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9 January 1945

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

I. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel GILBERT R. PIRRUNG, 0315129, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 8 November 1944 and 12 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Lieutenant Colonel OVAL H. ROBINSON, 022938, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Major JOHN H. JACKSON, 0324423, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 8 November 1944 and 15 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

Major CHARIS R. SPARRA, 0389675, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 23 August 1944 and 5 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Captain IRVING R. MERRILL, 0416169, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 18 August 1944 and 5 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Captain EVAN L. OWEN, 0910519, CE, 1139th Engineer Combat Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 5 November 1944 and 15 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Utah.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM F. FLOOD, JR., 0449038, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 22 July 1944 and 29 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

First Lieutenant MATHEW S. HIGGINS, 01552516, ORD, \*\*\* Ordnance Company Heavy Maintenance (Tank), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 November 1944 and 1 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

First Lieutenant CARL A. NAEGLE, 01166144, FA, 195th Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 1 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

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First Lieutenant WARREN L. TUEL, 01178020, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 8 August 1944 and 24 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant JAMES R. BARRENTINE, 01167733, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 25 November 1944 and 30 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

Second Lieutenant HUGH M. BROWN, 0520138, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 5 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

Master Sergeant JOHN A. SULLIVAN, 20204053, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 30 November 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

First Sergeant FRANCIS H. WOLTKAMP, 37003937, CMP, \*\*\* Military Police Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 5 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. CAVERS, 36105989, CMP, \*\*\* Military Police Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 5 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) MELVIN P. STENCER, 35702295, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD J. WITGES, 36010871, CMP, \*\*\* Military Police Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 5 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Sergeant JACK E. STEADMAN, 38429166, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 9 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade MAX KRANZ, 32815154, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES P. PRUITT, 38428799, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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Corporal STANLEY L. UPSON, 31299558, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 5 July 1944 and 28 July 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES W. HYATT, 32730354, SC, \*\*\* Signal Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 16 September 1944 and 30 September 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS V. LAUNNEY, JR., 32267485, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY C. MESKY, 36653871, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 2 September 1944 and 6 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN C. MUNIZ, 38379161, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade SALVATORE P. RIGGI, 32399042, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 30 November 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD C. SCHMIDT, 36654232, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 2 September 1944 and 6 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT H. SHINN, 32957803, CE, 1139th Engineer Combat Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 8 November 1944 and 15 November 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM W. WILLARD, 36653893, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 2 September 1944 and 6 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class ALDO CASAGRANDE, 35472013, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 30 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Private First Class MIROSLAW J. CZERAPOWICZ, 31215732, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 14 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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Private First Class WILLIE D. MANIER, 34326817, CAC, \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 6 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Private First Class J. W. PAYNE, 38370341, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 9 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Private First Class ELZIE R. SINE, 38464329, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Private ROMI ALTOBELLI, 37564822, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Private JOHN MOORE, JR., 33651573, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal.  
SECTION II - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster.

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major JOSEPH P. FALLON, JR., 0290742, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 12 December 1944. Entered Military Service from California.

Major ROBERT W. HANNAH, 0314492, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 17 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

Major HARRY A. NELSON, 0232989, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 2 July 1944 and 10 December 1944. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

Chaplain (Captain) HAROLD W. HENRY, 0521673, Corps of Chaplains, 1103d Engineer Combat Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 5 December 1944 and 17 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

Captain JAMES E. NELSON, 0405720, MAC, \*\*\* Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 9 December 1944 and 19 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

First Lieutenant SUMNER FELMAN, 01635885, SC, \*\*\* Signal Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 1 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Master Sergeant CHARLES E. BONIN, 36039571, FA, 204th Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 26 August 1944 and 6 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C. JESSEL, 32036002, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 15 September 1944 and 17 September 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant VINCENT F. MURPHY, 32071619, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 20 July 1944 and 14 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Delaware.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT H. SIEBELS, 36051407, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 4 August 1944 and 14 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ROSS K. STEVENSON, 16153390, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 September 1944 and 9 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Sergeant LEONARD J. ALBRINCK, 35122175, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 25 September 1944 and 13 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Sergeant CLAYTON O. ANDERSON, 31217746, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 4 August 1944 and 14 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Maine.

Sergeant WALTER R. HILZINGER, 32114037, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 25 September 1944 and 13 December 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant JOSEPH A. RAFTER, 1367870, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Sergeant JOSEPH P. SULLIVAN, 32395875, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 25 November 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant CLAYTON E. TUBBS, 36243880, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 9 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS R. McCALL, 18050156, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Corporal ROY M. BARBER, 37373823, MD, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 13 December 1944. Entered Military

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Corporal FRANCIS S. O'MALLEY, 36169405, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 25 October 1944 and 13 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Corporal JAMES W. REILLY, 36656006, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 15 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade JACK HODGES, 38468134, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 August 1944 and 30 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT L. HOLCOMBE, JR., 34585262, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 6 August 1944 and 17 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade EMIDIO V. PAPA, 33577568, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class CHARLES R. BARNES, JR., 35657422, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 November 1944. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Private First Class WILLIAM E. COLLINS, 33736972, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 November 1944 and 14 November 1944. Entered Military Service from District of Columbia.

Private First Class CLAUDE T. HARLOW, 33736996, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from District of Columbia.

Private First Class ELVIN W. HESS, 33547052, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

Private First Class ALBERT L. MOULTON, 38324301, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.



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Private First Class WILLIAM YURELONIS, 33458757, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private RAYMOND G. KOPP, 32038348, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Observation Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 25 September 1944 and 13 December 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private HENRY J. MUELLER, 39612619, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 10 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Montana.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel HAROLD A. COONEY, 08575, FA, 193d Field Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 8 November 1944 and 21 November 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from California.

Lieutenant Colonel OVAL H. ROBINSON, 022938, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 6 December 1944 and 10 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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- SECTION V - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to:

Corporal GEORGE F. GROSS, 32733635, CAC (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for gallantry in action in Germany on 6 December 1944. Corporal GROSS' battery, serving as support for field artillery operations near FURWEILER, was suddenly brought under a terrific enemy artillery barrage. While members of the unit fled to the comparative safety of a nearby trench, a shell exploded and blew one of his comrades into a shell crater about twenty feet from his position. Hearing the cries of the wounded man, Corporal GROSS, with utter disdain for his personal safety and thinking only of the welfare of the stricken soldier, groped his way across the shell-battered field toward the casualty. On the brink of leaping into the crater with his helpless comrade where he would have been partially sheltered from the falling shells, Corporal GROSS was struck by flying fragments when another large caliber shell exploded near him. He died of his wounds while attempting to rescue the injured companion. His gallantry, aggressiveness and outstanding devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself. Entered Military Service from New York. Next of Kin: Mrs. Marjorie Gross (Wife), 208 William Street, Geneva, New York.

Corporal JOHN J. MONAGHAN, 36324950, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for gallantry in action in Germany on 4 December 1944. The telephone line connecting Corporal MONAGHAN's Group headquarters and a Division artillery headquarters was broken by heavy German artillery fire. Realizing the importance of this line to the successful conduct of fire missions, he voluntarily went out into the rain of enemy shells to assist in its repair and to ascertain the progress of a repair crew that had started out but had not been heard from. Detecting a break in the line, he stopped to repair it. Almost immediately, a barrage of shells and bullets beat the earth around him, and he dove for the shelter of a nearby tank ditch, pulling the wire after him. As the barrage continued, he realized that his wire repair vehicle was the target drawing the enemy fire, and that it was endangering an artillery emplacement nearby. Leaping from the protective cover of the ditch, he started to remove the vehicle. As he did so, a shell fragment hit his arm, almost severing it, and other shrapnel inflicted severe wounds on his body. His deep concern for the welfare and safety of his fellow soldiers, and his disregard of his own personal safety, provided an example of inspiring heroism and was a credit to the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois. Next of Kin: Mrs. Marie Monaghan (Mother), 1030 Newport Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Private REX N. SONGER, 37346976, PA, 5th Field Artillery Group, for gallantry in action in Germany on 4 December 1944. While his unit was engaged in giving fire support to attacking American units near WEHINGEN, an artillery barrage severed the communication line from his Group to a Division artillery headquarters. Realizing the importance of this line to successful coordination of operations, without waiting for an order, Private SONGER ran out into the lethal hail of fire to check on the success of a wire crew previously dispatched, but unheard from, and to give all assistance possible in the repair of the line. He soon located a break and stopped to fix it, but a sudden barrage of fire forced him to seek the shelter of a tank ditch nearby. As the shelling continued, he realized that it was probably his wire vehicle that was attracting it, and seeing that the heavy fire was endangering the safety of a battery of artillery nearby, he leapt from the safety of the ditch to remove the vehicle. As he did so, he was hit and mortally wounded by fragments of a shell which burst nearby. His unselfish regard for the welfare of his comrades, initiative and aggressive courage were an inspiration to all his unit and a credit to the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Colorado. Next of Kin: Mr. Paul V. Songer (Father), Rural Route #1, Briggsdale, Colorado.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant KENNETH G. WINTERS, 01174475, PA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 8 September 1944. Lieutenant WINTERS, Battery Executive Officer, was directing rapid artillery fire in support of an attack by elements of the 7th Armored Division on the town of MAIZIERES-les-METZ when the enemy countered with effective battery fire that hit one M-7 and caused thirteen casualties. Communication between his observation post and firing guns were severed by the German barrage. Without the vital wire communications, it was impossible for him to continue directing accurate fire. He realized the tremendous need for artillery fire in support of the attacking infantry, so, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he left the comparative shelter of his position, picked his way through the shelling to a central position where he could shout commands to his widely dispersed guns. He succeeded in transmitting his commands to the guns by moving about through the bombardment and shouting above the noise of the bursting shells. In so doing, he was wounded by fragments, but, refusing medical attention, he continued to direct the firing of his battery and to supervise the evacuation of his wounded personnel until the battle was over. Lieutenant WINTERS' gallantry, supreme devotion to duty and remarkable courage reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant HARVEY V. McMILLAN, 6864266, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in France on 11 August 1944. Sergeant McMILLAN was leading his platoon on a reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of BOURG NOVAL. In order to reach their objective, they had to pass through an open field covered by machine gun and small-arms fire of the enemy who were operating in a force of approximately 100 men and twelve machine gun emplacements in a well-knit defense. Sergeant McMILLAN gave the order to "Charge!" As his men began to storm the enemy positions, they were cut by murderous automatic fire, and on seeing the impossibility of the situation, he ordered a withdrawal. One soldier fell wounded and helpless in the fire-raked field. Sergeant McMILLAN, with complete disregard for his personal safety, crawled gallantly into the open and, upon reach-

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ing the stricken man, shielded him with his own body while he rendered first aid. Then grasping the casualty, he dragged him back to safety. Resuming command of his platoon, Sergeant McMILLAN led another attack on the enemy stronghold and routed them in a fierce charge. His gallantry, great leadership ability and devotion to duty are a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from South Dakota.

Corporal MICHAEL CRONIN, 32637191, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 11 November 1944. Corporal CRONIN was directing the debarkation of assault boats during a night infantry crossing of the MOSELLE RIVER at THIONVILLE. The river was flooded from a siege of rainy weather, the current swift and treacherous, and the water icy from the cruel November temperatures. Enemy shell-fire pounded the bank and greatly endangered his life, but Corporal CRONIN continued at his mission. His watchful eye suddenly picked up an assault boat that was overturned by the raging waters, and from the illumination of German flares he could see one man floundering in the water and crying for help. Instantly, without thinking of his own safety, Corporal CRONIN plunged into the frigid river, swam to the drowning soldier and succeeded in bringing him safely to shore. Refusing to be evacuated after his severe exposure to the cold, Corporal CRONIN donned dry clothing and remained at his task. His gallantry, concern for the welfare of his comrades in arms and his outstanding devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class JULIUS G. BENKE, 36583119, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroism in France on 23 August 1944 not involving actual conflict with the enemy. Private First Class BENKE's squadron was halted on the banks of the YONNE RIVER near BARBEY during a short organizational rest period. Members of the unit were swimming in the river when one of the men, far out in deep water, was suddenly stricken with cramps. Private First Class BENKE, seeing the floundering soldier rapidly succumbing in midstream, swam fearlessly to his rescue. Grappling with the frenzied man, he succeeded in overcoming his struggles and brought him safely to the shore. Private First Class BENKE's unhesitating and determined action saved his comrades' life. His aggressiveness, courage and devotion to duty are worthy of great praise. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

IV. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to:

Captain JAMES M. LEE, 01110611, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 7 June 1944 and 14 December 1944. Throughout the period cited, Captain LEE displayed technical knowledge, perseverance and loyalty to duty of the highest caliber. The sterling quality of his conduct was exemplified on 14 December 1944, when word came to the Battalion Headquarters that heavy German artillery fire was falling on the site of the ferry that was carrying life-giving supplies to American troops on the far side of the SAAR RIVER. Determined to obtain complete information on the extent of this bombardment, so that he, as Liaison Officer, might render a more complete report to Division Headquarters, he first attempted to

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procure the information that he desired over the field telephone. Dissatisfied with this information, he set out for the ferry site himself, mindful of the danger involved, but thinking only of discharging his duty to the best of his ability. As he approached the bank of the river, a German shell burst nearby and he was mortally wounded. His heroic disregard for his personal safety and his aggressive leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from South Carolina. Next of Kin: Mrs. Anna Lee (Wife), Pacclet, South Carolina.

V. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant MIKE CARAHALIOS, 36054791, OWS, \*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 1 July 1944 and 2 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Sergeant THOMAS E. PACK, 38397042, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 11 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Corporal RAY B. MUSSER, 33495713, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 November 1944 and 14 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN E. RATHWELL, 38370325, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Private First Class SAM H. NEDELMAN, 35800344, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 16 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal.  
 SECTION II - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster.

**I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL:** Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major JOHN J. MARRON, 0347160, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 27 August 1944. Major MARRON commanded part of a task force which had been assigned the mission of seizing and holding an important bridge at EPERNAY. On approaching the town, Major MARRON's small party met a numerically superior, well-entrenched enemy force. Deploying his men, Major MARRON led his men in an attack on the Germans. As they advanced, an 88mm. shell knocked out an armored car, and though exposed to a fusillade of bullets, Major MARRON dismounted, ordered another armored car to cover the operation and effected evacuation of the wounded men. Then, on foot and exposed, he maneuvered his force of men and vehicles in such a skillful way that large numbers of enemy were driven from their fortified positions and out of the town. By his personal example of brave leadership, aggressiveness and determination against great odds, Major MARRON led his men through to successful achievement of their goal. His actions reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

First Lieutenant CHARLES A. McINERNEY, JR., 01174377, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 September 1944. While in position near the town of MAIZIERES-les-METZ, the battery of which Lieutenant McINERNEY was Executive Officer came under heavy and accurate German counter-battery fire. A direct hit by an enemy shell set fire to a camouflage net and ammunition and severed wire communications between Lieutenant McINERNEY and his guns. Realizing the probability of explosions from the burning ammunition, he leapt from the comparative safety of his foxhole and rushed across the open field to supervise the removal of the burning net and the extinguishing of the flaming ammunition. Then, standing amid the wreckage and falling shells, he shouted fire commands to his gun crews, thus insuring continuous artillery support for the attacking foot troops. Throughout the action, his heroic disregard for his personal safety, calm leadership and driving perseverance reflected credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant BENJAMIN H. LEISTER, 33046654, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Sergeant LEISTER was serving as a mechanic with his unit during ferrying operations on the flooded MOSELLE RIVER near THIONVILLE. As power boats loaded with men and supplies moved across the river, the ferry site was pounded by a devastating mortar barrage making it impossible to return to shore to make repairs on disabled motors. Sergeant LEISTER resourcefully worked on the boats in midstream and without

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removing them from service performed emergency repairs. Sergeant LEISTER's tireless efforts materially facilitated the passage of vital reinforcements and supplies across the debris-laden MOSELLE to the bridgehead on the hostile bank. His technical knowledge, persistence and devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

Sergeant GERARD A. GERRITY, 23023824, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 November 1944 and 12 November 1944. Sergeant GERRITY was in charge of an assault boat during a difficult crossing of the flood-swollen MOSELLE RIVER. The operation was undertaken in the clear light of day under the direct observation of the enemy entrenchments on the opposite shore. Launching his boat despite the German artillery, automatic weapons and small-arms fire, Sergeant GERRITY skillfully guided it to the far shore without sustaining a casualty. Then, inspiring his squad by his example of bravery and self-confidence, he led them against the enemy positions. Though his squad spearheaded the attack of an assault team, the suddenness of their attack so surprised the Germans, that only one casualty was sustained. The courage, endurance and leadership of Sergeant GERRITY was an inspiration to his men and a credit to the high traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant SULLIVAN B. YOHO, 35751694, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 28 October 1944. While acting as Chief of Section for his battery, a muzzle blast of a captured 155mm. gun he was operating set afire the camouflage net. Disregarding his own safety, he immediately began to extinguish the flames with his bare hands. The rapidly spreading flames nearly reached the powder pit but were put out by Sergeant YOHO's heroic efforts. His prompt and decisive action resulted in the saving of his comrades' lives and of much valuable equipment. His courageous conduct and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade FELIX A. MALICKI, 35339533, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 9 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Technician MALICKI served as crew chief of a power boat during vital ferrying operations on the flood-swollen MOSELLE RIVER at MALLING. Severe enemy fire and the inundated conditions had hampered the construction of bridges across the river and supplies and reinforcements were badly needed by bridgehead troops on the opposite shore. For three days and nights, he continued to operate his boat without relief. The icy, rainy weather cut into his hands and face and the consistent enemy shell-fire constantly threatened his life. Throughout all this havoc and peril, Technician MALICKI cheerfully and willingly persevered at his task, displaying great courage and complete disregard for his personal safety, as he plied back and forth across the swift waters. His heroic service aided materially in the success of the mission and reflects high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade MARTIN L. MUELLER, 33138757, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. With enemy fire

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so intense and destructive that all attempts to bridge the swollen MOSELLE RIVER at THIONVILLE failed, a desperate need developed for motor boat operators to ferry troops and supplies across the river. Though he had never operated one before, Technician MUELLER volunteered to man one of the boats. Undaunted by the German artillery, mortar and small-arms fire that fell around the area, he continued at his duties. Technician MUELLER's mission was further handicapped by the tremendous amount of debris floated down the river by the treacherously swift current. On the initial day of operations, the American bridgehead on the far shore was only 200 yards deep and casualties were heavy. Through his bravery, perseverance and unstinted devotion to duty, Technician MUELLER contributed greatly to the success of the operation, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade BRONISLAW J. ZIEMCZONEK, 36124817, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. With enemy fire so intense and destructive that all attempts to bridge the swollen MOSELLE RIVER at THIONVILLE failed, a desperate need developed for motor boat operators to ferry troops and supplies across the river. Though he had never operated one before, Technician ZIEMCZONEK volunteered to man one of the boats. Undaunted by the German artillery, mortar and small-arms fire that fell around the area, he continued at his duties. Technician ZIEMCZONEK's mission was further handicapped by the tremendous amount of debris that floated down the river with the treacherously swift current. On the initial day of operations, the American bridgehead on the far shore was only 200 yards deep and casualties were heavy. Through his bravery, perseverance and unstinted devotion to duty, Technician ZIEMCZONEK contributed greatly to the success of the operations, reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Private First Class FRANK A. FISAHN, 32999068, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 December 1944. Private First Class FISAHN volunteered to act as a litter bearer when a crisis developed within his company which was engaged in bridging operations on the enemy-shelled SAAR RIVER near LISDORF. Displaying marked initiative and courage, he ripped a blackout panel from a nearby window to use as a litter and ran through the shell-strewn area to the bridge site. The working area was being pounded by a severe and destructive enemy barrage consisting of artillery, mortar, rifle and machine gun fire. Three times he entered the danger zone, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, evacuated the wounded to a place where first aid was administered. Private First Class FISAHN's aggressive action and devotion to duty resulted in safeguarding the lives of several of his wounded comrades. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private DALE L. ARMSTRONG, 33696857, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 11 November 1944. Private ARMSTRONG, a Truck Driver, volunteered to drive truckloads of assault boats from the village of CATTENOM to the banks of the MOSELLE RIVER. Previous attempts to transport the boats by hand had been thwarted by withering enemy fire from Fort KOENIGSMACHER. Fearlessly, Private ARMSTRONG, under direct enemy observation and shelling, drove his heavily-laden vehicle to the



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waters' edge where an assault crossing was in progress. As boat loads of wounded infantrymen were returned across the river, Private ARMSTRONG repeatedly made trips back to the town to remove the casualties to medical aid. Although his truck was riddled by shrapnel, he remained at his task until his mission was completed. Private ARMSTRONG's bravery, determination and supreme devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant HUGH L. WHITE, JR., 01184755, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 10 November 1944. Lieutenant WHITE was serving as a Forward Observer during operations against MAIZIERES-les-METZ. Advancing with the forward elements of an infantry attacking force, he braved constant, severe enemy fire to adjust his batteries upon the position. With the greatest precision and technical skill, he kept a continuous blanketing barrage sweeping the area as closely as 100 yards ahead of the attacking troops. His proficient actions greatly aided in the successful accomplishment of the mission with a minimum of casualties. With the German defenders routed from the installation, Lieutenant WHITE remained with the infantry to bring artillery fire upon any attempted counter-attack. His complete disregard for his personal safety, courage and unswerving determination are in keeping with the high standards of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from District of Columbia.

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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.  
 SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Sergeant PETER BLIDY, 32842037, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in France on 20 August 1944. Sergeant BLIDY was in the lead vehicle of a reconnaissance patrol that was advancing toward VITRE-aux-LOGES. As they neared the town, they encountered strong German 88mm. and machine gun fire which hit Sergeant BLIDY's "jeep" and wounded two of the occupants. Both men fell helpless from the vehicle. Sergeant BLIDY leaped out and ran forward, covering his comrades by engaging the enemy with gunfire. When two other vehicles came up, he signalled them to open fire on the Germans while he withdrew to care for the wounded men. Lifting them to the "jeep", Sergeant BLIDY drove them to a place of safety. His gallant concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers, his courageous aggressiveness and utter disregard for his personal safety reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant JAMES S. LEARY, 20245645, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 August 1944. Sergeant LEARY was serving as a Reconnaissance Sergeant with his battalion which was supporting an attack of the 4th Armored Division against LORIENT. Severe German artillery fire held up the advance and caused many casualties. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant LEARY found two members of a French partisan group, persuaded them to accompany him, and proceeded to pick his way past the infantry outpost line into "No Man's Land" where he noticed a house. Though warned that the dwelling was under keen enemy observation, he entered it, climbed to the attic and was left alone when the two Frenchmen returned to our lines. Picking out a German 88mm. gun, he directed effective fire upon it, destroyed it and caused an enemy ammunition dump to explode. This tremendous detonation was responsible for several similar eruptions. Sergeant LEARY's daring, courage and technical proficiency contributed greatly to the success of the operation and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant ALFRED L. MAES, 36243565, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 15 November 1944. The convoy in which he was riding from VALMESTROFF to DISTROFF was split by intense enemy artillery fire. Because it was impossible at the time to continue infiltration into DISTROFF, the rear echelon of the convoy turned about and headed back to VALMESTROFF. Upon reaching the former mortar position, Sergeant MAES learned that eight of his men were stranded along

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the road. Without hesitation, he drove a "jeep" and trailer into the enemy barrage and counter-attack, found his men and returned them to VALMESTROFF. Sergeant MAES' intrepid action saved his men from possible death or capture. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant WILLIAM R. SHINE, 32831284, CAC (AA); \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 December 1944. Sergeant SHINE was serving as a Chief of Section of his battery near FURWEILER when the area was suddenly blanketed with heavy artillery fire. Communication lines to the section position were cut by shells and it was necessary to summon aid for the members of the gun crew who had been wounded. Rallying his men, though wounded himself, he discovered that two were missing. On locating them, he began evacuating the walking wounded, personally leading them to the rear, despite the increased tempo of the shells beating the area. On reaching the aid station, he wanted to guide the aid man back to the gun location, and remained only on orders to do so for treatment of his own wounds. His courage, initiative and leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT L. BESWICK, 32831342, MD, \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 6 December 1944. While serving as an aid man with his battery, word came to the command post that one of the gun sections near the town of FURWEILER was undergoing a terrific German shelling. Realizing that there were casualties there who needed medical assistance, Technician BESWICK dashed from the command post, jumped into a trench leading toward the gun position and began crawling toward it. Though under constant heavy enemy fire, he unhesitatingly moved forward. Upon reaching his objective, he noticed that two American soldiers lay wounded and exposed in the open field nearby. He left the shelter of the trench and ran to the side of the nearest man. Perceiving that he had received a mortal wound, he did what he could to make him comfortable and moved on to the second man, to whom he ministered first aid. Ignoring the enemy shells which were falling all around in ever greater numbers, he coolly lifted the man and evacuated him to safety. The bravery, determination and skill of Technician BESWICK were responsible for saving a life and reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from New York.

Corporal ROBERT F. HUNTLEY, 13064825, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 30 October 1944. Corporal HUNTLEY was serving as a Communications Corporal during operations at MAIZIERES-les-METZ. The road along which wires to observation posts were laid was under constant enemy artillery fire. Shell fragments severed the wire, interrupting communications which were vital to the mission. With two other volunteers, Corporal HUNTLEY started down the shell-pocked road to find the break and make necessary repairs. While he was fixing the break, an enemy shell pounded the ground near him, inflicting injuries upon himself and another man. Disregarding his wounds and his personal safety, he continued to repair the line with the help of the other man. His mission finished, he drove his comrades to the nearest aid station. After their wounds had been dressed, he reported back to duty and spent the rest of the day fixing communications under enemy fire. Corporal

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HUNTLEY's courage, inspiring leadership and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Virginia.

Corporal JOE MARLOWE, JR., 36742924, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 18 November 1944. While his squadron was operating near the town of MERSCHWEILER, Corporal MARLOWE went out as second-in-command of a patrol of six men to establish an observation post for the security of the town. As they neared some high ground, they were met by the fire of two machine guns, and it became evident that a force of some fifty Germans occupied emplacements on the hill. Skillfully maneuvering around to the flank of the enemy positions, while the rest of the party pinned them down with frontal fire, Corporal MARLOWE and another soldier brought enfilade fire on them with a machine gun. Five of the Germans were killed and the rest pinned down until American reinforcements arrived to assist in the capture of the remaining forty-two Germans. Corporal MARLOWE's daring, initiative and aggressiveness made possible the killing and capture of an enemy force much larger than his own, and his actions reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Corporal MICHAEL J. SANDELLI, 32145642, FA, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 August 1944. Corporal SANDELLI was serving as a gunner of a 105mm. howitzer near TALANCE when his position was subjected to a relentless enemy artillery barrage. A direct hit damaged the carriage of his gun, killed one man and seriously wounded the chief of section. While the shelling continued, Corporal SANDELLI picked up his wounded comrade, carried him across the shell-pocked, open field, at great risk to his own life, to the battery aid man. Though he was wounded himself by shell fragments, he refused medical treatment until the chief of section had been treated and evacuated. Corporal SANDELLI's outstanding bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade MARLIN J. GIBBLE, 33497864, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 11 November 1944. Technician GIBBLE volunteered to drive truckloads of badly needed assault boats from the village of CATTENOM to the edge of the MOSELLE RIVER. Previous attempts had been made to carry the boats down, but because of the long haul and the constant enemy observation and fire directed at the working parties from Fort KOENIGSMACHER, the engineer and infantry troops were forced to abandon the boats and return to the shelter of the town. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician GIBBLE skillfully directed his vehicle through the enemy fire and hauled two truckloads of the materiel to the shore. Shrapnel constantly struck his vehicle and on his second trip, two tires were punctured and the brake system damaged by fragments, forcing him to abandon the truck. On his return trips to CATTENOM, Technician GIBBLE evacuated wounded American soldiers. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class JOHN J. AIKINS, 13012621, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 November 1944 and 13 November 1944. Private First Class AIKINS volunteered to operate a motor boat during the dangerous assault crossing of the rain-swollen MOSELLE RIVER at THIONVILLE. At first he operated his craft as an adjunct to the bridge which had been thrown across the turbulent stream; but when the span was blown out by enemy shell-fire, only the boat remained to ferry reinforcements, supplies and ammunition to the troops who had swept across the river in the first wave of the attack. For hours, Private First Class AIKINS persevered at his task, ignoring the heavy barrage of German artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire that was falling all around. During one of his trips, he noticed a drowning infantryman struggling in the swift current, and at great risk to his own life, turned from his course to save him. Throughout the action, Private First Class AIKINS' perseverance, technical skill and bravery were an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Major LUTHER D. ARNOLD, 032946, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 November 1944 and 16 November 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant THEOBALD DURING, 32378200, MIS, XX Corps, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 12 October 1944 and 22 December 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

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- SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal.
- SECTION II - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.
- SECTION III - Amendment in GO No. 21 this Hq 5 September 1944.

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) WALTER E. GUNSTER, 022928, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 29 November 1944. Under the cover of darkness, Lieutenant Colonel GUNSTER entered the town of RITZING to obtain information on the location of enemy artillery batteries which were heavily shelling the area. Carefully examining craters and shell fragments, he gathered data which, in conjunction with flash charts, enabled his organization to direct prompt and effective counter-battery fire upon the German positions. Lieutenant Colonel GUNSTER's courage, determination and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Florida.

Technical Sergeant LEONARD N. KELLY, 6151582, CAC (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. Sergeant KELLY was riding in a vehicle with his commanding officer when they were ambushed by a force of German SS troops. The officer leaped out to engage the assailants while Sergeant KELLY eluded the attack and reached a safe position. Perceiving that the officer was in immediate danger of capture, Sergeant KELLY had the vehicle turned around and driven to the position. There, in full view of the bewildered enemy, he assisted the officer to mount and charged through the hostile fire to a place of cover. Sergeant KELLY's fearlessness, daring and devotion to his comrades are worthy of great praise. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant EUGENE H. SLANKARD, 37158404, MD, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 16 November 1944 and 18 November 1944. On 16 November 1944, Sergeant SLANKARD established a forward collecting point and aid station in LAUMESFELD while the town was being shelled by enemy artillery. Two days later, he fearlessly entered BOUZONVILLE in a half-track ambulance to evacuate infantry casualties. Repeatedly as he stopped to load wounded men into his vehicle, his position was swept by small-arms and artillery fire, but Sergeant SLANKARD made numerous trips until all the stricken men had been removed. His bravery and determination are worthy of great praise. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade SHERLIN P. EATON, 36069213, MD, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 16 November 1944 and 21 November 1944. Technician EATON, a medical aid man, distinguished himself by his bravery under fire while treating casualties. As an example of his heroism, he advanced into violent explosions near BOUZONVILLE on 18 November 1944 to treat wounded infantrymen. On 21 November near BORG, Germany, he exposed himself to intense

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enemy fire, treated wounded soldiers and then guided the ambulance in which they were riding to safety. His service is a credit to the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM KANOSKI, 31180455, SC, \*\*\* Signal Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 19 December 1944. Technician KANOSKI volunteered to repair a vital communications line connecting Division command posts near SAARLAUTERN. Crawling forward under withering enemy fire, he and a comrade found the severed portion of the wire and successfully spliced it. Technician KANOSKI's bravery, determination and technical skill are worthy of great praise. Entered Military Service from Rhode Island.

Technician Fourth Grade LLOYD C. KNICK, 35797626, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 18 October 1944. Technician KNICK and two other men advanced along a shell-swept road to a damaged battery vehicle. Under observed enemy fire, he helped prepare the truck for towing and then aided in turning the machine around on the narrow road and bringing it back to safety. Technician KNICK's bravery under fire made possible the rehabilitation of the valuable piece of military equipment which was urgently needed by his organization. His resourcefulness and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Corporal GEORGE R. SHOUSE, 36116369, CAC (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 1 January 1945. While he was engaging two low-flying German ME 109 airplanes, Corporal SHOUSE's gun position was attacked by an unseen enemy aircraft, causing serious injury to three of his four-man crew. With complete disregard for his own safety, he continued to engage the on-rushing planes until he had destroyed one with his M-51 gun. When the planes had retired, he rendered first aid to his comrades and aided in their evacuation. His instantaneous action and devotion to duty were in keeping with the high traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan..

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL W. CONAWAY, 35396145, SC, \*\*\* Signal Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 18 December 1944. Technician CONAWAY volunteered to repair a vital communications line which had been disrupted by shell-fire. Despite the danger involved, he crawled fearlessly forward, found the broken connection, spliced the wire, and although twice thrown to the ground by the concussion of exploding mortar shells, he returned safely. Technician CONAWAY's technical skill and bravery reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade GLEN H. DENISON, 38476283, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 18 October 1944. Technician DENISON and two other men advanced along a shell-swept road to a damaged battery vehicle. Under observed enemy fire, he helped prepare the truck for towing and then aided in turning it around on the narrow road and bringing it to safety. Technician DENISON's bravery under fire made possible the rehabilitation of the valuable piece of military equipment which

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was urgently needed by his organization. His resourcefulness and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN E. LEAZENBY, 35569463, SC, \*\*\* Signal Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 18 December 1944. During an enemy artillery barrage near SAARLAUTERN, a spiral four cable circuit connecting Division command posts was severed. Voluntarily, Technician LEAZENBY advanced into the heavy fire until he found the broken connection and made the necessary repairs. His heroic and determined efforts restored a vital communications line to operating order and brought great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade MACARIO TORRES, 38012827, CAC (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 22 December 1944. Under intense enemy artillery bombardment, Technician TORRES, seeing his platoon commander struck down by rifle fire, drove fearlessly to the fallen officer's side, lifted him into his vehicle and returned safely to friendly lines. Technician TORRES outstanding bravery, aggressiveness and loyalty to his comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New Mexico.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN L. WALSH, 35173417, MD, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 16 November 1944 and 18 November 1944. During operations near LAUMESFELD, Technician WALSH drove his ambulance over a road heavily shelled by German artillery to evacuate casualties of an infantry unit. Two days later, he entered BOUZONVILLE while the town was still under enemy fire, located two severely wounded infantrymen and evacuated them to a medical collecting point. Technician WALSH's courage, determination and devotion to duty are worthy of great praise. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Private First Class JAMES K. DOOLEY, 34686149, CAC (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg on 18 December 1944. Private First Class DOOLEY was driving his commanding officer and an enlisted man through enemy territory when they were ambushed by a force of German SS troops. The officer leaped from the vehicle to engage the attackers while Private First Class DOOLEY drove his vehicle to a safe position. Perceiving the officer's plight, Private First Class DOOLEY turned the vehicle around, drove to the officer's position, aided him to mount and steered his vehicle through the German fire to cover. His superb daring and devotion to duty are worthy of great praise. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

Captain FREDERICK W. ROBBINS, 01031510, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 24 January 1945. Entered Military Service from California.

First Lieutenant JOHN W. VAN HOOK, JR., 01643407, SC, \*\*\* Signal Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 10 December 1944 and 15 December 1944. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

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Sergeant (then Corporal) RAYMOND MAXWELL, 34457748, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered Military Service from North Carolina.

Corporal (then Private First Class) DONALD R. HOBBS, 35146293, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Private ELLIS O. KELLY, 39221479, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 17 December 1944 and 20 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Washington.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Captain CHARLES F. McLANE, 0326805, MC, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 16 November 1944 and 21 November 1944. Captain McLane, a medical officer, distinguished himself by his bravery under fire while treating casualties. As an example of his heroism, on 18 November 1944 he advanced into violent enemy explosions near BOUZONVILLE to treat wounded infantrymen. He then crawled under enemy fire to reach more casualties, after which he directed their evacuation. On 21 November near BOEG, Germany, he exposed himself to danger, treated wounded soldiers, and then guided the ambulance in which they were riding to safety. His devoted service reflects great credit upon the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

III. AMENDMENT IN GO NO. 21 THIS HQ 5 SEPTEMBER 1944.

So much of General Orders No. 21, this Headquarters, 5 September 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class GEORGE W. WICKMAN, 39676732, Corps of Military Police, is amended to read "Private First Class GEORGE W. WICKMAN, 39376732, Corps of Military Police".

By command of Major General WALKER:

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NUMBER 44 )

SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.  
 SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.  
 SECTION III - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) ROSS R. COURTRIGHT, 01031779, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in France on 30 October 1944. Lieutenant COURTRIGHT skillfully and aggressively led a patrol deep into the heart of German-held territory, burned an enemy command post, scouted a hostile fort and eluded searching parties until his mission was complete. Returning to the MOSELLE RIVER bank, he and another man exchanged gun fire with the Germans until the other men were safely across the river and then they, too, leaped into the water and swam to American lines amid a hail of bullets. Lieutenant COURTRIGHT's gallantry, calmness and quick-thinking inspired his men and reflect credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES F. McMANUS, JR., 32847819, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in Luxembourg and Germany on 31 December 1944. Serving with a patrol, Technician McMANUS crossed the icy MOSELLE RIVER and advanced into Germany from REMICH, Luxembourg. Advancing deep into the heart of enemy territory, a mile from the river, the patrol was stopped by intense German mortar, machine gun and small-arms fire. As the group drove farther, they were engaged in a bitter duel with enemy forces and the Lieutenant patrol leader and assistant were gravely wounded. Taking the initiative, Technician McMANUS rallied the men, insisted on staying with the wounded officer and rendering him first aid while others cared for the other casualty. Later, he directed the evacuation of the officer to safety. Technician McMANUS' gallantry is a credit to himself and the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class EVERETT C. BRANHAM, 42018607, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in Luxembourg and Germany on 31 December 1944. Private First Class BRANHAM was a member of a patrol that crossed the icy MOSELLE RIVER at midnight and drove deep into German-held territory where they were subjected to continuous enemy mortar, machine gun and small-arms fire. During the fighting, he and two other men were separated from the patrol. One of the men with Private First Class BRANHAM was seriously wounded by shell-fire. Rendering him first aid, Private First Class BRANHAM and his companion began carrying the wounded comrade back to the river through the lethal barrage. The casualty died at the river bank, and they were forced to leave him but returned later and recovered his body. Private First Class BRANHAM's gallantry and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class GEORGE EKIS, JR., 36624814, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in Luxembourg and Germany on 31 December 1944. At midnight, the wind icy and cutting, Private First Class EKIS crossed the MOSELLE RIVER with a patrol and reconnoitered under enemy fire deep into positions held by the Germans. The officer patrol leader was seriously wounded and the assistant patrol leader killed by the hostile gun fire. Private First Class EKIS helped form a ring of security around the casualties and gave first aid to the wounded officer. The group refused to leave the officer and continued their medical aid until they were assured he could be evacuated. They carried him the long distance back to the river and to medical help. Private First Class EKIS then fearlessly returned across the river and helped recover the body of the dead assistant patrol leader. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Private First Class MERRITT S. GWINN, 37629085, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in Luxembourg and Germany on 31 December 1944. At midnight, the wind cold and icy, Private First Class GWINN crossed the MOSELLE RIVER with a patrol which was subjected to severe German mortar machine gun and small-arms fire. He and two companions were separated from the patrol and suddenly one of the three men was wounded by enemy shell-fire. Private First Class GWINN and the other man carried their injured comrade through the hail of deadly fire to the river bank where the casualty succumbed. Forced to leave their dead comrade there, they crossed the river and later returned to recover the body, fighting off enemy attackers. Private First Class GWINN's gallantry reflects credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant CLARKE T. BALDWIN, JR., 026037, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 11 August 1944. During operations in JUBLAIN, Lieutenant BALDWIN and his mounted platoon were caught in concentrated enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Four men advancing on foot exploded a land mine and fell helplessly wounded. Lieutenant BALDWIN unhesitatingly exposed himself to administer first aid to the men and to aid in their evacuation to safety. Lieutenant BALDWIN's prompt and fearless action involving great risk of his own safety helped to save the lives of the stricken soldiers and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered United States Military Academy from Massachusetts.

Private First Class HUBERT H. FRY, 34336396, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 10 December 1944. Private First Class FRY, an outboard motor operator, during ferrying operations on the SAAR RIVER, made trips across the river to transport heavy armored equipment to the American bridgehead despite intense enemy small-arms and artillery fire. Although urged to take cover from the heavy bombardment, he persevered at his task until the mission was completed. Private First Class FRY's bravery, aggressiveness and application to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

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Private First Class BILLIE J. JEANES, 34344303, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 8 December 1944. Private First Class JEANES, operating an outboard motor-propelled raft in ferrying operations on the SAAR RIVER, repeatedly crossed the bullet-swept river to transport heavy armored equipment to the American bridgehead despite intense enemy small-arms and artillery fire. Although urged to take cover from the rain of shells, he remained steadfastly at his task until the mission was completed. Private First Class JEANES' fearlessness, determination and devotion to duty are worthy of great praise. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

Private First Class WALTER J. PRUSACKI, 20318204, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 10 December 1944. Private First Class PRUSACKI, an outboard motor operator during ferrying operations on the SAAR RIVER, repeatedly crossed the river to transport vital armored equipment to the American bridgehead, constantly exposing himself to heavy enemy fire. Although advised to take cover, he persevered at his task until the operation was completed. Private First Class PRUSACKI's exemplary courage, determination and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Captain JOHN H. De LUCA, 01104122, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 15 September 1944 and 16 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant JOHN F. BROTHIE, 31300879, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Equipment Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 25 June 1944 and 23 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant THURMAN M. HILL, 35172059, CAC (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 July 1944 and 1 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Sergeant JOHN GIERMEK, 32842018, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 10 August 1944 and 23 January 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant PIERCE S. MORTON, 36579076, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Corporal EDWARD J. CROSS, 20318239, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 November 1944 and 8 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal MORRELL ROBINSON, 34567629, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy

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in Germany on 10 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade CAROL M. HENNE, 20317696, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 6 December 1944 and 3 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade EUGENE K. KNIGHT, 34045628, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 17 December 1944 and 20 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

Private First Class E. L. SMITH, 38335130, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

Private SALVADOR M. ONATE, 39860307, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 19 October 1944 and 24 October 1944. Entered Military Service from Arizona.

Private MILES C. PAGE, 31368475, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 November 1944 and 12 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) HOWARD W. CLARK, 023698, CE, Headquarters XX Corps, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 8 November 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from United States at Large.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.  
SECTION II - Award, Posthumous, of Bronze Star Medal.  
SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant RICHARD B. COGSWELL, 02006491, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 February 1945. Lieutenant COGSWELL, while leading a patrol across the SAAR RIVER, was severely wounded by exploding anti-personnel mines. Although suffering intense pain, he maintained constant contact with rear units, enabling artillery batteries to bombard and effectively neutralize enemy pillboxes which had directed strong harassing fire upon his position. Lieutenant COGSWELL then assisted in the evacuation of casualties to safety. His gallant leadership and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) MARVIN W. POE, 02006493, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in France on 5 November 1944. During operations against BERG, Lieutenant POE distinguished himself by his aggressiveness, leadership ability and dauntless courage. After reconnoitering through an enemy minefield under fire, he led his tank section into the village through extremely heavy German fire. Throughout the action, Lieutenant POE inspired his men by his gallantry and fearlessness. Because of his great accomplishment, many enemy positions were neutralized that would have otherwise greatly hindered the advance of the bulk of the attacking force. His brave acts reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Army. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Sergeant ARCHIBALD J. COCHRAN, 31440064, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action in Germany between 8 February 1945 and 9 February 1945. Wounded and trapped in a German minefield with six members of his patrol, Sergeant COCHRAN, ignoring the pain of his own wounds, groped his way through the darkness to his stricken comrades, and moving from man to man, he encouraged them until help arrived. Refusing treatment, he directed the rescuers to the most seriously wounded and assisted in their evacuation over cleared paths to safety. Sergeant COCHRAN's exceptional fearlessness and supreme devotion to the welfare of others reflect high credit upon himself and the Army. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade KANSAS C. FLEMING, 36588748, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in Germany between 8 February 1945 and 9 February 1945. Escaping from a German minefield after detonating mines seriously wounded the other members of his patrol, Technician

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FLEMING led a rescue party to his helpless comrades. Accompanied by three volunteers, he crawled over several hundred yards of heavily-mined ground through the dark, rainy night, located the casualties, and helped to evacuate them to safety. Technician FLEMING later assisted an officer in carrying a severely injured man to medical treatment, the route being entirely through the minefield. His gallant determination, bravery and devotion to the safety of others are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Private First Class (then Private) JAMES J. KEARNS, 32675542, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for gallantry in action in Germany on 3 December 1944. Private First Class KEARNS was a member of a reconnaissance patrol which set out from WETTINGEN to explore the surrounding area for suspected enemy positions. When the party was suddenly subjected to the fire of an enemy machine gun emplaced in a camouflaged pillbox, he advanced fearlessly into the fusillade to divert the Germans' attention while his comrades sought cover. Private First Class KEARNS returned the hostile fire until the rest of his party reached safety and then successfully withdrew. His exceptional fearlessness, determination and supreme devotion to the safety of his comrades reflect high credit upon himself and the Army. Entered Military Service from New York.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Technician Fifth Grade BASIL MICELI, 35309275, CAC (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium between 17 December 1944 and 20 December 1944. Though completely surrounded by German forces during the heavy fighting in LONGVILLIN, Technician MICELI drove his vehicle fearlessly through an enemy roadblock, completely disregarding his personal safety, to complete an assignment. At BASTOGNE, while serving as a messenger, he worked tirelessly and cheerfully under the severe stress of constant enemy artillery bombardments, inspiring those with whom he served. Technician MICELI's courage and devotion to duty are worthy of great praise. Entered Military Service from Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Mable Miceli (wife), 7914 Holton Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. WEBB, 36743351, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 31 January 1945. During operations in MECHERN, Sergeant WEBB drove his tank into position to fire upon strongly-held enemy pillboxes. Seeking a clearer field of observation, he fearlessly dismounted from his machine and directed its movement to another vantage point. Then, with complete disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to hostile fire to chop down a large tree which further obstructed vision. Sergeant WEBB accurately adjusted his gun upon the objectives and effectively neutralized them. His courage and aggressive leadership are worthy of great praise. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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Sergeant KENNETH L. WEATHERHOLT, 39273999, CAV, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 17 November 1944. Learning that his platoon leader and a patrol had been attacked by soldiers while searching a house in a captured town, Sergeant WEATHERHOLT raced in his armored car to the aid of his endangered comrades. Killing two Germans in the street outside, he charged the dwelling, captured the enemy attackers and found his platoon leader lying gravely wounded. Sergeant WEATHERHOLT administered first aid to the stricken officer and quickly evacuated him to medical treatment. His prompt and aggressive action saved the life of his leader and brought great credit upon himself and the Army. Entered Military Service from California.

Major RICHARD G. BANKS, 0318785, FA, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 15 February 1945. Entered Military Service from Florida.

Major RAFAEL MORALES-BOYER, 0406439, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 11 November 1944 and 14 November 1944. Entered Military Service from Puerto Rico.

Major SOLOMON Z. ROSENFELD, 0445462, MC, \*\*\* Medical Clearing Company (Separate), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 August 1944 and 28 February 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Captain EUGENE ROBERTS, 0377011, CAC (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 8 July 1944 and 20 February 1945. Entered Military Service from California.

First Lieutenant SAMUEL H. MILLER, 01111791, CE, \*\*\* Engineer Light Equipment Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 27 August 1944 and 23 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant EDGAR B. RODGERS, 01057579, CAC (AA), \*\*\* Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 7 September 1944 and 18 September 1944. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD LEON, 38334841, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 6 December 1944 and 22 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

Private First Class LUE RICHARDSON, 38334867, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations

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against the enemy in Germany between 6 December 1944 and 22 December 1944.  
Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

Private First Class HOWARD ROBERSON, 38299289, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 6 December 1944 and 22 December 1944.  
Entered Military Service from Texas.

Private First Class CARL L. ROBERTS, 31214841, CAC (AA), 112th Antiaircraft Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 1 August 1944 and 1 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Private CLARENCE O. McMORRIS, 34642363, CWS, \*\*\* Chemical Smoke Generator Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 6 December 1944 and 22 December 1944. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

Private FLAVIO F. VERDICCHIO, 37329904, SC, \*\*\* Signal Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 16 August 1944 and 17 August 1944. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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SOLDIERS OF XX CORPS, THROUGHOUT EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN TO V-E DAY

We have fought together through trying days to gain the long-sought victory.

The trail of your accomplishments is blazed on the map of Europe and engraved imperishably in the pages of history. Through France, Germany and on into Austria you forced your way, thrusting the vaunted German forces aside.

Fighting across 18 major rivers and scores of smaller streams you have accomplished some of the longest sustained marches in the history of warfare. You have liberated or conquered more than 31,000 square miles of territory, including 600 cities and towns and 4,000 inhabited places. You have captured 540,000 enemy soldiers and killed or wounded at least 89,000 others. ANGERS, CHARTRES, FONTAINEBLEAU, MELUN, MONTEREAU, CHATEAU-THIERRY, EPERNAY, REIMS, VERDUN, METZ, TRIER, SAARLAUTERN, KAISERSLAUTERN, WIESEBADEN, KASSEL, WEIMAR, JENA, REGENSBURG, BRAUNAU, LINZ and STEYR were but milestones in your zone of advance.

The pathway to our goal has been costly and the blood of dead and wounded comrades marks our way to the liberation of Europe. Let us remember their sacrifices as we exult in the victory of our arms. Let us prove to them by our conduct now that they did not die in vain; that we have the fortitude to put aside selfish interests and carry on with firm justice and resolute determination to irrevocably crush the Nazi menace and establish freedom and right in war-torn Europe. We have won the war. Let us now win the peace. We shall not for an instant lower our guard. Through our conduct, dress, bearing and example, we shall always maintain the high standards of a well trained and a well disciplined Corps.

No one can say that any one member of our winning team played a greater part in the victory than another. Some fought valiantly on the field of battle, coming to actual grips with the enemy forces. Others performed brilliantly in administrative capacities. None could have succeeded without the combined efforts of all. Our success was due to teamwork and cooperation. All honor goes to that team and the members thereof. To the team came the victory.

During this war I have received decorations and promotion--honors that you, through your heroic efforts have won for me. My proudest boast, however, will always be that I have had the honor of commanding you in combat. I desire nothing better than that you continue your mighty victories over our remaining enemies and carry the spirit of the gracious conqueror back to other walks of life.

If I am privileged to lead you against the Japanese barbarians, I have complete faith in the outcome and know that we will not fail our Nation in the moments of stress.

*Walter H. Walker*

WALTON H. WALKER

Lieutenant General, United States Army  
Commanding

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GENERAL ORDERS )

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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

SECTION II - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel HENRY S. BEELER, 0286503, CE, 206th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 3 March 1945 and 5 March 1945. Entered Military Service from California.

Captain JAMES F. DEATHERAGE, 025892, CE, 160th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Germany between 5 December 1944 and 28 March 1945. Entered United States Military Academy from Montana.

Captain LEO M. DUNN, 01101816, CE, 160th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Captain STANLEY H. FRANKLIN, 0483269, MC, 435th Medical Collecting Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 4 August 1944 and 24 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Captain WILLIAM E. HOLTZ, 0546422, MC, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 11 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Captain LOUIS SHERRY, 01040332, CAC (AA), 120th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 16 June 1944 and 27 April 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Captain WILBERT C. WEBB, 01171025, FA, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany between 1 November 1944 and 31 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM A. BUCKBEE, 01175658, FA, 416th Field Artillery Group, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 18 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant MARCELL PORTER, N734797, ANC, 30th Field Hospital, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Luxembourg, and Germany between 1 November 1944 and 1 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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First Lieutenant HAROLD D. HICKMAN, 01797133, CMP, 819th Military Police Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 1 August 1944 and 15 April 1945. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Master Sergeant HENRY B. CARLILE, 39152824, FA, 204th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 26 August 1944 and 19 April 1945. Entered Military Service from California.

Master Sergeant JAMES S. PETERSON, 35060754, CAC (AA), 120th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 29 June 1944 and 21 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Master Sergeant LOWELL L. PIGG, 36008979, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany between 21 July 1944 and 21 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

First Sergeant MICHAEL J. CASPER, 6557383, FA, 204th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 26 August 1944 and 19 April 1945. Entered Military Service from California.

First Sergeant GEORGE R. CHASE, 36129982, CAC (AA), 120th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 16 June 1944 and 22 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

First Sergeant FRANCIS C. NOTTINGHAM, 36008835, FA, 943rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 6 August 1944 and 1 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM R. ROBERTS, 11049820, CAC (AA), 455th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 8 July 1944 and 15 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant STANLEY M. ZABORAC, 36031005, CAC (AA), 120th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 16 June 1944 and 21 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ROY K. McNISH, 36117810, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany between 21 July 1944 and 21 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant MILTON G. PORATH, 36117927, FA, 943rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 7 August 1944 and 1 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Third Grade GLENN R. KILGORE, 36313522, MD, 30th Field Hospital, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Luxembourg, and Germany between 1 October 1944 and 1 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Third Grade ALEXANDER L. SYMONS, 20204054, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 6 August 1944 and 31 March 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Sergeant MARION H. ADAIR, 38175877, MD, 30th Field Hospital, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 28 February 1945 and 1 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Arkansas.

Sergeant JOEL M. BRADBURY, 34194393, MD, 436th Medical Collecting Company (Separate), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 1 August 1944 and 31 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Sergeant WILLIE M. GILLEN, 38428508, CE, 206th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 23 February 1945 and 24 February 1945. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Sergeant ARTHUR P. LUCHESNE, 32225465, CE, 135th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 15 August 1944 and 1 October 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade LESTER M. BARBOUR, 32264875, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany between 1 August 1944 and 15 April 1945. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade BASIL E. BREWSTER, 35729637, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany between 21 July 1944 and 21 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade RICHARD A. CADORE, 34785469, CE, 160th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Luxembourg, and Germany between 11 August 1944 and 15 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Florida.

Technician Fourth Grade LEROY H. FOEXSTER, 16134307, MD, 30th Field Hospital, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against



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the enemy in France and Germany between 18 September 1944 and 27 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade EARL C. FURRY, 36303268, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany between 21 July 1944 and 21 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade ELTON G. GREEN, 35764282, FA, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany between 1 September 1944 and 31 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade WAYNE B. MANSON, 39912861, CAC (AA), 120th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 16 June 1944 and 22 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Nevada.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMIE W. MCROW, 38255077, MD, 30th Field Hospital, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Luxembourg, and Germany between 1 November 1944 and 1 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Corporal FARRAR M. AUBERTIN, 35359816, CWS, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Corporal VICTOR B. BERNADINO, 12095227, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 19 February 1945 and 17 March 1945. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Corporal PETER CAPACHO, 36563159, CWS, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Corporal JOSEPH C. KRUGER, JR., 37501109, CWS, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Corporal JOSEPH A. LAMERE, 17155525, CE, 993rd Engineer Treadway Bridge Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 24 February 1945 and 27 February 1945. Entered Military Service from Minnesota.

Corporal HENRY M. STEHL, 36527830, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 19 February 1945 and 17 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES J. CROSS, 32602170, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy

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in France and Germany between 6 August 1944 and 8 May 1945. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade WALTER GOLDA, 33297705, MD, 30th Field Hospital, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Luxembourg, and Germany between 22 September 1944 and 4 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES T. IRBY, 34587257, FA, 943rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 18 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade OTTO M. LEDRICH, 12010985, FA, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Germany between 1 January 1945 and 15 April 1945. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade JESSE B. McKINLEY, 35720406, FA, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luxembourg and Germany between 28 January 1945 and 13 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

Private First Class EULS E. ABBOTT, 34427671, CWS, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

Private First Class JAMES B. ASKEW, 34444311, CWS, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Georgia.

Private First Class MELVILLE C. McDERMOTT, 34800588, CWS, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

Private First Class H. A. MENDENHALL, 39135101, MD, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany between 21 October 1944 and 21 March 1945. Entered Military Service from California.

Private First Class CHARLES G. STANTON, 37449027, MD, 436th Medical Collecting Company (Separate), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 1 August 1944 and 31 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

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II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ALFRED L. MAES, 36243565, CWS, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 13 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Wisconsin.

By command of Lieutenant General WALKER:

W. A. COLLIER

Brigadier General, General Staff Corps  
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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

SECTION II - Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major WILLIAM W. ROGERS, JR., 0313990, CAC (AA), 217th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Belgium between 28 December 1944 and 26 January 1945. Entered Military Service from Mississippi.

Captain ROBERT E. BENNETT, 01166666, FA, 204th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 27 August 1944 and 16 December 1944. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Captain JAMES M. DEASON, 01110452, GE, 206th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 1 March 1945 and 29 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

~~Captain (1st Lieutenant) KENNETH M. FRANKLY, 01173953, FA, 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France between 6 June 1944 and 12 June 1944. Entered Military Service from New York.~~

Captain JAMES M. CLOER, 0448342, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 20 August 1944 and 3 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Kentucky.

Captain WILLIAM H. KUCK, 01000253, AGD, 39th Machine Records Unit (Mobile), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 1 August 1944 and 1 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Captain ARTHUR R. RAILTON, 01044345, CAC (AA), 112th Antiaircraft Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria between 1 August 1944 and 8 May 1945. Entered Military Service from New Hampshire.

Captain KENNETH H. ROLICK, 0346183, DG, 5th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 20 July 1944 and 5 May 1945. Entered Military Service from California.

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\* Captain (then First Lieutenant) NATHANIEL B. SMITH, 0391480, FA, 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in France on 17 June 1944. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Captain WILLIAM A. WELLS, 0325359, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany between 21 July 1944 and 1 May 1945. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

Captain WILLIAM M. WOOD, JR., 0454585, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany between 7 January 1945 and 1 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Maryland.

First Lieutenant IRA D. BECK, 01183468, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 28 April 1945 and 29 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant RAY C. CONRAD, 01175909, FA, 943rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 7 August 1944 and 15 April 1945. Entered Military Service from California.

First Lieutenant KENNETH W. CORRIDAN, 01181210, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 18 August 1944 and 31 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant HOWARD W. ELLIS, 01174837, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 20 August 1944 and 24 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Florida.

First Lieutenant EMMETT F. GOODMAN, 01168248, FA, XX Corps Artillery (then 284th Field Artillery Battalion), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 28 September 1944 and 31 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Alabama.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH G. KOWALCZUK, 0531891, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 26 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Louisiana.

First Lieutenant EARL C. MCGUIRE, 0521993, CAV, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 14 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Vermont.

First Lieutenant ROBERT R. NELSON, JR., 0520244, CAV, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with



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military operations against the enemy in Germany between 26 March 1945 and 27 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant ERLAND L. REED, 01032387, CAV, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 26 March 1945 and 27 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant HAROLD M. REUM, 01031124, CAV, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Wyoming.

C First Lieutenant MICHAEL L. FANEY JR., 02055171, FA, 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, England and France between 2 November 1942 and 11 July 1944. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant ANDREW W. SCOTTAG, 01184466, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 18 August 1944 and 31 March 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Chief Warrant Officer HARRY J. GOODMAN, W2124552, AUS, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 18 August 1944 and 1 May 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Master Sergeant JOHN E. READY, JR., 31256640, CAC (AA), 112th Antiaircraft Artillery Group, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Luxembourg, Germany and Austria between 1 August 1944 and 8 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Master Sergeant JOHN W. RAINKE, 32390164, FA, 5th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 20 July 1944 and 4 May 1945. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.

First Sergeant JAMES R. CHILRO, 18000133, CAV, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 26 March 1945 and 27 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

First Sergeant HORCE E. GARNER, 6244444, CAV, 19th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 31 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant BELA Z. FONYO, 32250451, FA, 662nd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 20 March 1945 and 6 May 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant OSCAR L. BRATE, 38050099, CAV, 19th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 29 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) LEO C. DOWNEY, 36676362, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 28 February 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR D. HORNHOFF, 16072631, CAV, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 14 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant J. R. GALLEY, 37141428, CAV, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 15 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE J. GUTIERREZ, 20262288, FA, 662nd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 20 March 1945 and 6 May 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Staff Sergeant EUGENE T. McCREADY, 20214004, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 18 August 1944 and 1 May 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Staff Sergeant FRANK E. MCCOY, 36225407, FA, 943rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 7 August 1944 and 24 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant JAMES L. ROMANO, 20912751, FA, 204th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 26 August 1944 and 7 May 1945. Entered Military Service from California.

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 Sergeant CLYDE L. JOHNSON, 39175109, FA, 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Tunisia, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany between 17 March 1943 and 17 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Washington.

Sergeant KENNETH F. MATLOCK, 36676563, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 20 August 1944 and 1 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.



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Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT P. BUCHANAN, 34524425, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany between 1 August 1944 and 5 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Tennessee.

Technician Fourth Grade LAYNARD F. LOMBARD, 31180295, MD, 30th Field Hospital, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 22 September 1944 and 1 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade MICHAEL A. PARRELL, 33459788, CE, 664th Engineer Topographic Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Germany and Austria between 1 March 1945 and 8 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade CAS W. PRESSMER, 35096471, FA, 736th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Luxembourg and Germany between 1 November 1944 and 15 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

Corporal BERNARD R. BRIEEL, 37343586, FA, 736th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Luxembourg and Germany between 1 November 1944 and 30 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

Corporal HORTON B. DAVIS, 17014995, FA, 662nd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 20 March 1945 and 10 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

Corporal DONALD L. DAVES, 33513216, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 1 September 1944 and 1 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal JOSEPH F. KRILL, 30008731, FA, 943rd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 7 August 1944 and 23 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Corporal JOHN L. SULLIVAN, 31215711, FA, 204th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 26 August 1944 and 7 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade ANTONIO GONZALES, 38562665, CAV, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 March 1945. Entered Military Service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) HERMAN JOCHIM, 42075819, FA, 662nd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection

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with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 20 March 1945 and 7 May 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade ANTHONY IULKA, 31281692, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France and Germany between 14 August 1944 and 1 May 1945. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade CLIN STONE, 31214041, FA, 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Tunisia, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany between 17 March 1943 and 20 November 1944. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade MORRIS UDELL, 35592204, MD, 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in France, Belgium and Germany between 16 June 1944 and 30 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade JACK ZUCKERMAN, 32687666, CAV, 16th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 26 March 1945 and 27 March 1945. Entered Military Service from New York.

Private First Class ROBERT E. HIGGINS, 31015653, MD, 662nd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 15 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel CHARLES A. PYLE, 012281, FA, 204th Field Artillery Group (Motorized), for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany between 7 April 1945 and 18 April 1945. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

By command of Major General CRAIG:

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- SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.
- SECTION II - Award of Soldier's Medal.
- SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain ANTONIO V. REYES, 0422493, FA, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in Germany on 1 May 1945. Near MALGENSDORF, an armored force was attacked by heavy enemy artillery and anti-tank fire. Proceeding to the scene of the engagement with supporting artillery units, Captain REYES remained in an exposed position to direct his unarmored vehicles over the safest route through the bombardment. When a German soldier armed with rockets fired upon a tank, Captain REYES shot and killed him with his rifle and saved the column from further attack. By fearless leadership and determination, Captain REYES brought his unit safely to positions from which effective fire missions were delivered in support of advancing armor. His brave actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from Texas.

First Lieutenant HARVEY L. OSBORNE, 01184277, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in Germany on 24 February 1945. While advancing with an infantry force, Lieutenant OSBORNE, a forward observer, noticed that his radio operator was missing. Instructing his party to continue the march, he retraced his steps in search of the missing man. Suddenly he saw the soldier lying seriously wounded under heavy enemy shell-fire. With great daring, Lieutenant OSBORNE ran through the intense barrage and had almost reached the casualty's side when he was struck by bursting shrapnel and rendered unconscious. Lieutenant OSBORNE's fearlessness, determination and loyal devotion to the welfare of his men above his own uphold the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

*Scott* Second Lieutenant JOHN R. JACKSON, JR., 0887367, FA, 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in Germany on 13 September 1944. Serving as a forward observer, Lieutenant JACKSON accompanied a task force in an assault on the SIEGFELDF LINE fortifications near BRAND. When the advancing troops were pinned down by severe enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire and artillery support was requested, he left cover and moved over shell-swept terrain to a position from which effective fire could be observed. Contacting his gun batteries, he adjusted barrages upon the ice which crushed their resistance and successfully breached the formidable defense line. Lieutenant JACKSON's daring and aggressive determination inspired all who served with him and upheld the highest standards of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from New York.

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Technician Third Grade JOHN B. SUMMERS, 36743495, MD, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in Germany between 26 February 1945 and 27 February 1945. While delivering fire missions in support of infantry operations along the SAAR RIVER, Technician SUMMERS' battalion was subjected to strong enemy counter-battery bombardment and sustained several casualties. Leaving cover, Technician SUMMERS volunteered to lead aid squads to assist the wounded. On the following day, he moved fearlessly through heavy shelling to battery positions, administered first aid to the stricken men and directed their evacuation. During the action, Technician SUMMERS was seriously wounded but refused to be treated until his comrades received attention. His outstanding courage and steadfast devotion to the welfare of others uphold the finest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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 Sergeant (then Private First Class) OTTO G. HULTGREN, 16084418, FA, 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in France on 7 June 1944. During a coordinated armored and infantry attack on POINT DU HOC, Sergeant HULTGREN, a radio operator, accompanied his forward observer to the top of a church tower and, under continuous enemy shelling, maintained contact by radio with his battalion, enabling the officer to adjust artillery fire upon German installations. Sergeant HULTGREN remained at his post throughout the night and the following morning. His fearless and determined actions aided greatly in the direction of heavy supporting artillery bombardments upon the objective and brought high credit upon himself and the Armed Service of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade BERNARD F. MELODY, 36676235, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in Germany between 23 February 1945 and 27 February 1945. Technician MELODY served with a liaison team which supported the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion in an attack on enemy positions near OBER-ZERF. As soon as the infantry reached their objective, they were surrounded by a strong enemy force. Leaving cover, Technician MELODY advanced with his comrades to the front lines and, serving as a rifleman, helped to repulse a fanatical German assault. When the troops were forced to withdraw, he calmly and courageously rallied his men and supervised their occupation of defense positions. His gallant leadership and bravery under fire inspired all with whom he served and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

Corporal MARCLO R. ROBINSON, 37414212, FA, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action in Germany between 23 February 1945 and 28 February 1945. Corporal ROBINSON, serving with a forward observation party, accompanied the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion in an attack on a vital objective near OBER-ZERF. When the infantry had occupied the position, they were counter-attacked by a strong hostile force. Fearlessly Corporal ROBINSON advanced under heavy fire to the front lines and fought as a rifleman, helping to repulse fanatical assaults. His courage and daring throughout the action inspired those who served with him and contributed greatly to the success of the mission. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

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Technical Sergeant EDUARD F. KROMBEL, 11065060, CAC (AA), 217th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 16 April 1945. When a span of a partially destroyed bridge collapsed during construction operations and several men were pinned beneath debris, Sergeant KROMBEL crawled fearlessly beneath the crumbling ruins to extricate the trapped and injured soldiers. Although the remainder of the structure threatened to fall at any moment, he labored at his tasks until all the casualties had been removed and administered first aid. Sergeant KROMBEL's courageous disregard for his own safety and devotion to the welfare of others helped to save many lives and brought high credit upon himself and the Army. Entered Military Service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant JOHN P. EBERHARDT, 16042817, CAC (AA), 217th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 16 April 1945. When a span of a partially demolished bridge collapsed while undergoing repairs and several men were pinned beneath falling debris, Sergeant EBERHARDT, disregarding the danger, went to the aid of the trapped soldiers. Working under the intact portion of the structure which threatened to crumble at any moment, he helped to extricate the casualties and to administer them first aid. By his fearless and aggressive action, he was instrumental in saving many lives and brought distinct credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant ANTHONY G. MAFFEC, 31003291, CAC (AA), 217th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Germany on 16 April 1945. While undergoing repairs, a span of a partially demolished bridge collapsed and buried several men beneath falling debris. Rushing to the aid of the trapped men, Sergeant MAFFEC plunged into the icy water of the stream and formed a section of a human chain. He held an improvised gangway over his head while stretcher bearers moved over it to evacuate the casualties. Sergeant MAFFEC's high courage and devotion to the welfare of others helped to save many lives and brought great credit upon himself and the Military Forces of the United States. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain ROGER A. YOUNG, 0340447, FA, XX Corps Artillery, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 7 April 1945. Captain YOUNG was driving with vital information to his unit's fire direction center, when he was suddenly ambushed by a strong enemy force. Heavy small-arms fire riddled his vehicle, punctured a tire and pierced the gasoline tank. When the fuel was exhausted, Captain YOUNG and his driver abandoned the car and took cover in a roadside ditch. Then, ordering his companion to remain hidden, he crawled to the vehicle, recovered valuable maps and papers and escaped to safety. By his courageous action, Captain YOUNG saved important documents from falling into the hands of the enemy. His bravery and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army. Entered Military Service from New York.

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First Lieutenant WILLIAM R. BRYANT, 01031389, CAV, 19th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 27 March 1945. Lieutenant BRYANT led a three-man patrol across the RHINE RIVER to reconnoiter enemy territory. Arriving on the hostile shore in darkness, he and his men crept past German sentries and established an observation post from which all movements could be observed. After procuring vital information, Lieutenant BRYANT conducted his party safely back across the river. His courageous acts contributed greatly to the success of a subsequent crossing operation and brought high credit upon himself and the Army. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD R. RCDWELL, 31240469, CAV, 19th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on 31 March 1945. Sergeant RCDWELL was advancing at the head of a mounted reconnaissance platoon in an attack on WEHRELM when the force was subjected to heavy enemy fire and several casualties resulted. When a medical aid man was wounded, Sergeant RCDWELL helped to place the stricken man in an ambulance and to evacuate him. He then went to the aid of another casualty, lifted him to the cowl of an armored car and rode with him through the fire to safety. Sergeant RCDWELL's courage and concern for the welfare of others are compatible with the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered Military Service from Massachusetts.

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