assisted in returning a wounded man to the evacuation point. Later the same day, Captain Jones' skillful leadership and deployment of his men resulted in the capture of one hundred and eighty enemy soldiers and the seizure of his unit's objective in the shortest time possible and with minimum casualties. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Alick F C Greene Jr, 0537597, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 9 April 1945. Sensing an enemy attack when the forward observer's radio became unserviceable, Lieutenant Greene exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery fire to check his men's defensive positions and to reestablish, from a roof-top, radio contact with supporting artillery. Simultaneous leadership of his company's activities and expert direction of artillery concentrations from his exposed position resulted in complete rout of the enemy. Lieutenant Greene's aggressiveness, leadership and zealous devotion to duty are in accord with the highest military tradition. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Second Lieutenant John F Scully, 01054403, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 15 April 1945. Under enemy fire, Lieutenant Scully crossed a bridge to reconnoiter an enemy-held village, then led litter bearers forward to evacuate the wounded and captured two enemy riflemen on his return. The next day, he so skillfully maneuvered his platoon as to avoid detection by three enemy security patrols, after which he led an attack that disorganized the strong, well-armed enemy garrison and resulted in the seizure of the village of * * * , his unit's objective. Lieutenant Scully's gallantry is in accord with high military tradition. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant William J Nix, 34682663, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 27 March 1945. When two platoons of his company were pinned down and partially surrounded by enemy infantrymen supported by a Mark VI tank, Sergeant Nix, a squad leader, moved forward and opened fire with his automatic rifle, killing the enemy tank commander with his first burst. His gallant actions forced the withdrawal of the enemy tank, and the ensuing confusion among the enemy infantrymen gained time for Sergeant Nix' unit to reorganize for a successful assault upon enemy positions. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Keith R Dowell, 39591733, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 9 April 1945. Under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant Dowell, a squad leader, swam across the *.* * Canal and, upon reaching the hostile shore, killed one German, wounded another, and obtained a boat which his squad used to cross the canal and secure the bridgehead, and which the assault platoon later used to construct a foot-bridge. Sergeant Dowell's gallant actions under fire resulted in the accomplishment of his unit's hazardous mission. Entered military service from California.

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Private First Class Lloyd Blackwell, 37105378, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 16 April 1945. During an attack launched by a strong force of well-armed Germans, Private Blackwell, although surrounded, held his position and delivered rapid rifle fire, killing the leader of the enemy force, wounding another man, knocking out a machine gun, and pinning the main body of attackers to the ground. Private Blackwell's gallant actions enabled his unit to reorganize and rout the enemy group and reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Edgar L Hall, 39718934, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 9 April 1945. When some members of his squad withdrew from an outpost under heavy enemy shellfire, Private Hall, a rifleman, took charge of the five remaining men, displaying sound tactical judgment in the selection of defensive positions from which to combat enemy infantrymen who advanced under cover of the barrage. After directing a sharp fire fight which forced the enemy troops to take cover in nearby buildings, Private Hall, exposing himself to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, outflanked the enemy position, destroyed the machine gun with antitank grenades, and forced the remaining enemy troops to withdraw. Private Hall's gallant actions, coolness under fire, and outstanding leadership ability honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Coy E Johnson, 34504543, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 12 April 1945. When the combat patrol with which Private Johnson, a rifleman, had volunteered to reconnoiter the enemy-held town of * * * , encountered an outpost manned by eight Germans armed with machine guns and rifles, on his own initiative and disregarding personal safety, he rushed the outpost, killed two Germans, wounded two others and captured the remaining four enemy soldiers. Private Johnson's gallantry is in accord with military tradition. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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

Staff Sergeant Fletcher C Wiles, 36900818, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. During a night advance it was learned that German outposts were dug in on the route of march toward the town of * * * . Sergeant Wiles, a squad leader, went forward voluntarily and alone, found two German soldiers asleep, quietly removed their machine gun and rifles, then stealthily approaching another foxhole, captured an enemy soldier who was preparing to fire at him. He then returned to his unit with his three captives. Sergeant Wiles' gallant actions enabled his company to surprise the defenders of the town and seize their objective without suffering a casualty. Entered military service from Illinois.

III — 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:

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph Paeno, 32024721, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroism in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 14 April 1945. When a fire of unknown origin swept through the vehicle in which he was riding, Sergeant Paeno, assisted by two other occupants, tore the blazing tarpaulin from the truck. Although his hands were painfully burned, he threw flaming cans of gasoline from the vehicle and removed others which were about to explode. Then, with a fire extinguisher and sand, Sergeant Paeno and his companions smothered the fire. By his courageous initiative and disregard for personal safety, Sergeant Paeno saved the vehicle from destruction. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Leroy W Anderson, 35014202, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroism in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 14 April 1945. When a fire of unknown origin swept through the vehicle in which he was riding, Corporal Anderson, assisted by two other occupants, tore the blazing tarpaulin from the truck. Although his hands were painfully burned, he threw flaming cans of gasoline from the

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vehicle and removed others which were about to explode. Then, with a fire extinguisher and sand, Corporal Anderson and his companions smothered the fire. By his courageous initiative and disregard for personal safety, Corporal Anderson saved the vehicle from destruction. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private George S Garner, 36383275, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroism in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 14 April 1945. When a fire of unknown origin swept through the vehicle in which he was riding, Private Garner, assisted by two other occupants, tore the blazing tarpaulin from the truck. Although his hands were painfully burned, he threw flaming cans of gasoline from the vehicle and removed others which were about to explode. Then, with a fire extinguisher and sand, Private Garner and his companions smothered the fire. By his courageous initiative and disregard for personal safety, Private Garner saved the vehicle from destruction. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

Major Harry H Schwartz, 0488319, Medical Corps, 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 9 July 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain Milton H Maurer, 0404260, 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 15 July 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Stephen D Peabody, 0438290, Medical Corps, 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 October 1944 to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Richard G Betts, 0547272, 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. While an adjoining company was pinned to position during its advance toward an enemy strongpoint, Company B, * * * Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Betts, reached its objective. Exercising outstanding initiative and tactical ability, Lieutenant Betts immediately moved his company to the left flank of the enemy and launched an attack, forcing the enemy to withdraw and enabling Company A to advance to its objective. His outstanding leadership resulted in the complete rout of the enemy and the successful completion of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Thomas C Haugen, 01302461, 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 15 July 1944 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant Tom B Parris, 01307776, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in * * * , Germany on 23 April 1945. When an enemy attack developed on the left flank of his company, which had just repelled a frontal attack, Lieutenant Parris, commanding Company K, * * * Infantry, exercising exceptional tactical knowledge and leadership ability, moved through heavy enemy fire and personally directed the fire and movement of his troops in repelling the attack. During the ensuing action, 14 of the enemy were killed, 7 wounded and 5 captured. Lieutenant Parris' exemplary leadership, courageous initiative and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Georgia.

Second Lieutenant Glenn R Fisk, 02008245, 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 10 July 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Second Lieutenant David F Kanyer, 01326849, 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 10 April 1945. Lieutenant Kanyer and two companions were in the point of the approach march of their unit, engaged in inspecting bridges and overpasses along the route, when they noticed a bridge well prepared for demolition by the enemy. Without thought of personal safety, Lieutenant Kanyer and his companions removed eight 500 pound bombs attached to charges of dynamite and prepared for electrical detonation. His courageous actions prevented the enemy from demolishing the bridge and impeding the advance of the battalion. Entered military service from Washington.

Second Lieutenant Stanley King, 02010832, 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. When the enemy launched a sudden desperate attempt to break out of the * * * pocket near * * *, Lieutenant King, a platoon leader, braved intense fire of all kinds to dash some 300 yards down a street to direct the defense of his right flank where the main blow was concentrated. Correctly sensing that the enemy would launch another attack from the left, Lieutenant King skillfully directed a squad to that area in time to intercept and repulse enemy troops attempting to infiltrate from that direction. His dynamic leadership and keen tactical analysis honor Lieutenant King's character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from Washington.

Master Sergeant Rex J Kirksey, 35032939, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium, Holland and Germany from 31 December 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Master Sergeant William A Koenig, 32563018, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium and Germany from 6 July 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Sergeant Arthur D Knowles Jr, 33142310, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium and Germany from 11 January to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Frank J Peonio, 37085141, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Paul L Perry, 33050235, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium, Holland and Germany from 31 December 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Darryl W Erickson, 20739170, 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 8 July 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Walter A Hefner, 20720393, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of the * * * Canal, Germany on 9 and 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Timothy J Hannigan, 31297099, 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 10 April 1945. As a voluntary member of a two-man patrol which infiltrated behind enemy lines during daylight hours to determine enemy gun positions and troop displacements, Sergeant Hannigan, a squad leader, so efficiently and skillfully executed the mission that he returned with information which enabled our artillery to destroy the enemy guns and permitted Company A, * * * Infantry, to advance and seize an important factory and surrounding buildings without a casualty. His courage, initiative and disregard for personal safety reflect high credit upon Sergeant Hannigan, his unit and the service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Sergeant Harold E Luce, 36416218, 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 10 April 1945. Sergeant Luce and two companions were in the point of the approach march of their unit, engaged in inspecting bridges and overpasses along the route, when they noticed a bridge well prepared for demolition by the enemy. Without thought of personal safety, Sergeant Luce and his companions removed eight 500 pound bombs attached to charges of dynamite and prepared for electrical detonation. His courageous actions prevented the enemy from demolishing the bridge and impeding the advance of the battalion. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Lester W McKinney, 36038622, Cavalry, 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 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Robert E Ovitt, 36705173, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 23 April 1945. When an enemy attack was launched against his unit's flank, Sergeant Ovitt, a light machine gun section leader, promptly directed the fire of his weapons upon the enemy, and when the ammunition supply dwindled, he braved enemy fire in order to replenish the supply of ammunition for his section. Sergeant Ovitt's leadership and disregard for personal safety contributed materially to the repulse of the enemy attack. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Paul M Smith, 34602328, 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 16 April 1945. When informed by a sentry that an enemy force was approaching, Sergeant Smith, a section sergeant, alerted and deployed his men, personally manned a machine gun during initial counter-fire, and sent for reinforcements. Sergeant Smith killed three enemy soldiers while directing his men in holding the attackers at bay until reinforcements arrived to thwart the enemy attack. These heroic actions reflect credit upon Sergeant Smith's character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade Frank P Egnoski, 37034315, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 27 March 1945. When enemy action impeded the American advance, Sergeant Egnoski, a radio operator, moved his radio to an observation post from which communication with the fire direction center was facilitated. Despite the intense enemy artillery fire concentrated on his new position, Sergeant Egnoski maintained vital communications. His tenacity of purpose, courage and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade Donald S Richmond, 42011843, 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 6 July 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Robert L Baubie, 32253701 (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 11 April 1945. When attacking riflemen were subjected to heavy shellfire, and finally halted and pinned to position by enemy machine gun fire emanating from a small building, Corporal Baubie, a mortar gunner, voluntarily remained exposed to the enemy artillery barrage and commenced firing at the enemy machine gun position with his 81mm mortar. The enemy retaliated with counter-fire, but Corporal Baubie remained at his post and continued to fire his weapon until the enemy machine gun was silenced. Corporal Baubie's heroic action reflects credit upon himself, his unit and the service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Gerald B Fleming, 20720990, 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 15 July 1944 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Corporal Herman A Janssen, 37034826, 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 16 April 1945. Arriving at his unit's outpost with hot food as the enemy launched an attack, and learning that the attackers had reached buildings twenty-five yards distant, Corporal Janssen, a transportation corporal, promptly proceeded to the command post of a nearby rifle company to seek reinforcements. After receiving assurance of prompt assistance, he returned to operate a machine gun in the ensuing fire fight. Corporal Janssen's initiative and courage reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Corporal Andrew J Nalevanko, 33166621, 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 11 April 1945. While on security patrol, Corporal Nalevanko observed friendly infantry units whose crossing of the * * * Canal was impeded by heavy fire from the enemy shore. Disregarding personal safety, he proceeded to a vantage point and opened fire with his Browning Automatic Rifle, enabling our troops to cross the canal. He then assisted in the capture of twenty-seven enemy soldiers who were pinned down by his fire. Corporal Nalevanko's courage, ability and initiative reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Donald E Nelson, 20724778, 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. When the leader of a rifle squad was wounded during an intense enemy artillery barrage, Corporal Nelson, a mortar gunner, took charge of the squad, placed them in defensive positions from which they were able to withstand the shock of the initial enemy counterattack which followed the shellfire, then dashed three hundred yards across open terrain to his mortar position, and fired round after round into the ranks of the attacking Germans with telling effect. When his assistant gunner was wounded by shell fragments, Corporal Nelson administered first aid, assisted in his evacuation, then returned to his post and continued firing his mortar until the enemy force was routed. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert J Rutkiewicz, 36670486, 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 duty at an artillery observation post, Corporal Rutkiewicz saw a group of enemy soldiers moving toward an American machine gun emplacement. Enlisting the aid of a tank, Corporal Rutkiewicz directed its fire upon the enemy group, then went forward and demanded their surrender. His initiative, quick thinking and bravery resulted in the capture of eight Germans and frustrated an attack upon one of our gun positions. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade William R Paton, 36826062, Field Artillery, 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 7 July 1944 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Melvin C Bloom, 36844096, 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. When his platoon was attacked from the rear by a strong enemy force, Private Bloom, a rifleman, and a companion opened fire, changing position several times to confuse the enemy as to the number of troops opposing them, while two other soldiers made their way to the rear of the enemy force and used the same tactics. By careful coordination and accurate marksmanship, Private Bloom and his companion contributed to the defeat of the enemy force in a sharp fire fight, during the course of which three Germans were killed and eleven captured. Private Bloom's courage and initiative are in accord with military tradition. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Edward R Bumgarner, 20724741, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany from 11 July 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Private First Class James J Dougherty Jr, 33933562, 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. When his platoon was attacked from the rear by a strong enemy force, Private Dougherty and a companion made their way to the rear of the enemy position and opened fire, while other members of the platoon engaged the Germans frontally. By careful coordination and accurate marksmanship, Private Dougherty and his companion contributed to the defeat of the numerically superior enemy force in a sharp fire fight, during the course of which three Germans were killed and eleven captured. Private Dougherty's courage and initiative honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William R Floyd Jr, 35173539, 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. When his platoon was attacked from the rear by a strong enemy force, Private Floyd and a companion made their way to the rear of the enemy position and opened fire, while other members of the platoon engaged the Germans frontally. By careful coordination and accurate marksmanship, Private Floyd and his companion contributed to the defeat of the numerically superior enemy force in a sharp fire fight, during the course of which three Germans were killed and eleven captured. Private Floyd's courage and initiative honor his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Edgar G Huebner, 36843180, 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. At 0200, Private Huebner, an automatic rifleman alone on outpost duty, was attacked by a strong enemy patrol. He stood fast, killed two of the enemy and wounded four others, while successfully holding off the Germans with withering fire until the support for his outpost was able to deploy and rout the enemy. Private Huebner's courageous actions are in accord with military tradition. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Jack M Kingsley, 36472444, 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 10 April 1945. Private Kingsley and two companions were in the point of the approach march of their unit, engaged in inspecting bridges and overpasses along the route, when they noticed a bridge well prepared for demolition by the enemy. Without thought of personal safety, Private Kingsley and his companions removed eight 500 pound bombs attached to charges of dynamite and prepared for electrical detonation. His courageous actions prevented the enemy from demolishing the bridge and impeding the advance of the battalion. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Hover L Lenix, 32865538, 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 March 1945. During the refueling of tanks of a spearhead unit under enemy observation, a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire fell in the immediate area, inflicting casualties among members of the crews. Private Lenix, disregarding personal safety, advanced through the enemy barrage to his loaded gasoline truck and drove it to a place of safety. Private Lenix's coolness and daring action under fire saved 200 gallons of badly needed gasoline and a government vehicle from destruction. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Edward F Morton, 32797734, 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. When his platoon was attacked from the rear by a strong enemy force, Private Morton, a rifleman, and a companion opened fire, changing position several times to confuse the enemy as to the number of troops opposing them, while two other soldiers made their way to the rear of the enemy force and used the same tactics. By careful coordination and accurate marksmanship, Private Morton and his companion contributed to the defeat of the enemy force in a sharp fire fight, during the course of which three Germans were killed and eleven captured. Private Morton's courage and initiative are in accord with military tradition. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Jesse D Nielson, 39589251, 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 18 April 1945. When two enemy soldiers infiltrated his company's position and neared a foxhole occupied by his comrade, Private Nielson, although he realized that any sudden movement would draw fire, grabbed his Browning Automatic Rifle and commenced fire at the precise moment one of the enemy aimed a pistol at his sleeping comrade. Private Nielson's heroic action resulted in the death of one enemy soldier, the capture of another, and the saving of his fellow-soldier's life. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Robert L Peed, 35882512, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 11 April 1945. When attacking riflemen were subjected to heavy shellfire, and finally halted and pinned to position by enemy machine gun fire emanating from a small building, Private Peed, an assistant gunner, voluntarily remained exposed to the enemy artillery barrage and commenced firing at the enemy machine gun position with his 81mm mortar. The enemy retaliated with counter-fire, but Private Peed remained at his post and continued to fire his weapon until the enemy machine gun was silenced. Private Peed's heroic action reflects credit upon himself, his unit and the service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Oliver J Wanna, 17050428, 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. Private Wanna voluntarily entered a heavily mined field to go to the aid of a soldier and a civilian who lay wounded and bleeding profusely after having stepped on enemy mines. Without thought of personal safety, he made his way to the wounded men, a distance of some 200 yards, administered first aid, then carried first one, then the other, to a place of safety. His prompt, cool-headed actions saved the lives of the soldier and the civilian, and reflect high credit upon Private Wanna's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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

First Lieutenant Michael Hanna, 01325567, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 25 March to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Harry B Hesser, 0538823, 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 10 April 1945. As a voluntary member of a two-man patrol which infiltrated behind enemy lines during daylight hours to determine enemy gun positions and troop displacements, Lieutenant Hesser, Battalion S-2, so efficiently and skillfully executed the mission that he returned with information which enabled our artillery to destroy the enemy guns and permitted Company A, * * * Infantry, to advance and seize an important factory and surrounding buildings without a casualty. His courage, initiative and disregard for personal safety reflects high credit upon Lieutenant Hesser, his unit and the service. Entered military service from Montana.

First Lieutenant George Krumholz, 01030684, 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 New York.

First Lieutenant Robert W Woods, 01030632, 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 Washington.

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VI — AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a second 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 31 March to 24 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Richard H Lynch, 01182639, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 14 February to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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

First Lieutenant Richard H Lynch, 01182639, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 1 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant John L Venable, 01182986, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 7 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

3. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a fourth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

First Lieutenant Charles J Fitzgerald, 01176335, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 4 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Harverd L Nevenzel, 01174089, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 13 February to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Warren G Terhorst, 01182725, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 1 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

4. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a fifth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

First Lieutenant Harverd L Nevenzel, 01174089, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over Germany during the period 31 March to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

VII — PURPLE HEART. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
First Sergeant Gerald A Felthauser 20721462, Infantry	8 Aug	Nebraska
First Sergeant John R Jones 20721723, Infantry	17 Jul	Nebraska
Master Sergeant Elmer L Shearer 20722150, Infantry	31 Dec	Nebraska

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RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Technical Sergeant Donald D Crisman 12016412, Infantry	9 Nov	New York
Technical Sergeant Oscar V Peppers 6286480, Infantry	22 Nov	Texas
Staff Sergeant Edward F Davis 6964788, Infantry	30 Dec	South Carolina
Staff Sergeant Walter H Smith 17017738, Infantry	8 Mar	Minnesota
Sergeant Earl E Benjamin, 36195863, Field Artillery	10 Nov	New Jersey
Sergeant Claude Crabtree 14041030, Field Artillery	21 Dec	Tennessee
Sergeant Robert M Culberson 14006705, Field Artillery	24 Jul	Tennessee
Sergeant Harry J Finley 37002429, Infantry	18 Sep	Kansas
Sergeant David N Rhodes 14024679, Field Artillery	17 Mar	Georgia
Corporal John Vogel Jr 32168281, Field Artillery	7 Mar	Michigan
Technician Fifth Grade Melvin T Davidson 34701723, Field Artillery	8 Mar	Alabama
Technician Fifth Grade Edward E Milhouse 16100575, Medical Department	9 Dec	Illinois
Technician Fifth Grade James C Morton 35490354, Coast Artillery Corps	1 Mar	Kentucky
Private First Class Vernon L Allison 38084739, Infantry	11 Jul	Colorado
Private First Class Jonathan B Davis 34677691, Corps of Military Police	11 Jan	North Carolina
Private First Class Richard C Ferguson 6976865, Infantry	15 Nov	New York
Private First Class James R Jamerson 34190973, Coast Artillery Corps	26 Nov	Tennessee
Private First Class Fred M Kane 37147163, Field Artillery	30 Apr	Wyoming
Private First Class Donald S Mason 20640649, Infantry	31 Jan	Michigan
Private Lawrence T Churchill 37305541, Field Artillery	15 Jul	Minnesota
Private Aubrey J Hale 6939258, Infantry	1 Jan	Arkansas
Private Dave Jayne 6291934, Infantry	4 Jan	Oklahoma
Private Seabury McIntyre 7001607, Infantry	31 Jul	North Carolina
Private Calvin E McCoy 14008365, Infantry	23 Jul	Tennessee
Private Mearl W Schriver 17003526, Field Artillery	24 Nov	Iowa

VIII — PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Technical Sergeant Edsel T Underwood 34505047, Infantry	8 Nov	Tennessee
Staff Sergeant Junior J Spurrier 13018254, Infantry	9 Dec	Virginia
Sergeant Max Harrill 14037121, Field Artillery	19 Apr	North Carolina
Sergeant Herman J Meyer 20725202, Infantry	2 Oct	Kansas
Technician Fourth Grade Elmer F Christensen, 20721284, Infantry	18 Aug	Nebraska
Private First Class Richard C Ferguson 6976865, Infantry	20 Feb	New York
Private First Class Robert E Roden 33681861, Medical Department	30 Jul	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Joseph E Smith 12007746, Corps of Military Police	12 Sep	New York

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 on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Private First Class Richard C Ferguson 6976865, Infantry	27 Feb	New York
Private First Class Marvin T Schmidt 38017071, Infantry	1 Aug	Oklahoma

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