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I — SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Corporal Edward L Brannon, 14024794, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 29 December 1944. Corporal Brannon was returning from a foot reconnaissance of the immediate area when he saw that his tank destroyer had been hit by direct fire from an enemy tank located in a concealed position. Ammunition was exploding, setting the tank destroyer on fire and wounding three members of the crew who were inside the vehicle. Two of the men were able to extricate themselves from the tank destroyer, but a third man could not get out. Hearing frantic calls for help from this soldier, Corporal Brannon voluntarily and with utter disregard for his personal safety rushed across a hundred and fifty yards of exposed terrain through heavy enemy tank fire and amidst exploding ammunition to the flaming vehicle. With the aid of another soldier, he succeeded in lifting his wounded comrade to the ground. As the group was preparing to return to safer positions, renewed fire from the enemy tank killed Corporal Brannon and his wounded companion, and seriously wounded the remaining member of the crew who had sought to aid in the rescue. Corporal Brannon's intrepid actions, zealous devotion to duty, and loyalty to a wounded comrade even at the sacrifice of his own life, served as an inspiration to his fellow-soldiers and reflect high credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

II — SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Captain Norman C Carey, 01285008, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 18 and 19 December 1944. The First Battalion, * * * Infantry, was ordered to attack the town of * * * on the night of 18 December, without prior reconnaissance of the ground, and Company A, commanded by Captain Carey, was given the mission of moving into the town by following a route along the * * * River on the right flank of the other two attacking companies About 300 yards from * * * , heavy enemy fire from emplacements in the outskirts of the town forced the attacking companies to defiladed positions. Captain Carey held his unit in position, personally reconnoitered a route, and led his company through the enemy lines and into the town, skillfully avoiding enemy patrols known to be operating in the area. Strong enemy resistance was encountered at the outskirts, and Captain Carey led his troops in fierce hand-to-hand fighting which forced an enemy withdrawal, then established positions in buildings from which the enemy had been driven. He then sent guides to the other two companies of the battalion to lead them into the town by the same route. On the following morning, Captain Carey led his troops in house-to-house street fighting until enemy resistance was overcome and the town captured. His intrepid leadership, keen tactical knowledge, and disregard for personal safety are in accord with military traditions of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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First Lieutenant John E Davis, 01307520, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * and * * * , Belgium on 30 December 1944. En route to * * * , with the mission of supporting the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, which was being sharply counterattacked, Company E was subjected to intense enemy fire from strong German forces, and surrounded. After the commanding officer and all other platoon leaders had become casualties, Lieutenant Davis assumed command, promptly reorganized the company, worked out a plan of action, then led his troops to their original position in the second battalion area, killing forty Germans and capturing seven. He then co-ordinated the action of his company with an adjoining company, in maintaining the original defensive line against repeated German attacks. Lieutenant Davis' intrepidity and cool-headed action under adverse circumstances reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Bill Brock, 6970105, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 29 December 1944. Sergeant Brock was returning from a foot reconnaissance of the immediate area when he saw that his tank destroyer had been hit by direct fire from an enemy tank located in a concealed position. Ammunition was exploding, setting the tank destroyer on fire and wounding three members of the crew who were inside the vehicle. Two of the men were able to extricate themselves from the tank destroyer, but a third man could not get out. Hearing frantic calls for help from this soldier, Sergeant Brock voluntarily and with utter disregard for his personal safety rushed across a hundred and fifty yards of exposed terrain through heavy enemy tank fire and amidst exploding ammunition to the flaming vehicle. With the aid of another soldier, he succeeded in lifting his wounded comrade to the ground. As the group was preparing to return to safer positions, renewed fire from the enemy tank seriously wounded Sergeant Brock and killed his two companions. Sergeant Brock's intrepid actions, zealous devotion to duty, and loyalty to a wounded comrade at great risk to his own life, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and are in accord with the best traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant Charles Kovacs, 32607781, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Sergeant Kovacs was a member of a seven-man detail which was to follow an attacking rifle company with the mission of clearing a vital road junction of mines and laying a defensive mine field to prevent recapture of the cross-roads by the enemy. As the men were carefully advancing along the road, they were subjected to withering fire from a well-camouflaged enemy machine gun that had been by-passed by the rifle units. While his comrades directed intense fire against the German position, Sergeant Kovacs stealthily maneuvered his way through underbrush and under a hail of fire to within ten yards of the hostile emplacement, and hurled a grenade which destroyed the enemy weapon as well as its crew. He then rejoined his companions and assisted in the successful accomplishment of the group's mission, braving heavy German artillery and mortar fire under constant enemy observation. Sergeant Kovacs' daring and resourceful actions were a vital factor in the success of his unit and are in accord with the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Charles A Post, 37034181, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 10 January 1945. On 10 January, as Private Post, an ammunition handler, was guarding an ammunition dump for his unit in an area subjected to sporadic enemy artillery and rocket fire, an enemy shell exploded in an adjoining ammunition dump of the * * * Airborne Division, setting fire to a box containing mortar ammunition. Without hesitation, Private Post entered the dump and started to remove the flaming box. While so engaged, one of the shells in the box exploded, burning him severely about the hands and face. In addition, one of his fingers was blown off, and he was wounded by shell fragments. Despite his extremely painful wounds, and the fact that enemy fire was still falling in the area, he removed the box to a point where it no longer endangered the ammunition dump or personnel, then returned to the dump to make sure that no fire remained before permitting himself to be evacuated for medical treatment. Private Post's gallant actions reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Private First Class Earnest Q Staley, 35075198, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Luxembourg on 4 January 1945. As his unit advanced against strong enemy opposition, Private Staley, a scout, voluntarily and on his own initiative moved well ahead of his squad and into a thicket from which enemy machine gun and small arms fire was emanating. Firing his Browning Automatic Rifle with deadly effect, Private Staley moved doggedly forward. The twenty Germans occupying the thicket, amazed by the intrepidity of the American soldier, promptly surrendered. By his gallant action, Private Staley eliminated one of the strongest pockets of enemy resistance in the path of his unit's advance and inspired his comrades-in-arms to move on to their objective. Entered military service from West Virginia.

III -- SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man of this command:

First Lieutenant Glen Mooney, 01307057, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Luxembourg on 5 January 1945. During the course of an attack against strongly held enemy positions near * * *, the advance of Lieutenant Mooney's platoon was halted by heavy enemy fire of all types. Realizing the necessity of eliminating a particularly troublesome enemy machine gun position before further advances could be made, Lieutenant Mooney formulated a plan for a flanking assault on the enemy emplacement, moved among his troops under enemy observation to explain the plan of attack, then led an assault which succeeded in over-running the enemy position, destroying the machine gun, killing two and capturing the remaining twelve Germans. Lieutenant Mooney was wounded by rifle fire during the assault. Lieutenant Mooney's tactical acumen, initiative, and dynamic leadership inspired his troops and resulted in the reduction of an enemy strong point, thereby contributing to the eventual rout of all enemy forces in this area. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Alvin E Snead, 39392645, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 29 December 1944. While serving as an aid man with a heavy machine gun platoon of Company M, * * * Infantry, Technician Snead assisted in removing a wounded soldier from a tank destroyer which had been hit by enemy tank fire. He succeeded in getting the soldier out of the tank destroyer just as that vehicle burst into flames. While administering first aid to this soldier, a second tank destroyer in the vicinity was hit by enemy fire. Without thought of personal safety and under a hail of enemy machine gun fire, Technician Snead made his way to the tank destroyer, succeeded in rescuing a seriously wounded soldier therefrom, and carried him to safety. As he returned for the other occupants of the tank destroyer, it burst into flames and he was seriously wounded by exploding ammunition. Technician Snead's intrepidity and coolness under fire resulted in saving the lives of two of his comrades-in-arms. Entered military service from California.

IV -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Francis J Engelbert, 37731625, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Private Engelbert was a member of a seven-man group which was to follow an attacking rifle company with the mission of clearing a vital road junction of mines and of laying a defensive mine field in order to prevent recapture of the cross-roads by the enemy. As the men were carefully advancing along the road, they were subjected to withering fire by a well-camouflaged enemy machine gun which had been by-passed by the rifle unit. Private Engelbert and several of his comrades immediately directed intense fire against the German position, allowing another member of the group to outflank the machine gun emplacement and destroy it with a hand grenade. Braving heavy artillery and mortar fire, and although forced to work under constant enemy observation, the men then proceeded on their mission, swept the road of enemy mines, and constructed a defensive mine field. After their task had been completed, Private Engelbert and his companions assisted in evacuating casualties of the rifle company on improvised litters before returning to their unit. Private Engelbert was killed by enemy artillery fire while making his way to the battalion command post. Private Engelbert's courage, resourcefulness and unusual zeal reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

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V -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Major Max E Cull, 0406906, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain D L Benton Jr, 0450237, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium and Luxembourg from 12 July 1944 to 11 January 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

First Lieutenant Donald T Dunne, 01823713, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 30 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant George M Kryder Jr, 0479715, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France on 8 December 1944. On 8 December, Company I, * * * Infantry, was ordered to make a night crossing of the * * * River and enter the city of * * * on the opposite shore, as part of the third battalion action. After making a personal reconnaissance of the crossing site, Lieutenant Kryder, commanding Company I, moved at the head of his men toward the river, urging his men forward. Although the company's left flank was left exposed when a supporting company was engaged in a determined fire fight by the enemy, Lieutenant Kryder led his unit in an advance through three thousand yards of prepared enemy positions, captured fifty prisoners and finally entered * * * . Enemy fire was so heavy in the city that evacuation of wounded and prisoners proved impossible. Quickly appraising the situation, Lieutenant Kryder set up an aid station in a captured building with the assistance of his aid men and other soldiers who had had some medical training, undoubtedly saving numerous lives that might have been lost if no immediate treatment had been available. He also established a prisoner of war cage and assembled all civilians in one section of the town, screening them for persons thought to be favoring the enemy. This action greatly contributed to the elimination of sniper fire within the city. Lieutenant Kryder's aggressive and resourceful leadership was a vital factor in the success of his battalion and reflects credit upon his character and training as an officer. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Alexander H Smith, 01824519, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Germany from 12 July to 21 December 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technical Sergeant James W Belcher, 15086913, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Sergeant Belcher was the leader of a seven-man group which was to follow an attacking rifle company with the mission of clearing a vital road junction of mines and of laying a defensive mine field in order to prevent recapture of the cross-roads by the enemy. As the men were carefully advancing along the road, they were subjected to withering fire by a well-camouflaged enemy machine gun which had been by-passed by the rifle unit. Sergeant Belcher and several of his comrades immediately directed intense fire against the German position, allowing another member of the group to outflank the machine gun emplacement and destroy it with a hand grenade. Braving heavy artillery and mortar fire, and although forced to work under constant enemy observation, the men then proceeded on their mission, swept the road of enemy mines, and constructed a defensive mine field. After their task had been completed, Sergeant Belcher and his companions assisted in evacuating casualties of the rifle company on improvised litters before returning to their unit. Sergeant Belcher's courage, resourcefulness and unusual zeal reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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Technical Sergeant William V Gregor, 17050448, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 10 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Edwin H Loeffler, 37002339, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Belgium from 10 July to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Paul E Borgman, 35366882, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, and Luxembourg from 19 June 1944 to 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Robert N Gustin, 37002397, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France from 10 to 23 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Bennie G Matthews, 7031745, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 3 January 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

Sergeant Webster W Phillips, 35206944, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 2 January 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal Harold D Harrison, 20723820, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France on 24 November 1944. During the course of heavy fighting near * * * , a quarter-ton vehicle and trailer loaded with 81mm mortar ammunition was struck by an enemy shell and burst into flames, causing much of the ammunition to explode, and endangering several nearby vehicles which were also loaded with ammunition. Without thought of personal safety, and disregarding sporadic enemy shellfire and the additional hazard of exploding white phosphorus shells which limited visibility in the area, Corporal Harrison, serving as a truck master of Company M, * * * Infantry, rushed forward and successfully moved two vehicles loaded with ammunition to a place of safety, then returned and assisted in extinguishing the blaze. The cool-headed and courageous action of Corporal Harrison is in accord with the high traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Corporal Edward F Havlovic, 20723784, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France on 24 November 1944. During the course of heavy fighting near * * *, a quarter-ton vehicle and trailer loaded with 81mm mortar ammunition was struck by an enemy shell and burst into flames, causing much of the ammunition to explode, and endangering several nearby vehicles which were also loaded with ammunition. Without thought of personal safety, and disregarding sporadic enemy shellfire and the additional hazard of exploding white phosphorus shells which limited visibility in the area, Corporal Havlovic, serving as transportation corporal of Company M, * * * Infantry, rushed forward and successfully moved two vehicles loaded with ammunition to a place of safety, then returned and assisted in extinguishing the blaze. The cool-headed and courageous action of Corporal Havlovic is in accord with the high traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Arthur M Brown Jr, 42034517, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 18 December 1944. Private Brown was a member of a detail which was to lay a hasty mine field in front of defensive positions near * * * to impede an expected enemy counterattack. The men hand-carried twenty mines through a dense woods and across exposed terrain and, in spite of heavy mortar and small arms fire, placed them at strategic points. As the group was returning from its mission, a mortar shell burst rendered Private Brown and one of his

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comrades unconscious, while the remaining members of the crew were seriously wounded. By assisting each other, however, the men were finally able to make their way back to friendly lines. Private Brown's unusual courage and devotion to duty mark him an honor to the military service and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William A McCord, 34624675, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Levi H Sanders Jr, 36166333, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Private Sanders was a member of a seven-man group which was to follow an attacking rifle company with the mission of clearing a vital road junction of mines and of laying a defensive mine field in order to prevent recapture of the cross-roads by the enemy. As the men were carefully advancing along the road, they were subjected to withering fire by a well-camouflaged enemy machine gun which had been by-passed by the rifle unit. Private Sanders and several of his comrades immediately directed intense fire against the German position, allowing another member of the group to outflank the machine gun emplacement and destroy it with a hand grenade. Braving heavy artillery and mortar fire, and although forced to work under constant enemy observation, the men then proceeded on their mission, swept the road of enemy mines, and constructed a defensive mine field. After their task had been completed, Private Sanders and his companions assisted in evacuating casualties of the rifle company on improvised litters before returning to their unit. Private Sanders' courage, resourcefulness and unusual zeal reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Henry W Tingle Jr, 38521186, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium from 3 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Thomas J Twomey, 32718498, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 18 December 1944. Private Twomey was a member of a detail which was to lay a hasty mine field in front of defensive positions near * * * to impede an expected enemy counterattack. The men hand-carried twenty mines through a dense woods and across exposed terrain and, in spite of heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, placed them at strategic points. As the group was returning from its mission, a mortar shell burst rendered Private Twomey and one of his comrades unconscious, while the remaining members of the crew were seriously wounded. By assisting each other, however, the men were finally able to make their way back to friendly lines. Private Twomey's unusual courage, and devotion to duty mark him an honor to the military service and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Roy L Warren, 38340940, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 2 January 1945. During the course of a sharp enemy counterattack which necessitated a limited withdrawal by riflemen in position on the ridge of a hill near * * *, Private Warren, a machine gunner, stood fast. The enemy placed smoke and artillery fire in the area in support of their attack, and Private Warren was wounded by fragments from a smoke shell. He calmly treated his own wounds, then continued to operate his weapon, placing a steady stream of harassing fire among the German troops and materially contributing to the success of his company in repulsing the counterattack and regaining the lost ground. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Kenneth A Brown, 33887119, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 7 January 1945. During an attack by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, Private Brown, an ammunition handler, voluntarily maintained communications wire connecting the forward observer with the company's mortar section. Dashing from one position to another, he continually exposed himself to

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heavy enemy fire from machine guns, small arms, artillery and mortars, in order to make necessary tests and repairs. Even after he had injured his knee and was suffering severe pain, he continued his mission, on one occasion moving to a point only fifty yards from enemy emplacements, where he laid wire to an adjoining company. Private Brown's heroic zeal in maintaining the communications wire throughout the day made it possible for his mortar section to give close and continuous support to attacking units and contributed materially to the success of his company. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Odell Dean, 34884606, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Belgium on 6 January 1945. Private Dean, an ammunition handler, voluntarily maintained 1000 yards of communications wire from the forward observer to a mortar section under particularly hazardous conditions throughout the day of 6 January. Under enemy observation and fire, he made his way along the wire to repair breaks caused by enemy shellfire. His outstanding performance under fire made it possible for the mortar section to furnish continuous support to attacking rifle units and contributed materially to the success of the day's operation. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Merrell A Heth, 36988423, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Belgium on 4 January 1945. Private Heth was a member of a seven-man group which was to follow an attacking rifle company with the mission of clearing a vital road junction of mines and of laying a defensive mine field in order to prevent recapture of the cross-roads by the enemy. As the men were carefully advancing along the road, they were subjected to withering fire by a well-camouflaged enemy machine gun which had been by-passed by the rifle unit. Private Heth and several of his comrades immediately directed intense fire against the German position, allowing another member of the group to outflank the machine gun emplacement and destroy it with a hand grenade. Braving heavy artillery and mortar fire, and although forced to work under constant enemy observation, the men then proceeded on their mission, swept the road of enemy mines, and constructed a defensive mine field. After their task had been completed, Private Heth and his companions assisted in evacuating casualties of the rifle company on improvised litters before returning to their unit. Private Heth's courage, resourcefulness and unusual zeal reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private David O Kinney, 36988590, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Belgium on 4 January 1945. Private Kinney was a member of a seven-man group which was to follow an attacking rifle company with the mission of clearing a vital road junction of mines and of laying a defensive mine field in order to prevent recapture of the cross-roads by the enemy. As the men were carefully advancing along the road, they were subjected to withering fire by a well-camouflaged enemy machine gun which had been by-passed by the rifle unit. Private Kinney and several of his comrades immediately directed intense fire against the German position, allowing another member of the group to outflank the machine gun emplacement and destroy it with a hand grenade. Braving heavy artillery and mortar fire, and although forced to work under constant enemy observation, the men then proceeded on their mission, swept the road of enemy mines, and constructed a defensive mine field. After their task had been completed, Private Kinney and his companions assisted in evacuating casualties of the rifle company on improvised litters before returning to their unit. Private Kinney's courage, resourcefulness and unusual zeal reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

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VI -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men of this command:

First Lieutenant Donald F Barraclough, 01306193, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, Belgium on 29 December 1944. As Lieutenant Barraclough, a platoon leader, moved forward on a reconnaissance to determine the best locations for his antitank guns, a heavy enemy artillery barrage seriously wounded an enlisted man accompanying him. Lieutenant Barraclough dragged the wounded man to the comparative safety of a shallow ditch. While so engaged, he was himself wounded by shell fragments. Disregarding his own condition, he made his way about a mile across country to obtain a vehicle and aid men from an adjoining unit, returned and evacuated the wounded soldier. Lieutenant Barraclough then went forward and completed his reconnaissance before permitting his own wounds to be treated. His actions are in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Burwell C Mellum, 39384633, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Germany on 18 December 1944. Sergeant Mellum was in charge of a detail which was to lay a hasty mine field in front of defensive positions near * * * to impede an expected enemy counterattack. The men hand-carried twenty mines through a dense woods and across exposed terrain and, in spite of heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, succeeded in placing them at strategic points. As the group was returning from its mission, a mortar shell burst seriously wounded Sergeant Mellum and one of his comrades, and rendered the two remaining members of the crew unconscious. Although wounded in the leg by a shell fragment, Sergeant Mellum reached the position of the two unconscious men and revived them. By assisting each other, all the members of the group were finally able to reach friendly lines. Sergeant Mellum's courageous leadership, devotion to duty and loyalty to his comrades reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur I Martin, 39609839, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, Belgium on 30 December 1944. Technician Martin, an aid man, accompanied forward elements of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, heavily engaged with the enemy near * * *. He administered first aid to the wounded and directed their evacuation, performing his duties calmly and efficiently despite the concentrations of enemy fire falling in the area. When a litter squad failed to return from an assigned mission, Technician Martin voluntarily undertook to search for them. Braving machine gun and mortar fire, he persisted in his search until he located the missing squad, three members of which had been seriously wounded. He administered first aid and personally evacuated two of the wounded men. He continued to perform his duties on the field of battle, evacuating seven more wounded soldiers before the battle was concluded. His courage, initiative and zealous devotion to duty were responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades and reflect the highest credit upon himself and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Montana.

VII -- AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

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First Lieutenant Richard H Lynch, 01182639, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg and Belgium during the period 21 November to 29 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

VIII — PURPLE HEART. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers, warrant officer and enlisted men of this command for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Captain William T Jardine 01306594, Infantry	12 Dec	Minnesota
Captain George Melochick 01312697, Infantry	16 Jan	Pennsylvania
Chaplain (Captain) Herman V Tarpley 0540977, United States Army	10 Jan	Tennessee
First Lieutenant William W Dodge 01313870, Infantry	18 Jan	Missouri
First Lieutenant Barnaby C Keeney 01041809, Coast Artillery Corps	13 Jan	Connecticut
First Lieutenant Buren R Shields Jr 01325677, Infantry	12 Jan	Virginia
Warrant Officer (junior grade) Glen Wells W2110966, United States Army	2 Aug	Tennessee
Technical Sergeant Pleeze A Ford 37017260, Infantry	14 Jan	Kansas
Technical Sergeant William A Freed 36029289, Infantry	17 Jan	Illinois
Technical Sergeant Rodeen M Nook 36417527, Infantry	15 Jan	Michigan
Technical Sergeant Virgil C Socin 36365343, Infantry	16 Jan	Illinois
Staff Sergeant David G Brandt Jr 13184611, Infantry	10 Jan	New Jersey
Staff Sergeant Wilbur P Puerckholtz 35565689, Infantry	18 Jan	Indiana
Staff Sergeant Frederick P Moore 39146250, Infantry	10 Jan	California
Staff Sergeant Fletcher C Wiles 36900818, Infantry	12 Jan	Illinois
Sergeant Theodore A Klatt 20733090, Field Artillery	13 Jan	Kansas
Sergeant Rue L Marie 34921228, Infantry	15 Jan	Tennessee
Sergeant Ralph J Perrin 20734669, Field Artillery	13 Jan	Kansas
Sergeant Germain J Wagner 36211064, Infantry	18 Jan	Illinois
Technician Fourth Grade Everett M Keller 37070614, Medical Department	13 Jul	Kansas
Technician Fourth Grade Herbert F Lyons 36889062, Medical Department	9 Jan	Michigan
Technician Fourth Grade William I Tucker 34185302, Field Artillery	13 Jan	Tennessee
Corporal Harold B Foster 20723781, Infantry	15 Jan	Nebraska
Corporal Carl W Pelz 36667100, Infantry	13 Jan	Illinois
Technician Fifth Grade William I Congdon Jr 33321169, Infantry	14 Jan	Pennsylvania
Technician Fifth Grade Theodore R Gilstrap 20726401, Infantry	17 Jan	Kansas
Technician Fifth Grade Walter H Simkins 39466912, Medical Department	13 Jan	Washington
Private First Class Phillip N Borner 32800314, Infantry	13 Jan	New York
Private First Class Roy F Cahill 33109660, Infantry	9 Jan	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Lyle E Earhart 35827566, Infantry	13 Jan	Indiana
Private First Class Richardo M Esquivel 38112365, Infantry	29 Dec	Texas
Private First Class Jack D Gabow 32799642, Infantry	17 Jan	New York
Private First Class Venson R Hasler 33629212, Infantry	17 Jan	Virginia
Private First Class Joseph M Joyner 33636671, Infantry	14 Jan	Virginia
Private First Class Edward S Krawiec 20223125, Infantry	30 Dec	New York
Private First Class John E Kusler 42113712, Infantry	9 Jan	New Jersey
Private First Class John W Meyers 36867237, Infantry	16 Jan	Michigan
Private First Class America J Perinelli 32787151, Corps of Engineers	14 Dec	New York
Private First Class Delbert M Rakes 37137991, Infantry	10 Jan	Missouri
Private First Class Carmine Trovato 42039749, Infantry	17 Jan	New York
Private Cecil R Butler 34918447, Infantry	15 Jan	Alabama
Private Gailen W Curtiss 16157755, Infantry	10 Jan	Wisconsin
Private Herbert W Davis 32658009, Medical Department	18 Jan	New York
Private Wally Garcia 38579694, Infantry	18 Jan	New Mexico
Private Carl E Perkins 35076439, Infantry	12 Jan	Ohio

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IX — PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Captain William P Sheehy 01325332, Infantry	15 Jan	Nebraska
Second Lieutenant Lawrence P Langdon 0887648, Infantry	12 Jan	Nebraska
Staff Sergeant Juan L Paca 38349529, Infantry	14 Jan	New Mexico
Sergeant Vigo E Pedersen 37302262, Infantry	11 Jan	North Dakota
Technician Fourth Grade Harry T Barnes 13024005, Medical Department	22 Sep	Maryland
Technician Fourth Grade Herbert F Lyons 36889062, Medical Department	11 Jan	Michigan
Corporal Orville C Scarbrough 38251723, Field Artillery	13 Jan	Texas
Private First Class Norman F Pillups 39460264, Infantry	9 Jan	Washington
Private First Class Thomas E Wagner 33727692, Medical Department	18 Jan	Maryland

2. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man of this command for wounds received in action against the enemy on date indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Private First Class Thomas E Wagner 33727692, Medical Department	18 Jan	Maryland

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

UNIT	DATE
35th Signal Company	10 July 1944 to 10 January 1945

XI — PURPLE HEART. So much of Section VII, General Orders, No 8, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 22 January 1945, as reads "Private First Class Howard Beener Jr 33783350, Medical Department", is corrected to read "Private First Class Howard Benner Jr 33783350, Medical Department".

By command of Major General BAADE:

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