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the forward aid station those who were wounded. This action decreased the fatalities by making possible prompt first aid treatment. Captain YATES, by his calm attitude and by voluntarily engaging in this dangerous work, did much to raise the morale of those with him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Genovieve L. Yates, (Wife), Huntington, Tenn.

Private First Class VINCENT W. YATES, (37373609), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 17 December 1944. Private YATES, an automatic rifleman, bravely moved to the left flank of his platoon, with disregard for his own safety, to eliminate enemy fire from that sector. By this action he greatly aided the advance of his platoon to the completion of their mission. Private YATES' cool courage and determination under fire were exemplary. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mildred K. Yates, (Wife), 1602 North River, Independence, Mo.

Private EDWIN A. YOWELL, (33156778), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P. I., from 12 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. E. A. Yowell, (Mother), Reva, Va.

Private First Class WALTER D. ZBIJUT, (33175903), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 21 December 1944, near Libugao, Private ZBIJUT was an aid man. Noticing that a machine gunner at the extreme front had been wounded, he advanced directly into the crossfire of two enemy machine guns to a point where enemy riflemen were clearly visible, administered first aid, and helped evacuate the casualty. Later in the action he noticed that several men had been wounded. Without waiting for the extremely heavy machine gun fire to be knocked out he at once went to the aid of the wounded and when it proved impossible to evacuate them immediately administered first aid and remained near them until help arrived, even though he was in the direct line of enemy fire. During the course of the entire action, which lasted some three hours, Private ZBIJUT continued to render all possible aid to the wounded, disregarding his personal safety. His courageous actions and medical skill were undoubtedly instrumental in saving several lives, reflected great credit upon himself, and proved a source of inspiration to the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Zbijut, (Mother), 15 Farrell St., Plainville, Pa.

By command of Major General PRUCE:

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #77, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
27 January 1945BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 68, Headquarters Central Pacific Area, 4 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

✓ Sergeant CARMEN APPOLITO, (32233445), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P.I. On 13 December 1944, before daybreak, Sergeant APPOLITO volunteered for duty as litter bearer at the Division Clearing Station. While carrying a patient from the operating tent to the post-operating tent he and the wounded soldier were subjected to enemy machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his own safety Sergeant APPOLITO remained with the wounded soldier, who was unable to walk, and helped him reach a place of comparative safety from enemy fire. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Virginia Appolito, (Mother), 98 Main Street, Springfield, N.J.

✓ First Lieutenant KENNETH H. BOUSH, (01302108), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 December 1944, at Ipil, Island of Leyte, P.I. Immediately following an enemy artillery concentration in which five members of his platoon were killed, eleven wounded, and three mortars destroyed, Lieutenant BOUSH successfully reorganized his platoon within a few minutes, and placed mortar fire on an enemy strong point. His prompt action materially aided in the neutralization of the strong point. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jean M. Boush, (Wife), 4403 Center Avenue, Penn Apts., 16-C, Pittsburgh, Pa.

✓ Staff Sergeant ANGELO C. CIMAGLIA, (32232293), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 2 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lucy Cimaglia, (Mother), 188 Richardson Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

✓ Sergeant ROBERT CUMMING, (32255894), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagoh, Leyte, P.I., 26 December 1944. At about 1800, while under Japanese artillery fire from a nearby ridge, Sergeant CUMMING, as Chief of Section of a 105mm howitzer section, unhesitatingly rushed from his foxhole and assembled his section in preparation for direct fire on the enemy gun. Sergeant CUMMING's courageous action and able leadership aided greatly in the quick silencing of the enemy's weapon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Robert Cumming, (Wife), Rochester, N.Y.

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✓ Private First Class JOHN Q. FLINT, (32264884), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private FLINT was a member of an artillery observer's party, fifteen-hundred yards north of the city of Ormoc. He had the duty of maintaining communications and protecting the artillery radio during combat. Although exposed to heavy and constant small arms fire, Private FLINT, without hesitation, exposed himself to enemy fire for long periods of time in order to repair telephone wire and relay commands. When notified that two members of the observer's party had been wounded, he, at great personal risk, ran to their aid. Although they lay in a dangerous position, subject to persistent sniper fire which had caused eleven casualties during that day, he helped evacuate the wounded to the aid station. Private FLINT displayed a tireless, willing, courageous spirit, which reflected credit upon himself and the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Susanna Q. Flint, (Mother), American College, Madura, South India.

✓ First Lieutenant EDWARD J. FOLEY, (01109293), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., from 19 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. John Foley, (Mother), 497 White Plains Road, Tuckahoe, N.Y.

✓ Sergeant WILLIAM H. GILLESPIE, (33177104), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lallie Gillespie, (Mother), 1011 Mullbora Terrace, Philadelphia, Pa.

✓ Sergeant MELVIN H. HEGBOM, (36755874), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 23 December 1944. When his Battalion's advance was halted with heavy casualties caused by intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire, Sergeant HEGBOM went forward, under the heavy fire, to render first aid and to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. He aided the litter bearers and guided them to covered evacuation routes. Several times Sergeant HEGBOM moved to within thirty yards of the enemy lines, yet, in spite of the extreme danger, he successfully completed his work. His calm and cool leadership in this action and his timely and heroic service, were a source of inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Bernadine Hegbom, (Wife), 6105 North Claremont Avenue, Chicago, 45, Ill.

✓ Private First Class VINCENT MARKLE, (33176513), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private MARKLE, a rifleman, volunteered as a member of a reconnaissance patrol to cross three-hundred yards of open ground to reconnoiter an enemy position which had stopped the advance of his Combat Team. He moved, under heavy enemy fire, to within a few yards of the Japanese and obtained valuable information that aided materially in the advance of the Combat Team. Upon his return to friendly lines, he was instrumental in destroying an enemy artillery piece and killing six of the enemy. Private MARKLE's heroic actions were an inspiration to his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Markle, (Mother), 143 South Vine Street, Shamokin, Pa.

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✓ Sergeant ALFRED T. NIX, (33169067), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Alfred I. Nix, (Mother), 843 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

✓ Private First Class JOHN J. PALO, (31102714), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Nagtahan, Leyte, P.I. Private PALO demonstrated outstanding courage as a member of a five-man wire team. The team operated under the cover of darkness beyond the outer defense occupied by friendly troops, and was subject to discovery by enemy patrols. In spite of the fact that they were fired upon by Japanese riflemen, the wire team completed its mission and established wire communication. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Catherine Palo, (Mother), 473 Putnam Street, Bridgeport, Conn.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade FRANCIS J. J. RAUBER, (32255722), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 12 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Otto C. Rauber, (Brother), RD #3, Dansville, N.Y.

✓ Second Lieutenant ROBERT E. REBOULET, (01693159), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 15 December 1944. Lieutenant REBOULET, in an attack against an extremely well organized and fortified enemy position, ably reorganized his platoon. This was accomplished under intense enemy fire. In spite of the reduction of ranks, he was able to lead and maneuver his platoon in overcoming the opposition. His superb display of leadership, inspiring courage, and determined daring, were in large measure responsible for the successful attack of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Raymond Reboulet, (Father), 898 Bay Street, Rochester, N.Y.

✓ Private First Class CHRIST A. RESSLER, (37576305), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 28 November to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Monica Ressler, (Mother), Post Office Box 4, Mandan, N.D.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade ALFRED A. SAMARTINO, (32596606), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Alma Samartino, (Mother), 219 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pa.

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✓ Private JAMES A. SOLARI, (37617710), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 10 December 1944, during the attack on Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., the assault companies came under intense machine gun and rifle fire at the edge of the city. To obtain a field of fire on an enemy machine gun, an anti-tank squad went into action in front of the lines. When the squad leader was wounded, Private SOLARI, under heavy fire, and without regard for his own safety, administered first aid. Then with the help of another man of the squad he carried the casualty to the rear. Immediately afterwards, he returned to his gun and continued to fire on the enemy until resistance was overcome and the companies were able to advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Solari, (Mother), 5082 Ruskin, St. Louis, Mo.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel JOHN J. TOLSON, III, (020826), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 December to 7 December 1944, on Leyte, P.I.

✓ Private First Class IRA B. VONADA, (33175922), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the night of 21 December 1944, in vicinity of the road junction at Libungao, Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Edwin Vonada, (Father), RFD #2, Howard, Pa.

✓ Sergeant HARRY D. WRIGHT, (32225740), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 12 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ruth C. Wright, (wife), Halesite, L.I., N.Y.

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 28 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 68, Headquarters Central Pacific Area, 4 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class RICHARD P. CLARK, (33166742), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 19 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. William Clark, (Father), 196 Clark Avenue, Jeanette, Pa.

Private FRANK DADDIO, (32261300), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 12 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Clara Daddio, (Wife), 39 Hart Street, Sayreville, N.J.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. FERGUSON, (17156558), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Private FERGUSON, a scout, saw that the third platoon of his company was under deadly and accurate enemy small arms fire coming from well dug in positions. With disregard for his own safety, he advanced to a position where he could observe the enemy fire upon them, and direct the fire of the other members of his squad. Private FERGUSON's action, quick thinking, and bravery, were greatly responsible for the evacuation of wounded members of the third platoon, and instrumental in the successful flanking movement of the second platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Eleanor Ferguson, (Mother), 1583 1/2 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Private ARTHUR FISHER, (32975638), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. On the afternoon of 13 December, Private FISHER, during an enemy attack, went out beyond the front lines to evacuate a man who was critically wounded. In spite of heavy fire from enemy automatic weapons and well-concealed snipers, he performed his duty, getting the wounded man back and administering plasma on the way. Private FISHER's bravery and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men of his section. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Shirley Fisher, (Wife), 17 East 7th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private STEPHEN J. GALLAGHER, (32261140), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 12 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary J. Gallagher, (Mother), 99 Reigleman Street, Staten Island, N.Y.

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Technician Fifth Grade DONALD H. GEHRIS, (33164779), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 15 December 1944, while repairing a bridge across the Antial River, on the outskirts of Ormoc, the platoon of which Technician GEHRIS was a member was subjected to continuous and heavy small arms fire from enemy strong points near the opposite bank. With disregard for his own safety, Technician GEHRIS continued his work on the bridge until its completion, enabling supplies to reach the front and casualties to be evacuated. Technician GEHRIS' courageous actions reflected great credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Maud M. Gehris, (Mother), 313 Chestnut Street, Sayre, Pa.

Private First Class RANDOLPH C. HINKLE, (33157735), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 22 December 1944. Private HINKLE was a 60mm mortar gunner. Without regard for his personal safety, and upon his own initiative, he exposed himself to small arms and artillery fire and set up his mortar in a position well forward of the front lines to return the fire of an enemy mountain gun which was hindering the advance of his company. The accuracy of his fire silenced the enemy weapon and dispersed its crew, and enabled his company to continue its advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. William J. Hinkle, (Father), West Graham, Va.

Private SOPOLD J. LIPKA, (10204580), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private LIPKA served as wireman with the Field Artillery Liaison Party attached to an Infantry Battalion. While the Battalion was engaged in a heavy fire fight with the enemy, a break occurred in the artillery telephone line, thus preventing support by the artillery. Private LIPKA promptly volunteered to locate and repair the break, although he knew the open field he would have to cross was covered by enemy rifle and mortar fire. He quickly located the break, despite the fire directed at him, and repaired the line. His actions were of great aid in knocking out the enemy positions. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Martha Lipka, (Mother), 521 Central Street, Endicott, N.Y.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN LYONS, (32231811), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Naghalen, Leyte, P.I., on 20 December 1944. Technician LYONS, as a member of a wire team of seven men, helped to repair telephone circuits to Division Headquarters and to the Second Battalion, 33rd Regiment at night, beyond the limits of friendly outer defenses, and in territory patrolled by groups of the enemy. In spite of enemy fire, the team established communications, making possible the use of vitally needed artillery support fire. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. J. Dempsey, (Wife), 517 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Private First Class JAY D. McCLUNE, (33491773), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 10 December and 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Stella McClune, (Mother), 818 East Marion Street, Lancaster, Pa.

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL J. MCGILL, (32274938), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944, as Section Sergeant of a Machine Gun Section, Company I. By heroic action, and without regard for his personal safety, he led his section under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire into a tactical location that enabled them to destroy an enemy machine gun position, thereby making possible the evacuation of his wounded comrades. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Theresa McGill, (Mother), 74 Jasper Street, Paterson, N.J.

Technician Fourth Grade AUGUSTINE MAZZONE, (32232781), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Adeline Brunt, (Sister), 3 Rockledge Avenue, White Plains, N.Y.

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY J. OPALACH, (31103355), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 19 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Henry O. Opalach, (wife), 22 Cottage Street, Manchester, Conn.

Captain LEONARD D. ROSENMAN, (0435248), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Helen Rosenman, (Wife), 9062 Shoreham Drive, Hollywood, Calif.

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD C. STANTON, (31103252), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Technician STANTON, a surveyor in an Anti-Tank Company, volunteered to serve as litter bearer when he learned that the rifle companies supported by his company were stopped, with heavy casualties, by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The rifle companies could not evacuate their own men as it was necessary to keep every available rifleman on the line. With total disregard for his own safety, Technician STANTON went forward under this heavy fire from the enemy and helped evacuate the wounded. While in performance of this work he was subjected to constant sniper fire directed from tree tops, and other concealed positions to his flanks and rear. By his heroic service, he greatly inspired the men with him and aided in saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Amy Stanton, (Mother), 42 Moss Street, Westerly, R.I.

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Corporal FRANK A. J. STRANNE, (32455247), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Capt. Charles Stranne, (Father), Allmannavaegen, 46 B, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Private First Class FRANK G. TROSKO, (32261236), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944, Private TROSKO, upon seeing two automatic riflemen leave the line and go forward in pursuit of several fleeing enemy, advanced to support them. This action was undertaken under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire. The two automatic riflemen became casualties. Private TROSKO, disregarding his own safety, continued to move forward, killed five of the enemy, and advanced to a point where he could cover the evacuation of the wounded men. This action was an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and upon the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Trosko, (Mother), 7 George Street, Milltown, N.J.

Staff Sergeant BERNICE W. VEST, (33210087), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 28 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Virginia Vest, (Wife), Route #4, Floyd, Va.

Private First Class JAMES J. WALKER, JR., (20418654), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 November 1944 to 23 December 1944, on the Island of Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. James J. Walker, Sr., (Father), Box #8, Port Mayaca, Fla.

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Sergeant EVERETT B. AUSTIN, (6906274), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I. On 17 December 1944, Sergeant AUSTIN, preparatory to moving his squad to a fortified position which they were to occupy, was loading ammunition on his squad truck. At this time, the bivouac area was subjected to intense enemy shelling, eight men being wounded. Realizing the urgency of occupying the fortified position without delay, Sergeant AUSTIN moved his squad to a place of safety and, disregarding his own welfare, completed the loading of the ammunition. Shortly afterward, the shelling was raised one hundred yards, placing his squad once more under fire. Acting with coolness and dispatch, he immediately removed them from the area covered by the enemy fire. Sergeant AUSTIN's devotion to duty, his calmness under fire, and prompt action, were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and reflected much credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jennie Kelder, (Mother), RFD #2, Wallkill, N.Y.

Private First Class FRED W. BALDWIN, (32226100), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy north of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Private BALDWIN was a messenger. When front line troops and litter bearers came under heavy enemy fire, he volunteered to go forward and evacuate seriously wounded casualties, despite the concentration of heavy enemy fire. Private BALDWIN helped evacuate two casualties to the Battalion Aid Station to receive vital medical treatment. Private BALDWIN's actions were an inspiration to the members of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Harry Baldwin, (Father), 28 High Street, Goshen, N.Y.

Captain CHARLES W. BAUER, (0304944), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. George F. Bauer, (Father), 1509 North 29th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Private First Class ARMAND BOTELHO, (31072209), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private BOTELHO was a Browning Automatic Rifleman. His platoon was under heavy and accurate small arms fire from well dug in enemy forces. With disregard for his own safety, and having already been given orders to withdraw, he went forward into the face of enemy fire in an attempt to evacuate a squad leader, who lay wounded to his front. Not until he had reached the squad leader and found him dead, did Private BOTELHO follow the order of his platoon leader to withdraw. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Pestana, (Sister), 266 Aetna Street, Fall River, Mass.

Private First Class JOSEPH CHIVINSKI, (32232650), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944, at the junction of Highway Two and Palompon Road, Private CHIVINSKI was unloading lumber needed for the repair of a bridge. The lack of this bridge was holding up the evacuation of casualties and the forward movement of vehicles carrying rations and ammunition. While working, Private CHIVINSKI was subjected to enemy small arms and mortar fire. Disregarding his own safety, and knowing how important it was to get the bridge built, Private CHIVINSKI continued on his job despite the intense enemy fire. As a result he was wounded. Private CHIVINSKI's determination, devotion to duty, and courage displayed in the face of danger, reflect great credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the armed forces. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Chivinski, (Mother), 300 Main Street, Tuckahoe, N.Y.

Private First Class BUDDY WEYNE, (32232266), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 8 December to 19 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Miss E. Brehne, (Aunt), 280 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD FOGLIA, (32345489), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elvira Passalacqua, (Sister), 2820 Bailey Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.

Private CLYDE GEROW, (32245832), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Downes, Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Private GEROW's company attacked a strong enemy position. As the second platoon moving toward their objective, emerged from the woods into a clearing, enemy fire from the rear wounded a nearby soldier. Private GEROW, disregarding his own safety, moved across the field under enemy fire and administered first aid to his wounded comrade, who was too seriously injured to be moved. Under continued enemy fire, Private GEROW remained with the wounded man until he died several minutes later. Private GEROW's courage and loyalty were a source of inspiration to all saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Claude Gerow, (Father), R.D. #2, Corning, N.Y.

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Private ROBERT W. GILL, (12056257), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Robert W. Gill, (Wife), 112 Grand Avenue, Johnston City, N.Y.

Technician Fourth Grade BRUNO P. GURA, (33176159), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 10 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Gura, (Mother), 3610 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Private CHARLES H. HEINDORF, (32254300), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Charles H. Heindorf, (Wife), 17 Mildorf Street, Rochester, N.Y.

Technical Sergeant STEPHEN A. JANUSZEWSKI, (32261513), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. When the company of which he was a member was temporarily slowed down by fire from buildings, Sergeant JANUSZEWSKI skillfully led his platoon in a flanking movement that reduced the strong point. This enabled the remainder of the company to advance safely. While still under fire, a white phosphorus shell exploded in the midst of his platoon, wounding two men and setting their clothing afire. Directing his platoon to give covering fire, Sergeant JANUSZEWSKI, disregarding his personal safety, removed the burning clothing from the wounded men receiving serious burns to his hands while doing so. He then helped construct litters for the wounded, and directed their evacuation. Only after this had been done would he allow himself to be treated and hospitalized. His actions were an inspiration to the men of his platoon and company, and reflected credit upon himself and the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jane H. Januszewski, (Wife), South River, N.J.

Private First Class HOWARD L. JONES, (12061351), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy north of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 16 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. John McCrudden, (Sister), 126 Stanley Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y.

Private First Class BENJAMIN R. NIGRO, (32274951), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Johanna Nigro, (Mother), Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, N.J.

Sergeant HENRY G. PANZER, (12192100), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 15 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Muriel G. Panzer, (Wife), 21 Alter Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y.

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Technician Fourth Grade HENRY P. PEDDICORD, (35451182), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 25 December 1944. His Battalion occupied a position in the town of Dipi on the late afternoon of that day. Shortly after occupation, before adequate personal protection could be dug, an estimated two Japanese field pieces adjusted on the town. With the enemy artillery falling in and about his organization's position, Sergeant PEDDICORD took an exposed post, and plotted and measured the data necessary to fire on the enemy. Before the guns could be silenced, about fifty rounds of shell landed in the town. Sergeant PEDDICORD's prompt and accurate work in the face of this fire, and disregarding his own safety, materially aided in the rapid destruction of the enemy guns. His courage and coolness undoubtedly prevented many casualties. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Alma B. Peddicord, (Wife), 705 Dalton Avenue, Covington, Ky.

Private First Class MORRIS A. QUINN, (31098763), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 2 December to 18 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Fred Quinn, (Brother), Route #1, Levant, Maine.

Sergeant CHESTER RUTKOWSKI, (33174853), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 19 December 1944, on Highway Two, two miles north of Valencia. Sergeant RUTKOWSKI, along with members of his squad, advanced ahead of the front lines, under constant enemy fire, to investigate an area which was believed to be laid with mines. Sergeant RUTKOWSKI, despite the danger from the rifle fire directed at him, immediately investigated every possible place for mines and dispatched a negative report to the Battalion Commander. This allowed the Battalion to move forward. His heroism and actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the best traditions of the service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Josephine Rutkowski, (Mother), 1109 Olga Street, Dickson City, Pa.

Technician Fifth Grade ANTHONY D. SANDARCIERO, (32232741), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 28 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Sandarciero, (Mother), 73 Traverse Avenue, Port Chester, N.Y.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 68, Headquarters Central Pacific Area, 4 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Corporal THOMAS J. BOVO, (32085637), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., on 10 December 1944. When the infantry with which his forward observer party was operating was stopped for nearly three hours by heavy enemy fire, in the vicinity of Camp Downes, Corporal BOVO elected to go forward through a mile of country infested with the enemy. He and the rest of the party encountered considerable small arms fire, but they finally reached a hillside from which a commanding view enabled them to effectively knock out the enemy. The infantry advanced without a casualty. Corporal BOVO's deep devotion to duty, and outstanding performance in the face of great danger, provided great inspiration to those associated with him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Louise Granieri, (Sister), 165 Baltic Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private First Class GEORGE A. BROWNELL, (31111955), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Bureau and Ormoc areas, Leyte, P.I., from 2 December to 4 December 1944, and from 16 December to 18 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary A. Brownell, (Mother), 241 Brow Street, East Providence, R.I.

Technician Fourth Grade DOMINIC A. CIMINO, (32302166), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc and Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December and 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rachael Cimino, (Mother), 33 Canal Street, Baritan, N.J.

Technician Fifth Grade HERBERT J. GLASER, (32272068), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Philomena Foldvary, (Sister), 401 East 87th Street, New York, N.Y.

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Private CARL A. HAMMER, (33733625), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944, at the junction of Highway Two and Palompon Road, Private HAMMER was unloading lumber needed for the repair of a bridge. The lack of this bridge was holding up the evacuation of casualties and the forward movement of vehicles carrying rations and ammunition. While working, Private HAMMER was subjected to enemy small arms and mortar fire. Disregarding his own safety, and knowing how important it was to get the bridge built, he continued on his job despite the intense enemy fire. As a result, he was wounded. Private HAMMER's determination, devotion to duty, and courage displayed under fire, reflect great credit upon himself and uphold the high tradition of the armed forces. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lillian Dickerson, (Mother), Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD P. KRUSE, (35023525), Infantry, (Tank), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Libunga, Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. Technician KRUSE, a light tank gunner, voluntarily dismounted from his tank, which was out of action, to aid and evacuate a wounded infantryman. Under heavy enemy sniper fire, he lifted the wounded man to the deck of the tank and administered first aid, while the tank carried him to the aid station. After dark Technician KRUSE again dismounted from his tank and aided litter bearers in evacuating six more wounded men. His heroic action was an inspiration to the officers and men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Kathrine B. Kruse, (Mother), RFD 1, Diamond, Ohio.

Private First Class JAMES J. LENT, (32289576), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tambur, Leyte, P.I., on 18 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Michael Lent, (Mother), Church Street, Box 3, Caymans, N.Y.

Second Lieutenant DONALD F. MENAGH, (01173713), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I. On the night of 20 December 1944, Lieutenant MENAGH, an Artillery Forward Observer, was operating in the vicinity of Palompon Road and the Tabong River. While under enemy mortar and small arms fire, he registered in defensive fires so skillfully that they were delivered during the night, under his direction, with destructive effect on the enemy. A counter-attack of at least one enemy company was broken up. On the same afternoon, Lieutenant MENAGH, in the immediate presence of the enemy, and with complete disregard for his own safety, adjusted artillery fire on an enemy strong point from which mortar and machine gun fire threatened the entire right company of a battalion. By his courageous and skillful action Lieutenant MENAGH enabled his artillery to destroy this enemy position and assure the safety of his supported troops. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Claire Menagh, (Wife), 940 Grand Concourse, New York, N.Y.

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Private WILLIAM H. MILLER, (13120916), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ninewal C. Miller, (Mother), Glamorgan, Va.

Private First Class MILTON D. MORSE, (31060552), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Camp Downes, Leyte, P.I. On 9 December 1944, Private MORSE led a small squad of men in front of the lines over difficult, hilly, and marshy terrain, regardless of the danger, and by great effort managed to evacuate several wounded. Private MORSE advanced with complete disregard for his personal safety, although he was exposed to nearby machine gun and rifle fire. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Florence Morse, (Mother), Route 1, Box 92, Mapleton, Ne.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. ORMEROD, (12061026), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. E. K. Ormerod, (Mother), 36 Sherman Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y.

Private First Class JOSEPH V. PANZO, (33287910), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret O. Panzo, (Mother), 340 Craft Avenue, Apt. 313 G, Pittsburgh, 13, Pa.

Corporal ROGER E. PLYTER, (32254670), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 9 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Peter Plyter, (Mother), 128 Lake Avenue, Williamson, N.Y.

Private JOSEPH T. RODY, (33177207), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 12 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Frank A. Rody, (Father), 626 South 52nd Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Private First Class THOMAS M. SLYMON, (12056352), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. During a heavy engagement on 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ipil, Private SLYMON was in charge of a wire team advancing a Battalion wire line. At times during this engagement the observation post was with the front line troops, and received intense small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire. Private SLYMON, with complete disregard for his personal safety, helped complete vitally needed communications, and was instrumental in furthering the advance of his unit to successful termination of the engagement. Later in the day, with darkness approaching Private SLYMON again set out to establish wire communication with a company which had advanced far beyond its battalion. At this time, he again came under enemy rifle fire. He was not deterred from the performance of his duties, and successfully completed his mission. Private SLYMON's achievement was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Martha Slymon, (Mother), 112 Dodge Street, Corning, N.Y.

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Captain STEPHEN K. SMITH, (0413342), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tagbong, Leyte, P.I., on 19 December 1944. At approximately 1800, the *** Battalion, *** Regiment, was forced to move elements of its front lines in order to become part of an all-around defensive position for the night. An undetermined number of Japanese troops, at a distance of one-hundred and fifty to two-hundred yards to the left flank of the battalion position, were preparing to launch a counterattack. In the face of intense small arms fire, and some mortar fire, Captain SMITH, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left the battalion command post and rushed to the point of danger. He quickly organized the position and helped coordinate the fires of the automatic weapons. He continued this work until well after dark to insure the strongest defensive position possible. Captain SMITH's action was an inspiration to the officers and men of his battalion. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. R. Bruce Smith, (Aunt), 515 Union Street, Hudson, N.Y.

First Sergeant HARVEY W. STRICKLAND, (20237303), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., 21-22 July 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lillian Strickland, (Mother), 524 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, N.J.

Private CURTIS F. TURNER, (39711034), Infantry (Tank), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Libungao, Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. Private TURNER's tank received a direct hit from an enemy mortar. The mortar hit was directly over Private TURNER's hatch, and the impact was so great that his interphone control box was smashed. Flying fragments struck him and he was stunned temporarily but when asked by his car commander if he could keep going he replied in the affirmative. His tank continued in action and helped the infantry complete their mission. His spirit and aggressiveness were an inspiration to the members of his crew. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lorena Turner, (Wife), Box 116, Arlington, Cal.

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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 28 January 1945.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 68, Headquarters Central Pacific Area, 4 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Sergeant RICHARD J. BERHAUPT, (32227457), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., 4 December 1944 to 1 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Catharine B. Spaulding, (Sister), 432 Second Avenue, c/o F. L. Paulson, Albany, N.Y.

Captain DONALD W. CHEFF, (01683619), Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. During intense fighting with the enemy on the front line, troops suffered so great a number of casualties that it was impossible for litter bearers to evacuate wounded from the Battalion Aid Station because all routes to the rear had been cut off. There existed only a route across three-hundred yards of rice paddies, waist deep in water. To cross this on foot required over two hours, and, at the same time, exposed the men to enemy sniper and mortar fire which covered the area. Captain CHEFF obtained an Amphibious Tractor to cross the paddy, directed it to the Battalion Aid Station, and fearlessly accompanied it on to the front lines where men had not yet been treated. Due to his prompt action and unusual courage in undergoing hostile fire, a service was performed in about three hours which would have taken many hours otherwise. Captain CHEFF's heroic performance also was the means of saving many of the seriously wounded, since prompt medical treatment was rendered as a result. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elizabeth G. Cheff, (Wife), 104 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Pa.

Private DESMOND T. DOSS, (33158036), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dorothy Pauline Doss, (Wife), 532 Washington Park, Norfolk, Va.

Private LAVERNE L. ECKERT, (20648813), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 8 August to 20 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Fred Eckert, (Father), Apple River Resort, Wisc.

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Sergeant HAROLD G. HEYL, (32261243), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Libungao, Leyte, P.I. On 22 December 1944, Company I, * * * Regiment and a machine gun section of Company M, * * * Regiment, in support, were held up by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. The machine gun section leader, one squad leader, and three other men in the section, had been wounded by Japanese machine gun fire. Sergeant HEYL immediately took command. Without regard for his personal safety, he maneuvered the remainder of the section to terrain which afforded better concealment, reorganized, and was prepared to support the attack again. Sergeant HEYL's courage and aggressiveness under heavy enemy fire were a source of inspiration to the men of the entire unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. George Heyl, Sr., (Father), 56 N. Main Street, Milltown, N.J.

Sergeant FRANK P. KLONOSKI, (31103429), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 20 December 1944, the leading elements of Company K, * * * Regiment, were heavily engaged with the enemy. The mortar section was ordered to place mortar fire on an enemy machine gun emplacement. Sergeant KLONOSKI, a leader, executed this order quickly and efficiently, although he was subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire coming from the rear and the left flank. This fearless action greatly assisted the Company in the completion of its attack mission. Sergeant KLONOSKI's courage and devotion to duty proved an inspiration to all the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. John Klonoski, (Father), Box 64, Simsbury, Conn.

Technician Fifth Grade CREED H. LOCKHART, (35428874), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 December to 25 December 1944, on the Island of Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Genetta Lockhart, (Mother), Iaeger, W.Va.

First Sergeant EUGENE F. McLAUGHLIN, (6703360), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 21 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ruby Bosch McLaughlin, (Wife), La Junta, Colo.

Private First Class LEWIS OSTROW, (33054824), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 22 December 1944, Private OSTROW's squad encountered an enemy force of superior numbers. The enemy began a counter attack, and Private OSTROW, standing exposed to heavy enemy grenade and mortar fire, held his position and placed automatic rifle fire on the Japanese, thus greatly assisting in the reduction of the enemy force. Private OSTROW's courage, calmness, and attention to duty under intense enemy fire, on this and numerous other occasions, were an inspiration to all the men of the Company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Irene A. Ostrow, (Wife), 2036 W. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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First Sergeant ABE POLANSKY, (1922110), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On the afternoon of 21 December 1944, Company B, *** Regiment, was ordered to move from a hill just north of the Tagbong River which they had taken previously in the day. During this movement, the platoon which was acting as the covering force began to receive heavy enemy fire from a very close range. Sergeant POLANSKY, grasping the possible danger of the situation, without regard for his personal safety and ignoring the withering enemy fire, ran forward and took command of the platoon. As a result of his immediate and effective action the platoon reorganized, moved back into position, and neutralized the enemy fire, thereby making possible the movement of the remainder of the company without casualties. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Frances Polansky, (Wife), 823 47th Avenue, San Francisco, Cal.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH FULEO, (32978421), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 December to 25 December 1944, on the Island of Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Fuleo, (Wife), 316 West 27th Street, New York, N.Y.

Corporal JAMES O. RIDDLE, (33164971), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 9 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Riddle, (Mother), West Monterey, Pa.

Staff Sergeant FRANK J. SAMNIOLO, (32262975), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 30 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Samniola, (Mother), 365 Avenue West, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private First Class CHARLES C. SHIVER, (34403194), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 20 December 1944, the leading elements of Company K, *** Regiment, were heavily engaged with the enemy. The mortar squad was ordered to place mortar fire on an enemy machine gun emplacement. Private SHIVER, as first gunner, executed this order quickly and efficiently, although he was subjected to intense enemy mortar and rifle fire. This fearless action greatly assisted the company in the completion of its attack mission. Private SHIVER's courage and devotion to duty were a source of inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Frances Shiver, (Mother), Kinard, Florida.

First Sergeant JAMES A. SMITH, (20403532), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 12 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. James A. Smith, (Wife), Edison, Ga.

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Captain LEO TANN, (0500856), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Peggy C. Tann, (wife), 5344 West Altgeld, Chicago, 39, Ill.

Private First Class THOMAS M. TAYLOR, (32255817), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 8 December 1944, during an attack on enemy positions in the vicinity of the Panapolion River, Private TAYLOR, radio operator for his platoon, fearlessly advanced across an open field. He kept in communication with the Company Command Post at all times, despite heavy enemy fire from high ground in front of his platoon. At the same time, Private TAYLOR participated in the killing of about thirty-five of the enemy as his platoon drove the enemy from a ridge and occupied the position. When the Japanese laid down heavy fire from previously prepared positions in the next ridge, Private TAYLOR kept communications open and assisted in the reorganization of his platoon. His courageous action under heavy enemy fire was a source of inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. T. Taylor, (Mother), Corning, N.Y.

Private LEONIDAS E. TURNER, JR., (34883470), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I. On 15 December 1944, while repairing a bridge across the Antilao River on the outskirts of Ormoc, the platoon of which Private TURNER was a member was subjected to continuous and heavy small arms fire from enemy strong points near the opposite bank. Disregarding his own safety, Private TURNER continued his work on the bridge until it was completed, enabling supplies to reach the front and casualties to be evacuated. Private TURNER's courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Edna J. Turner, (Wife), Route #2, Knoxville, Tenn.

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AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands:

Private First Class PATRICK J. BARRETT (32274906) Infantry, wounded 5 January 1945. Home Address: Miss Anna Barrett (Sister) Green Street, Fethard, Tipperary, Ireland.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH E. BINNION (6990945) Infantry (Tank), wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Myrtle Binnion (Mother) 408 East Mulberry Street, Kokomo, Indiana.

Private First Class JOHN W. BOUTON (32370072) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Robert Bouton (Brother) Fleischmanns, Delaware County, New York.

Private First Class DAVID G. BYRD (6927429) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Sallie Lee Thomas (Mother) General Delivery, Macon, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK J. DANILEWICZ (32262436) Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Felix Daniewicz (Father) 348 College Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Private First Class ALBERT H. DAVIS (31095898) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Frank Davis (Brother) 32 Cleveland Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

Private First Class MILTON M. DEMBIN (32343774) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Pauline Dembin (Mother) 2074 Bronx Park East, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class HARVEY O. DOWNEY (39140272) Infantry, wounded 17 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Lois M. Downey (Mother) Box 875, Sonoma, California.

Private First Class VALENTINE A. DUDA (31071030) Infantry, wounded 7 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anna Duda (Mother) Groton Street, East Pepperell, Massachusetts.

Private First Class WILLIAM L. ENSLIE JR (32295290) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mr John R. Enslie Sr (Father) 375 De Graw Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Private First Class FLOYD E FRYE (39709816) Infantry, wounded 23 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs May Frye (Wife) 4205 Lincoln Avenue, Culver City, California.

Technician Fifth Grade NOBLE W FOX (35274914) Field Artillery, wounded 15 January 1945. Home Address: Mr John J Fox (Father) Route #2, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE J FRANK (32275362) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Josephine Frank (Mother) 49 South Union Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.

Private First Class JAMES O HAMILTON (15065071) Infantry, wounded 16 December 1944. Home Address: Miss Pauline Hamilton (Sister) Mt Sterling, Kentucky.

Private LAWRENCE G HAMILTON (31100735) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Sophia Hamilton (Mother) 54 A. Thompson Street, Sanford, Maine.

Private First Class NICHOLAS HARAJDA (32263092) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary Harajda (Mother) 112 Madison Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Private First Class WILLIAM J HARRYMAN (13042836) Infantry, wounded 26 December 1944. Home Address: Mr William W Harryman (Father) Charles Road, North Linthicum, Maryland.

Private First Class JOSEPH L HEWETT (34514344) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mr William H Hewett (Father) 1406 Castle Street, Wilmington, South Carolina.

Private First Class RAYMOND P HIGGINS (33054836) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Agnes M Higgins (Wife) 2211 West Ruffner Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant ALEX HOMEK (32063273) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Tally Homek (Wife) 4634 Balfour Avenue, Dallas 9, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade CLIFFORD S HUTCHISON (33166922) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Margaret Hutchison (Mother) 1832 Orchard Avenue, Arnold, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILLIAM N IACOVELLI (32592084) Infantry, wounded 8 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Margaret Iacovelli (Mother) 38 Martin Place, Passaic, New Jersey.

Private First Class DANIEL LENGE (12061446) Infantry, wounded 8 December 1944. Home Address: Mr John Lenge (Brother) 3829 Carpenter Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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Private IRA F LILLEY (20310621) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944.
Home Address: Mr Frank Lilley Sr (Father) 118 So. Main Street, Orlando,
Florida.

Second Lieutenant JOHN B LONGLEY (0-519979) Infantry, wounded 7 December
1944. Home Address: Mrs John B Longley (Wife) General Delivery, Lincoln, Texas.

Private First Class ROBERT S LUTHER (31088080) Infantry, wounded 8 December
1944. Home Address: Mrs Lilley P Luther (Mother) 99 Willis Street, New Bedford,
Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant EDWARD L MCGUIRE (0-373706) Infantry, wounded 8 January
1945. Home Address: Mr George A McGuire (Father) 315 Huntington Road, Union,
New Jersey.

Technician Third Grade DALE L MCKEE (33164593) Signal Corps, wounded 10
December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Twila McKee (Mother) 76 North 5th Avenue,
Clarion, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LEO A MIKLINSKI JR (32552359) Medical Department,
wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Sophie Miklinski (Mother)
Crittenden Road, Crittenden, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANK P NAGY (33168070) Infantry, wounded 23
December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Susan Nagy (Mother) 515 Grant Street,
Springdale, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class DONALD D OREM (35092448) Infantry, wounded 11 December
1944. Home Address: Mrs Fay V Oram (Mother) Route #1, Forest, Indiana.

Private First Class JOSEPH ORR (6880376) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944.
Home Address: Mr George Orr (Father) 120 Stuyvesant Avenue, Merrick, Long
Island, New York.

Private First Class ALFREDO ROSA (32637231) Infantry, wounded 16 December
1944. Home Address: Mrs Frances Rosa (Wife) 311 Stanhope Street, Brooklyn,
New York.

Private First Class MICHAEL R SAMBRANO (39710620) Infantry, wounded 20
December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Lillian Sambrano (Wife) 1337 S. Norwalk Blvd,
Whittier, California.

Private First Class PETER SAWKA (33827779) Medical Department, wounded 20
December 1944. Home Address: Mr Alexander Sawka, (Father) 723 Second Street,
St. Catusauqua, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant GEORGE J SORRI (32251569) Infantry, wounded 17 December 1944.
Home Address: Mrs Louisa Sorri (Mother) 263 Oliver Street, N. Tonawanda, New
York.

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Private First Class WOODROW W STAFFORD (39709713) Infantry, wounded 8 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Julia Stafford (Mother) 3148 Warwick, Los Angeles, California.

Coporal CHARLES J TUZZOLO (32246459) Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Thomas Tuzzolo (Father) 60 Passaic Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey.

Private First Class ANDREW G VENZA (32262560) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Josephine Venza (Wife) 1341 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class LINDER W WADE (34516744) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Gertrude Wade (Mother) Route 5, Union, South Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade HAILEE G WEINGUST (32260222) Medical Department, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anna Weingust (Wife) 2344 E 24th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade HUGH WEST (33167930) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anna West (Mother) 300 Grant Street, Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOHN C WILSON (34533141) Infantry, wounded 12 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Parrie H Wilson (Mother) Route #4, Jasper, Alabama.

Technical Sergeant EDDIE WOJICK (32256064) Infantry, wounded 24 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary Wojick (Mother) 619 Magnolia Street, Rochester, New York.

Captain HERMAN A WOOD (O-412077) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mildred E Wood (Wife) 385 S. Converse Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

OLIVER E. G. TRECHTER
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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 77, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
23 January 1945AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands:

Private First Class BERT N. ABERNATHY (38522692) Cavalry, wounded 26 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Chrytabell Abernathy (Wife) c/o J C Blackmail Company, Corpus Cristi, Texas.

Sergeant PAUL E. ADAMS (13056409) Corps of Military Police, wounded 11 January 1945. Home Address: Mr Henry E Adams (Father) 520 Delaware Avenue, W. Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant HENRY P. ADASZIK (13001088) Cavalry, wounded 23 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary Adaszik (Mother) 1135 W. Court Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS H. APPELEGATE (32263898) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Milton Applegate (Father) 629 3rd Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Private RAYPHARD F. BARNETT (34583226) Infantry, wounded 8 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Dewey B Barnett (Mother) Lynn, Alabama.

Captain CHARLES F. BAUER (O-304944) Infantry, wounded 19 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs George F Bauer (Mother) 1509 North 29th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class RICHARD L. BOWLING (36418599) Medical Department, wounded 24 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Cora Bowling (Mother) 51 Griggs Street, SW Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class JOHN H. BROWN, JR (34583221) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mabel C Brown (Mother) Route #2, Parrish, Alabama.

Private First Class MICHAEL CAP (33260126) Infantry, wounded 8 December 1944. Home Address: Mr John Gidick (Brother) 1105 Goldstrohm Lane, Duquesne, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant GERALD A. CUFF (32255003) Corps of Military Police, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Martin A Cuff (Mother) 33 Avon Street, Johnson City, New York.

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✓ Corporal WILLIAM O DEW (34577884) Chemical Warfare Service, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Ida H Dew (Mother) General Delivery, Lumber Bridge, North Carolina.

✓ Private First Class CHARLES S DUDOSINSKI (32570266), Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Sophie Dlugosinski (Mother) 332 Main Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade WALTER D DUNAJ (32337340) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary Dunaj (Mother) 15 North Summer Street, Adams, Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade GERARDO DUNHAM (12079206) Cavalry, wounded 23 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Harry Dunham (Father) Hobart, New York.

Sergeant CHARLES R EMERY (33052823) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Sarah Stewart (Mother) 4 Hamilton Street, Fieldsboro, New Jersey.

Sergeant WOODROW E FAGO (34396023) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Tony Fago (Father) 219 Howell Street, Florence, Alabama.

Private First Class MIKE FECISIN (32263084) Infantry, wounded 17 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Helen Fecisin (Mother) 16 Harding Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.

Private First Class PAUL E FREELAND (13069663) Medical Department, wounded 14 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Elizabeth Freeland (Mother) 238 Humbird Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

✓ Private JOHN J GACH (33257502) Medical Department, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Amelia Gach (Mother) P.O. Box 536, Barnesboro, Pennsylvania.

Private DANIEL R GAUDENTI (32567230) Medical Department, wounded 14 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Stella Gaudenti (Mother) 377 Baldwin Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class JAMES J GILL (13154306) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mr William G Gill (Father) 241 E. Biddle Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade JEROME L GREEN (31348798) Cavalry, wounded 23 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anna S Green (Mother) 42 Hull Avenue, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade EARL G HAINES (13067812) Infantry, wounded 19 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anna M Haines (Mother) 23 E. Clinton Street, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class JAMES P HOPKINS (33181533) Medical Department, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Miss Mary Hopkins (Sister) 1823 Bloom Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant WILLIAM J KEITEL (6381501) Corps of Military Police, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Annie E Keitel (Mother) RFD #4, Huntingdon, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade SAM KORNBLATT (32272666) Cavalry, wounded 10 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Lillian Kornblatt (Mother) 1510 Jessup Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM J KUBIK (32255148) Field Artillery, wounded 17 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary P Kubik (Wife) 112 Virginia Avenue, Johnson City, New York.

Private First Class J B KUYKENDALL (34583203) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Rebecca Kuykendall (Mother) Route #3, Haleyville, Alabama.

Private First Class CHARLES LANCZAK (32263602) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Ann Lanczak (Mother) 96 Kosuth Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Private First Class LAZAR LAZARIAN (32231203) Infantry, wounded 26 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Fera Lazarian (Mother) 2630 91st Street, Jackson Heights, New York.

First Lieutenant JACK B MILLER (O-519980) Cavalry, wounded 19 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Jack B Miller (Wife) San Saba, Texas.

Private First Class ALECK MISCHISEN JR (33261887) Infantry, wounded 26 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary Mischisen (Mother) Box 24, Republic, Pennsylvania.

Captain PHILIP A MONAHAN (O-265787) Field Artillery, wounded 6 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Cecelia D Monahan (Wife) 413 Louisiana Street, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Sergeant RICHARD D MCQUEEN (15059997) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Florence E Leland (Mother) 6531 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class JAMES A MURPHY JR (32295297) Medical Department, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Grace Murphy (Mother) 89 Butler Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class ROBERT C PATTERSON (37611007) Medical Department, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Lutie E Biedermann (Mother) 3849 Illinois Avenue, St Louis, Missouri.

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Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT PERRICONE (32260439) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Louis Perricone (Father) 477 46th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class CHRIST A RESSLER (37576305) Infantry, wounded 12 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Monica Ressler (Mother) Box #4, Mandan, North Dakota.

Private First Class FRANCIS W RORICK (35594776) Medical Department, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Edward J Rorick (Father) 1437 Cleveland Avenue SE, Canton, Ohio.

First Sergeant JAMES A SMITH (20403532) Infantry, wounded 25 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Ernestine K Smith (Wife) Edison, Georgia.

Private First Class JOSEPH A STEIN (37522888) Infantry, wounded 18 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Stephen L Stein (Father) 1529 Chess Street, Parsons, Kansas.

First Lieutenant HARRY F THOMPSON (O-1295795) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Martha W Thompson (Wife) 2865 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California.

Sergeant VICTOR L WATTERS (33297837) Infantry, wounded 12 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mildred J Watters (Wife) RFD #6, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Captain WILLIAM D WEBER (O-374052) Field Artillery, wounded 13 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Jeanne B Weber (Wife) 1002 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade STANLEY S ZIELINSKI (32567105) Medical Department, wounded 22 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Stephanie Zielinski (Mother) 93 Evergreen Street, Bayonne, New Jersey.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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51)HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 77 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
28 January 1945AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Private First Class ROBERT E BAUER (12090407) Infantry, wounded 7 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Beatrice Bauer (Mother) 31-59 44th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade THOMAS E BROWN (33175933) Field Artillery, wounded 13 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Mary G Brown (Mother) 3303 North Waterloo Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private GEORGE P BRUEN (36731908) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Dr John D Bruen (Brother) 1826 E. 24th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class FRANK E CIESIELSKI (36577376) Corps of Engineers, wounded 18 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary Ciesielski (Mother) 30507 Marquette, Garden City, Michigan.

Private First Class DANIEL COLEMAN (31087121) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Patrick Coleman (Brother) 23 Surrey Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant EMIL COOK (32232782) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Henrietta Cook (Mother) 839 Mile Square Road, Yonkers, New York.

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Staff Sergeant JOHN G CROPPER (33066106) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary L Cropper (Wife) 309 Chestnut Street, Delmar, Delaware.

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Corporal JOHN C GRONWALL (32251490) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Marion P Gronwall (Wife) 406 Payne Avenue, N. Tonawanda, New York.

Sergeant JOSIAH H CURTIS (37216250) Corps of Engineers, wounded 18 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Elbert Curtis (Father) 351 Myrtle, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class ROWLAND B DENTON (32262667) Infantry, wounded 25 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Alice M Denton (Wife) 26 Grove Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOHN J DORNES (36510466) Corps of Engineers, wounded 8 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary Anstett (Aunt) 666 Connors Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class ROBERT L GREENE (35514104) Corps of Engineers, wounded 8 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Irene Greene (Wife) 14324 Alder Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant WILLIAM H GUMMER JR (32232894) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Irene Gummer (Mother) 151 Villa Avenue, Yorkers, New York.

Sergeant WILLIAM F HENRY (32227326) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Anne O'Hara (Sister) 34-33 97th Street, Corona, New York.

Private First Class STANLEY P KARPINSKI (32827380) Infantry (Tank), wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Victoria Karpinski (Mother) South Country Road, East Quogue, New York.

Revoked by Hqs #52 - Jan. 29, 1945
 *Sergeant WILLIAM J KELLY (31322068) Infantry, wounded 15 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Edward C Kelly (Brother) 129 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston, Massachusetts.

Open mail by Hqs #12 - Mar 2, 1945
 *First Lieutenant STANLEY E KIRKLAND (O-542186) ~~Corps of Engineers~~ *CN CORPS*, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Stanley E Kirkland (Wife) Call, Texas.

Private MARVIN LACROIX (37477726) Corps of Engineers, wounded 25 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mandala LaCroix (Mother) Route #4, Bloomfield, Nebraska.

Revoked by Hqs #121 - Mar 2, 1945
 *First Lieutenant BERNIE LACROIX (O-110024) ~~Corps of Engineers~~, wounded 25 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Angeline LaCroix (Mother) Box #3, Lehigh, Pennsylvania.

Private WAYNE C MACGREGOR JR (39467360) Infantry, wounded 10 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Estelle Towers (Mother) 825 10th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Revoked by Hqs #52 - Jan. 29, 1945
 *Private First Class LAWRENCE B LUNDGAARD (39565519) Infantry, wounded 25 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Tillie C Lundgaard (Mother) 836 Florence Street, Clearwater, California.

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 *Private First Class HERMAN MADOLE (31379202) Infantry, wounded 27 December 1944. Home Address: Mr John Madole (Father) Route #1, Walland, Tennessee.

Sergeant HERMAN MONROE (35185355) Corps of Engineers, wounded 18 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Helen Monroe (Wife) 412 Perrin Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM O MOORE (32264022) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anna Moore (Mother) Market Street, Fort Morris, New Jersey.

Coporal NELSON MORRIS (36056925) Infantry (Tank), wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Emmett Morris (Father) R. R. #2, Pekin, Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant FREDERICK A MYERS (32225543) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Theresa Myers (Mother) Highland Avenue, Maybrook, New York.

Private First Class WILBER M NICELY (33443148) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Clara Nicely (Mother) Hematite, Virginia.

Private LEO J NIGG (36452029) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Frances Nigg (Mother) 3506 East Michigan Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Private WALTER S. NOAH (33690652) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Celestina B Noah (Wife) 1907 Funston Street, EE Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOSEPH W O'CONNOR (32231661) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary V O'Connor (Sister) 631 Parks Place, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class WILLIAM A PORTER (36068404) Infantry wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Ralph Porter (Father) RR #1, Alexis, Illinois.

Private First Class EDWARD F PUHALA (42031218) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Rose C Puhala (Mother) 10th Street, Verplanck, New York.

Technical Sergeant WAYNE N RITTS (20717236) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Laura Ritts (Mother) 1023 1/2 Omaha Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Sergeant LLOYD R RISK (36156038) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Nellie Risk (Mother) 209 Carleton Road, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Private First Class ANTHONY ROBAK (32245073) Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Stephanie Robak (Wife) 311 Elm Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Private First Class WALTER S ROJEWSKI (32261563) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Miss Josephine Rojewski (Sister) Rear of Main Street, Sayreville, New Jersey.

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~~Private First Class MORRIS M ROSEMAN (33052744) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Edith Roseman (Wife) 2544 North 31st Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.~~

Private First Class JEAN P ROY (31216923) Infantry (Tank), wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Lucille Dumas (Sister) 12 1/2 Jordan Avenue, Brunswick, Maine.

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~~Private First Class ALBERT H. GAGER (32199006) Infantry, wounded 19 December 1944. Home Address: Evelyn Grim (Sister) 352 National Avenue, Winchester, Virginia.~~

Private First Class MAX SCHREIBER (32258806) Infantry, wounded 8 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Eddie Schreiber (Brother) 1569 Vyse Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Private JOHN A. SPRINGER (33690642) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945, Home Address: Mrs Gladys Springer. (Wife) Fifth & Lee Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania

Private First Class FRANK J. TUDM (32264094) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Marie Warden (Sister) 2710 Harrison Avenue, Camden, New Jersey.

Captain THOMAS F. VALLEY (O-340634) Medical Corps, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Louise B Valley (Wife) 2231 The Plaza, Charlotte, North Carolina.

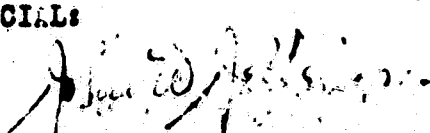
Private JAMES J. WEST (35209002) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Jacob West (Father) Nobe, West Virginia.

Private First Class EDWARD J. WILLIAMS (31341685) Corps of Engineers, wounded 18 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Leona Williams (Mother) 24 Calhoun Street, Torrington, Connecticut.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 77, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
29 January 1945SECTION I AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART
SECTION II AMENDMENTS

SECTION I

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands:

Private First Class MILTON N. AMUNDSON (3226029) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Annie Amundson (Mother) 62 Carteret Avenue, Carteret, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES G. CUPPIES JR (34194603) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Mary B Cupples (Mother) General Delivery, Savannah, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT D. JOLLEY (3673532) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Robert D Jolley (Wife) Tuscola, Illinois.

Private WALTER L. LANIER (34206059) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Sallie Lanier (Mother) R.F.D. #1, Zolfo Springs, Florida.

Sergeant MICHAEL LAZORISAK (32261471) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mr John Lazorisak (Brother) R.F.D. #2, Clifton, New Jersey.

Private First Class JAMES P. MCCONNELL (3248237) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary A McConnell (Mother) 721 8th Avenue, Balmar, New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant LASZLO L. MOLNAR (O-1105030) Corps of Engineers, wounded 12 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Elisabeth Molnar (Mother) 75 East 165th Street, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class CLARENCE L. FRICKETT (37459272) Infantry (Tank), wounded 30 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Grace Frickett (Mother) Route #2, Gering, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD J. TATRO (6115127) Field Artillery, wounded 14 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Ellen C Tatro (Wife) 12 Church Street, Taunton, Massachusetts.

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SECTION II

So much of General Orders 19 this Headquarters, dated 12 January 1945 pertaining to the awards of the Purple Heart as reads:

"Private First Class ROBERT F. STEINER (36735576) Corps of Engineers, wounded 5 January 1945."

is amended to read:

"Private First Class ROBERT F. STEINER (36735576) Corps of Engineers, wounded 26 December 1944."

So much of General Orders 51 this Headquarters, dated 28 January 1945 pertaining to the awards of the Purple Heart as reads:

"Staff Sergeant JOHN G. GROPPER (33066108) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary E. Gropper (Wife) 309 Chestnut Street, Delmar, Delaware."

Coporal JOHN C. GRONWALL (32251490) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Marjorie F. Gronwall (Wife) 406 Payne Avenue, M Tonaunda, New York."

Sergeant JOSEPH J. KELLER (31088068) Infantry, wounded 15 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Edward C. Keller (Brother) 1396 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston, Massachusetts."

Private First Class LAWRENCE B. LUNDGAARD (39565519) Infantry, wounded 25 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Tillie C. Lundgaard (Mother) 236 Florence Street, Clearwater, California."

Private First Class HERMAN MAPLES (34379202) Infantry, wounded 27 December 1944. Home Address: Mr John Maples (Father) Route #1, Galland, Tennessee."

Private First Class MORRIS M. ROSENMAN (33033744) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Edith Rosenman (Wife) 2544 North 31st Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania."

is revoked.

By command of Major General BRUE:

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 77, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

29 January 1945

SECTION I

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

SECTION II

AWARDS OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

SECTION I

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands:

Private RUSSELL L. ANDERSON (34179510) Field Artillery, wounded 5 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Leather W Anderson (Mother) Route #1, Dudley, North Carolina.

Sergeant WALTER J. ANDERSON (33175607) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Terese A M Anderson (Mother) 13 Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WHEELER W. ATCHISON (34583599) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Winnie W Atchison (Wife) Route #1, Maplesville, Alabama.

Private First Class WILBUR E. BLAIR (38089602) Infantry (Tank), wounded 22 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Eva Blair (Mother) Coe's Route, Childress, Texas.

Private First Class BERNETH C. CROOKS (3315884) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Herbert Crooks (Brother) 2416 Hull Street, Richmond, Virginia.

First Sergeant EBERT M. DEWITT (16040106) Field Artillery, wounded 11 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Stello Stevenson DeWitt (Mother) 1833 Elm Street, Murphysboro, Illinois.

Private First Class EDWARD P. DLUMESKI (33165019) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Stella Dlumieski (Mother) 113 Emerald Street, Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Private ARMAND ESPOSITO (32997389) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Giovanna Esposito (Mother) 430 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

Sergeant ALBERT L. FRIES (13049563) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Bessie Hamr (Mother) 211 South Aiken Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class SIMPLY GOLDMAN (33356417) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Ester Goldman (Mother) 322 Franklin Avenue, Sorenton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class WILLIAM R GOSSETT (36566085) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mattie Gossett (Mother) Millport, Kentucky.

Private First Class EUGENE J GRABER (26690132) Infantry, wounded 30 November 1944. Home Address: Mrs Vera Graber (Mother) 1222 West 83rd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class ARTHUR ST. HILAIRE (32225553) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Caroline St. Hilaire (mother) R.F.D. #1, Moira Franklin, New York.

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~~Captain PHILIP A MCNAHAN (O-265787) Field Artillery, wounded 6 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Cecelia D McNahan (Wife) 413 East Louisiana Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma.~~

Private First Class JAMES L MUSCIOTTO (22262694) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Geraldine A Musciotto (Wife) 54 Payne Avenue Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class THOMAS E NEEL (34280534) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Francis M Neel (Wife) 10 Ligon Avenue Nashville, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND D NEVIUS (33276557) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Caroline Nevius (Mother) 736 South Front Street, Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant MALTON A NOLAN (35276113) Infantry (Tank), wounded 27 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary M Nolan (Mother) 415 Elm Street Sidney, Ohio.

Private First Class NICHOLAS CLENK (32595515) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Eva Clenk (Mother) 280 18th Avenue Newark, New Jersey.

Private First Class CLAYTON E PHILLIPS (13016055) Corps of Engineers, wounded 15 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Fannie Phillips (Mother) Cumberland Kentucky.

Private RALPH W FLASS (16155710) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Emma Flass (Mother) 2102 North 13th Street Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Private ALFRED N TREBISACCI (31183494) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Theresa Trebisacci (Mother) 8 Marriott Avenue Westerly, Rhode Island.

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Staff Sergeant CLARENCE E. WHITE (20637814) Corps of Engineers, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Givens Piche (Mother) 109 East Hudson Avenue Royal Oak, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade FREDERICK J. WILLIAMS JR. (34110939) Field Artillery, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Flora M Williams (Mother) 1302 Broad Street Durham, North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant HARLEY A. WITT (O-1177698) Field Artillery, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anne Witt (Mother) Partridge, Kansas.

SECTION II

By direction of the President in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded as indicated after their respective names a Brass - Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General 77th Infantry Division under the provisions of AR 600-43 to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action on Leyte, Philippine Islands:

Staff Sergeant HAROLD C. WITT (36509844) Infantry, Army of the United States. Wounded 8 December 1944. Purple Heart previously awarded by the Commanding General, Headquarters 77 Infantry Division on General Orders Number 18 dated 7 September 1944. Home Address: Mrs Cora Bray (Mother) 13 South Midland Drive, Pontiac, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWIN LAFERTY (13007706) Infantry, Army of the United States. Wounded 9 December 1944. Purple Heart previously awarded by the Commanding General, Headquarters 77 Infantry Division on General Orders Number 19 dated 25 August 1944. Home Address: Mrs Sarah E Miller (Mother) 2113 Oakford Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ALBERT A. TRANQUILLO (32232507) Infantry, Army of the United States. Wounded 13 December 1944. Purple Heart previously awarded by the Commanding Officer Headquarters 75th Station Hospital, Army Post Office 235 on General Orders Number 14 dated 28 December 1944. Home Address Mrs Ann Tranquillo (Wife) 144 Murray Avenue, Yonkers, New York.

By command of Major General PRICE:

OLIVER E. G. TRECHER
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

John W. Jefferies
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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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29 January 1945

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 68, Headquarters Central Pacific Area, 4 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private **WALTER E. ALWINE**, (33149075), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December and 20 December 1944. Private **ALWINE** voluntarily and without regard for his own safety went forward repeatedly to evacuate casualties. These missions were accomplished under heavy enemy small arms fire. On 9 December as night was falling, Private **ALWINE**, with other members of his squad went forward to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier. On 20 December, he went forward through swampy, sniper-infested, terrain to evacuate a casualty to the collecting station for much needed medical treatment. Private **ALWINE's** actions throughout the entire campaign reflect the highest standards of the Medical Department. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Edward Alwine, (Father), Abbotstown, Pa.

Technician Fifth Grade **MARTIN J. ANGELINE**, (32265770), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 4 December to 18 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Angeline, (wife), 358 Driving Park Avenue, Rochester, N.Y.

Private **EARL R. DEWALD**, (13077026), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Private **DEWALD**, as a member of a Forward Observer party, helped to bring forward heavy radio equipment, across four-hundred yards of particularly marshy rice paddies, to the position of the observer. This was accomplished in spite of heavy and continuous enemy machine gun and sniper fire, which had halted the advance of friendly troops. The speed with which the equipment was brought forward enabled the forward observer to bring artillery fire quickly upon the enemy. The fortitude and great courage under fire displayed by Private **DEWALD** was an inspiration to those working with him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lydia Isabella Dewald, (Mother), 41 Margaretta Street, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

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Private First Class AUSTIN ENGLAND, (35455192), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private ENGLAND, without regard for his own safety, volunteered to go forward of his own front lines to help evacuate the wounded. Many casualties had just occurred during a heavy enemy counterattack. While the firing was still in progress, Private ENGLAND brought the wounded back in order that prompt medical treatment could be given. His prompt and courageous action was instrumental in saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Audrey England, (Mother), Route 2, Clivet, Ky.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE J. GEBHARDT, (32225459), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 12 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Susie Gebhardt, (Mother), 25 Hazelhurst Avenue, Albany, N.Y.

Private First Class ROBERT C. GEBHARDT, (32640597), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 9 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Helen Gebhardt, (Wife), 9526 - 92nd Street, Ozone Park, N.Y., N.Y.

Sergeant JAMES V. JACKSON, (33176728), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ormoc-Valencia Area, Leyte, P.I. At 1600, on 11 December 1944, Company K, *** Regiment, came upon a heavily defended ridge east of the town of Ormoc. The riflemen were subjected to heavy enemy fire. Sergeant JACKSON, taking advantage of the concealment afforded, moved his gun to the flank in order to support the riflemen. Then, rather than disclose the position of the machine gun, he moved several yards to the flank and adjusted the fire. He drew heavy enemy fire, but despite the danger to himself, he kept his machine gun in action. His heroism reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Jackson, (Mother), 81 South Main Street, Duryea, Pa.

Private First Class CLARENCE P. MCGINNIS, (34498365), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Camp Downes, Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. Private MCGINNIS, liaison man, boldly and with skill directed a litter squad to a forward area, in the face of heavy enemy small arms fire, to gather and evacuate casualties to the rear. Repeatedly Private MCGINNIS led squads through enemy-infested terrain to locate the wounded and evacuate casualties. Private MCGINNIS' fearless action and courage were a source of inspiration to his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Maude McGinnis, (Mother), Thorn Hill, Tenn.

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Sergeant WALTER F. X. MCGOVERN, (32261431), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 12 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. James McGovern, (Brother), 44 Wilson Avenue, Kearney, N.J.

Technician Fifth Grade STEPHEN M. MAYKOVICH, (32254562), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 16 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Stephen M. Maykovich, (Wife), 109 Sand Street, Syracuse, N.Y.

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS MAZIARZ, (32251552), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December 1944 to 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Ormoc and again on the Libungao-Polompon route. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Irene Maziarz, (Wife), 2499 Mackenna Avenue, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Private LEO A. MIKLINSKI, (32552359), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 16 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Leo Milinski, (Father), Box 111, Crittenden, N.Y.

Private LOUIS J. RAIMONDI, (32536343), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 16 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marie Raimondi, (Mother), 84 Guernsey Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private GEORGE RESCHICK, JR., (33166706), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Camp Downes, Leyte, P.I. At about 1900, the wire line to the Second Battalion, *** Regiment, was cut or damaged and it was necessary for linemen to go out and locate the trouble. Fully aware of the danger involved in this mission, Private RESCHICK and another man volunteered to repair the line. In performing the job, Private RESCHICK moved through an area which was swept by enemy rifle and machine gun fire. He fearlessly continued forward, even though other men were being wounded around him. In addition, he moved freely in and out of friendly defenses during the night, in spite of the danger. The success of his mission restored a wire line between regiment and battalion, which was vital to night defense and operation. His aggressive action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the officers and men of this unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Reschick, (Stepmother), RD #1, Box 253, Latrobe, Pa.

Sergeant GEORGE ULICH, (33177336), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 21 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Ulich, (Mother), Box 248, Allison, Pa.

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Private First Class ROY F. UPCHURCH, (35690646), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 and 14 December 1944. Private UPCHURCH, pioneer in an Anti-Tank Company, approached front line positions in an Amphibious Tractor and there dismounted. Under intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire, he proceeded forward, crawling and creeping, to retrieve wounded men. This was entirely voluntary and done with complete disregard for his own safety. In his last attempt at evacuating a wounded man he himself was wounded. Private UPCHURCH, by his action, greatly inspired others of his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Evelyn Upchurch, (Wife), 312 North 16th Street, New Castle, Ind.

Private First Class JESSE C. WALTERS, (33164422), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 11 December 1944, north of Ormoc, Private WALTERS was assigned the duty of remaining on the left flank of his company to keep contact with an adjacent regiment. This area was receiving mortar fire from the enemy. Private WALTERS fearlessly remained in this sector, killing several of the enemy, and was able to observe several enemy positions which he pointed out to our M-8's so that they could destroy or neutralize them. This courageous action contributed to the success of his battalion in the attack, was a source of inspiration to the men of his unit, and reflects credit upon himself and the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elre E. Walters, (Mother), 332 Franklin Street, Butler, Pa.

Technician Fifth Grade VINCENT WINTERS, (33176688), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS Mrs. James Hanrahan, (Sister), 29 Blancared Avenue, Binghamton, N.Y.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 51, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, dated 29 January 1945 and General Order 47, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, dated 26 January 1946, amended by General Order 37, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, dated 6 February 1947, as pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal and First Oak-Land Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Jesse C. Walter, 33 164 422, which reads, "Jesse C. Walters", is amended to read, "Jesse C. Walter".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W. A. Leary
Adjutant General

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31 January 1945

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 68, Headquarters Central Pacific Area, 4 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class HARRY P. ARENA, (33312603), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 24 December 1944. Private ARENA, a member of an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, along with fourteen other members of his platoon, was detailed to take and hold a high hill overlooking the Regimental Command Post. After a sharp skirmish with the enemy they accomplished their mission. Private ARENA was detailed as observer. When he spotted a six-man Japanese patrol, six yards from his position, he opened fire, and killed one of the enemy. The other members of his section dispersed the enemy patrol, inflicting severe losses on it. Private ARENA was mortally wounded, but he persisted in remaining in the action. His courage was an inspiration to all of his platoon. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Paul Arena, (Father), 350 East Airy Street, Norristown, Pa.

Private First Class LAWRENCE V. BARRACK, (33227127), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I. On 18 December 1944, when his platoon leader became a casualty, Private BARRACK, a platoon runner, with complete disregard for his own safety, and under extremely heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire, covered the withdrawal of the wounded officer. Again, on 20 December, in the vicinity of Libungro, when his company was counter-attacked by approximately one-hundred and fifty of the enemy, Private BARRACK exposed himself several times to enemy fire while delivering messages pausing on occasion to fire into the enemy. During one of these courageously performed missions, Private BARRACK was mortally wounded. His daring courage and heroism were an inspiration to all the men around him. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Louise Booth (Sister), 324 Wilson Street, Bellhaven, Va.

Private First Class ISIDORE I. BLANK, (32204912), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I. On 2 December 1944, three miles northwest of Burauen, his company was held up by the enemy, and suffered several casualties from very intense and accurate rifle fire from concealed positions. Because of the lack of litter bearers, volunteers were called for from the first platoon which had not been committed. Private BLANK volunteered to be a litter bearer. He left his platoon and went forward through the leading platoons, under heavy fire, to retrieve casualties. Private BLANK performed his mission courageously until killed by an enemy bullet. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Phyllis Blank, (Wife), 879 Elsmere Place, Bronx, N.Y.

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Private First Class ALFRED N. BOLDUC, (31102739), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 16 December to 21 December 1944. During this period, Private BOLDUC again and again assisted in the evacuation of casualties under severe enemy machine gun and sniper fire, and in the treatment of wounded men under similarly hazardous conditions, with complete disregard for his own safety. While he was evacuating casualties under fire, Private BOLDUC was killed in action. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Rita Bolduc, (Wife), 92 North Street, Danielson, Conn..

Staff Sergeant STEPHEN T. BONCZEK, (31052684), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Sergeant BONCZEK, a squad leader, without regard for his personal safety, moved forward under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire to locate tactical positions for the deployment of his squad. This action led to the successful repulsing of an enemy flank attack. Later, Sergeant BONCZEK was mortally wounded. His courage and actions were a source of inspiration to all who served with him. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Stanley Bonczek, (Father), -169 Grove Street, New Britain, Conn.

Private First Class JULIAN S. BOZENSKI, (31070709), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. A rifle company was attacking across difficult terrain against enemy positions beyond the Antilao River. This sector was bitterly defended, and was one of the strongest points of the Yamashita Line. When the attack began, Private BOZENSKI was wounded by shell fragments but refused to be evacuated. Continuing in the attack with his unit, he remained in his forward position, firing on the enemy, in order to permit his wounded comrades to be moved to safety. Attempting to retire after the more seriously wounded had been removed, Private BOZENSKI was killed. His heroic acts were an inspiration to the men of his unit, and reflect credit upon himself and the military service. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Joseph Bozenski, (Father), 158 Jackson Street, Lawrence, Mass.

Corporal WILLIAM BOZSIN, (32261771), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Corporal BOZSIN, Assistant Squad Leader, acting as a litter bearer, evacuated wounded under severe enemy fire. When informed that several men were still missing, Corporal BOZSIN voluntarily went forward, alone, in an effort to find the missing men. During this search he was mortally wounded. Corporal BOZSIN, by his heroic self-sacrifice, was an inspiration to all who beheld his courage and conduct in the face of enemy fire. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Stanley Bozzin, (Brother), USN Section Base, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N.Y.

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Captain EDWARD D. BRADSHAW, (0452197), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 December to 17 December 1944. Until he died as a result of wounds received in battle in the vicinity of Linao, Island of Leyte, P.I., Captain BRADSHAW was instrumental in furthering the advance of the Third Battalion, 1st Regiment, by the aggressive and skillful direction of his heavy weapons company. On 9 December, in the vicinity of Camp Downes, he personally checked the positions of all the heavy weapons around the battalion defensive sector, even though it was necessary to cross an open field swept by enemy small arms fire. On other occasions Captain BRADSHAW moved under fire with the assault companies, so that he could more efficiently support their movement. His effective leadership and devotion to duty were of material aid to the battalion.

NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Helen Bradshaw, (Wife), 17400 Third Avenue, Detroit, 3, Mich.

Citation amended by LO 302 - 28 Aug 45
 Private First Class SALVATORE CANNOVA, (32261900), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. The rifle company of which Private CANNOVA was a member, was attacking enemy positions on the north bank of the Antilao River. The company was ordered to shift its position so mortar and artillery fire could be used. While the platoon was carrying this order out it had to evacuate wounded and execute a skillful maneuver as well. By the clever use of his weapon, Private CANNOVA succeeded in neutralizing several enemy automatic weapon positions, making it possible for the platoon to change its position with a minimum of casualties. While covering this action Private CANNOVA was killed. His courage under fire was an inspiration to the members of his unit, and reflects credit upon himself and the military service. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Doris Cannova, (Mother), 376 South 6th Street, Newark, N.J.

Private First Class EDWARD P. CLARK, (32647124), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 19 December 1944. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Anna Clark, (Mother), 2957 Decatur Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.

Sergeant JAMES A. COLLETTA, (32255258), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Sergeant COLLETTA, with a squad of twelve, advanced across the Antilao River in the face of devastating cross-machine gun fire, and mass rifle fire from pill boxes. This position was one of the strongest in the Yamashita Line. He pushed forward making a penetration of about two-hundred yards, held his position, and killed three of the enemy. The order was given to move so that more artillery and mortar fire could be used against this position. The maneuver was made under heavy enemy fire, with the Japanese trying to force themselves back into the positions from which they had been driven. Sergeant COLLETTA remained in position covering his comrades' movement until his turn came to move. During this action Sergeant COLLETTA was killed. His heroism was an inspiration to the men with whom he served and reflected credit upon himself and the military service. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Angeline Colletta, (Mother), 862 North Main Street, Elmira, N.Y.

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Sergeant DAVID C. CORE, (33166613), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Sergeant CORE, a section chief of an M-8, self-propelled gun, greatly assisted the advance of the third battalion by giving supporting fire with his 75mm howitzer, and he, personally, with his .50 caliber machine gun, killed two of the enemy who were hiding along the road. On 9 December, Sergeant CORE fired on and silenced three enemy field pieces, located on a hill at Camp Downes, that were causing casualties among our troops and retarding their advance. Later, the same day, while moving his M-8 into Ormoc on a reconnaissance mission, Sergeant CORE was mortally wounded by the enemy. Sergeant CORE's courage, good judgement, and devotion to duty, were an inspiration to the men of his section. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Ruby R. Core, (Wife), Route 1, Columbia, S. C.

Private First Class HOMER W. DILLON, (38472156), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private DILLON, an automatic rifleman, was ordered to hold the left flank of a vital ridge. He did so with such vigor and courage that, although continuously exposed to rifle and machine gun fire, he repulsed several enemy counterattacks until he was mortally wounded. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Bessie Mae Dillon, (Mother), Route 1, Warner, Okla.

Private First Class FRANCIS J. DROBNICK, JR., (35526110), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private DROBNICK, manned his machine gun while under a severe concentration of enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire. In so doing he was instrumental in knocking out an enemy emplacement which had been taking a heavy toll of his comrades. Later, in a similar action, he was mortally wounded. Private DROBNICK's conduct exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Mary Drobnick, (Mother), 1050 Skinner Avenue, Painesville, Ohio.

Private HAROLD B. EDDINS, (35445746), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Private EDDINS went out with a litter squad to aid and evacuate several wounded men who were under heavy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire. In evacuating one of the casualties, Private EDDINS was mortally wounded by shell fragments. He performed his duties unhesitatingly and his disregard for his own safety resulted in the rapid evacuation and care of the wounded. Private EDDINS' unselfish devotion to duty was an inspiration to his fellow men. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Opie P. Eddins, (Mother), Sophie, W. Va.

Private DOMINICK FACCIOLA, (32367558), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I. On 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ormoc, Private FACCIOLA volunteered, without hesitation, to give medical aid to and assist in the evacuation of a seriously wounded man under enemy mortar and machine gun fire. He successfully accomplished his mission, completely disregarding his own safety. Private FACCIOLA's courageous act was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Katherine Facciola, (Mother), Caldoro, Italy.

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Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT J. FERGUSON, (32256037), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 20 December 1944. Technician FERGUSON was a radio operator of a forward observer party which was advancing with a company of infantry in a flanking thrust at the road junction above Libungao. This group was subjected to heavy enemy fire. Technician FERGUSON, despite the danger, continued operating his radio until he fell, mortally wounded. He displayed great devotion to duty, and his outstanding performance in face of extreme danger reflected credit upon himself and his organization. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Marion Vogiard, (Mother), 310 Filbert Place, East Rochester, N.Y.

Private First Class DOUGLAS E. FRASER, (31103377), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Burauen, Leyte, P.I., on 2 December 1944. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Lorraine A. Fraser, (Wife), 83 Douglas Street, Hartford, Conn.

Private First Class JAMES R. GARNETT, (33158275), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. Private GARNETT, forward observer for a mortar section, was well forward of his front lines, directing fire on a group of enemy troops approaching our positions. When the enemy sighted his observation post they opened fire on it. Private GARNETT remained cool, and continued to give fire orders until the enemy attack was dispersed. He remained at his post until fatally wounded by sniper fire. Private GARNETT's actions were largely responsible for turning back a serious enemy threat to our front lines. His courage prevented the possible loss of life to others of his company. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Sara E. Garnett, (Wife) Max Meadows, Va.

Private JOHN L. GULA, (31095904), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. During the attack on enemy positions in the Libungao area, Company I, *** Regiment, was one of the leading companies of the battalion. When heavy enemy fire caused the order to be given for the Company to change its position in order to permit the laying of artillery fire on enemy positions, Private GULA, a radio operator, offered to remain up forward while the rest of the company evacuated the casualties and reorganized. Private GULA was killed by enemy machine gun fire as he directed the evacuation of casualties with his radio. The actions which cost him his life were largely instrumental in saving the lives of several wounded men of his unit and were a source of inspiration to the men of his unit. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Walenty Gula (Father), 24 Hanover Street, West Springfield, Mass.

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Private First Class WILBUR S. HAGER, (15015853), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. His company's mission was to cross the Tagbong River and secure the ground on the north side, thereby giving our forces control of a bridge on the road to Humaybunay. The enemy were in force and stubbornly defended this sector with machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire. The platoon leader, in a forward position was wounded by the enemy. Private HAGER, at great risk to himself, advanced toward the fallen platoon leader, killing two of the enemy as he advanced. Finding the platoon leader dead, Private HAGER remained in this hazardous position and fired upon the enemy until he was killed in action. Private HAGER's contribution to the success of his company in the attack reflected great credit upon himself and upon the military service. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Rosala Hager, (Mother), 618 2nd Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Private First Class HAROLD J. HEINSON, (15312996), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 10 December 1944. When enemy aircraft attacked the Battalion Fire Direction Center in which Private HEINSON was working, he continued to perform his duties in a courageous and efficient manner, until a bomb exploded nearby mortally wounding him. Private HEINSON's fortitude and exemplary performance reflected great credit upon himself and his organization. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. H. Heinson, (Mother), 212-39 91st Avenue, Queens Village, Long Island, N.Y.

Private First Class MARTIN HOLIC, (32275285), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Martin Holic, (Wife), 34 Sixteenth Street, Kenilworth, N.J.

Private First Class ISAAC B. JONES, (34591383), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. Private JONES was the leading scout of a platoon which was advancing northward near the road junction at Libungao. The enemy had put the entire area under mortar fire and was firing on the leading platoons with four light machine guns and one heavy machine gun. Private JONES moved forward well in advance of his platoon, in spite of the enemy fire, and with the knowledge that enemy were concealed along his route of approach. In this action, Private JONES was killed. His initiative, courage, and coolness under fire, were an inspiring example to the men of his unit. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. John Edd Jones, (Father), Route #1, Mount Airy, North Carolina.

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Private First Class JAMES JONES, (33165270), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy east of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private JONES was a first gunner assigned to a heavy machine gun platoon. When the advance of the rifle elements was halted by well emplaced enemy small arms fire, he set up his gun, without thought of his own safety, and directed successful fire against the enemy. He drove many of them from their places of cover before he fell, mortally wounded, at his gun. Private JONES, by his courage and initiative, was an inspiration to all the men of his unit. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Violet G. Jones, (wife), Box 209, Brindstone, Pa.

Private FRANK J. KAMIENSKI, (32260732), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private KAMIENSKI was the .50 caliber machine-gunner of a tank-destroyer crew. This destroyer was supporting the attack of the First Battalion, *** Regiment, against an enemy strong-point located in a stone church just north of Ormoc. Boldly, and without command, Private KAMIENSKI took a position on the outside of the destroyer's turret in order to manipulate the .50 caliber machine-gun and assist the advance of the infantrymen. During this action, Private KAMIENSKI was exposed to heavy enemy fire, but held his post, firing his machine-gun until he was struck in the neck and mortally wounded. Private KAMIENSKI's efforts materially assisted in the advance of the infantrymen in his sector, and his actions were an inspiration to the men of his platoon and the infantrymen around him. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Stella Kamienski, (Mother), 41 Dorothy Street, Carteret, N.J.

Private RICHARD T. LEE, (32231653), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy southwest of San Jose, Leyte, P.I., on 24 December 1944. When his company conducted a reconnaissance in force along the Bao River, advancing across open terrain, it suddenly encountered a well-prepared enemy position and, in the face of heavy fire, was forced to move. To aid a portion of the company that was under heavy fire, Private LEE, bazooka man, voluntarily carried much-needed ammunition across the flat terrain to the light machine guns. This heroic action enabled the company to move without further casualties, although Private LEE in exposing himself, received mortal wounds. NEXT OF KIN: Miss Anna Lee, (Sister), 740 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Staff Sergeant HERMAN E. LOWRY, (32263913), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of San Jose, Leyte, P.I. While in support of Company E, *** Regiment, Sergeant LOWRY went well forward of friendly lines to make a thorough reconnaissance for the machine guns in his section, exposing himself to heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire. As a result of his reconnaissance he was able to guide his section through heavy enemy fire into position without the loss of any of his men. The control and leadership shown by Sergeant LOWRY were an inspiration to the men of his section. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Herman E. Lowry, (Wife), 1000 Artes Avenue, Atlantic City, N.J.

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Private JAMES P. LUDDY, (31086937), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Private LUDDY operated a machine gun during an aerial strafing attack upon his battery's position in the vicinity of Ipil. As an enemy plane came directly over him, he continued working his weapon until mortally wounded. Private LUDDY's exemplary conduct under fire, and deep devotion to duty in face of danger, reflected great credit upon himself and his organization. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. William W. Luddy, (Father), 8 Circuit Street, West Medford, Mass.

Technician Fifth Grade HUGH M. MOORE, (34496127), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 14 December 1944. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Hugh M. Moore, (Wife), 206 Dotlers Street, Dublin, Co.

Private First Class ERNEST R. MORRISON, (37003045), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. Private MORRISON, an automatic rifleman, covered the extreme right flank of a front which was under continuous machine gun fire. With outstanding courage and zeal, he advanced to within twenty-five yards of an enemy gun, knocking it out. While executing this heroic act Private MORRISON was mortally wounded. Inspired by his heroism, his squad swept forward. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Mae Morrison, (Mother), Route 1, Linn, Kan.

Private First Class ROBERT J. MORTIMER, (32255916), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private MORTIMER, a rifleman, showed great courage and complete disregard for his personal safety by moving well in advance of the front lines in an attempt to locate enemy sniper positions. While on this mission, he was mortally wounded. His actions were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Charles Mortimer, (Father), Canal Road, Spencer Port, N.Y.

Private GEORGE H. MULLIGAN, (33342060), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. Private MULLIGAN was attached as aid man to a machine gun platoon which was participating in an attack against a strongly fortified enemy position north of the Tagbong River. Casualties from the intense enemy fire were heavy both in Private MULLIGAN's platoon and in an adjacent rifle platoon. In the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire, Private MULLIGAN courageously continued to attend one wounded man after another, with complete disregard for his personal safety. While still administering to his wounded comrades, Private MULLIGAN was fatally wounded. His heroic sacrifice on behalf of the wounded served as an inspiration to all the men of the command. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Helen T. Mulligan, (Mother), 2739 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Staff Sergeant ORVILLE T. NELSON, (20607110), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 15 December 1944. Sergeant NELSON was given the mission of taking his platoon forward of the battalion defenses and flushing out a group of enemy, who had suddenly opened fire from concealed positions with rifles and machine guns. While advancing, Sergeant NELSON located one of the machine guns and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced and destroyed the gun and its crew, allowing his platoon to advance and complete its mission. Sergeant NELSON was later killed in the same action. His courage was an inspiration to the men of his platoon and reflected the finest traditions of the military service. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Gertrude J. Nelson, (Wife), 7647 Adams Street, Forest Park, Ill.

Private FRANK J. NISKEY, (32225776), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 14 December 1944. Private NISKEY, ambulance driver, repeatedly drove his ambulance to within one-hundred yards of the enemy lines to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. During his missions he was often under heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire. His courage and untiring efforts, until his death from an enemy artillery shell on 14 December, were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers, and reflected the highest standards of the Medical Department. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Clare Risinkoff, (Sister), 44 Townsend Avenue, Newburgh, N.Y.

Private First Class FREDERICK J. PISZEZEK, (31088441), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 24 December 1944. Private PISZEZEK, a member of a Pioneer and Ammunition Platoon, was on a small hill overlooking the regimental command post. He dug-in with a group of men on the side of the hill. An enemy patrol passed within four yards of his fox-hole. Private PISZEZEK shot and killed two and wounded three. When crawling back to his fox-hole one of the wounded enemy fired killing him instantly. Private PISZEZEK's courageous self-sacrifice was an inspiration to his organization. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Joseph Piszezek, (Mother), 65 West Street, Ware, Mass.

Technical Sergeant ALPHONSE J. PLOUDE, (6132846), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy north of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Sergeant PLOUDE, Platoon Sergeant, while attacking with his platoon, came under small arms and machine gun fire. He quickly reorganized his platoon and with complete disregard for his life moved forward across open rice paddies in an effort to reach some of the wounded. While accomplishing this, he was killed. Sergeant PLOUDE's coolness and aggressiveness greatly minimized additional loss of life, and his courage was in the highest traditions of the military service. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Antoinette Breau, (Sister), 435 Cumberland Street, Rumford, Me.

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Private FREDERICK REEVES, (34881962), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 7 December and 9 December 1944. Private REEVES landed on the western coast of Leyte with the assault troops as radioman of a Forward Observation Team. He was constantly at the front, often within fifty yards of the front lines observing and correcting mortar fire. While at his forward observation post on 9 December he was killed by enemy mortar fire. His disregard for his own safety and his ability materially aided in the killing of hundreds of the enemy. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Mary L. Reeves, (Mother), General Delivery, Como, Tenn.

Staff Sergeant JOHN M. RICHARDSON, (33054667), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 December 1944, on Leyte, P.I. Sergeant RICHARDSON, while serving as machine gun section sergeant, received word to place his section so as to neutralize heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire. This fire, coming from a fortified position, was holding up the attack of his company. Following reconnaissance of the terrain, he led his section forward. While placing his squads in position and directing their fire he was mortally wounded. His devotion to duty, and his outstanding leadership inspired the men to continue their mission, and furthered the success of operations against the enemy. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Anna M. Richardson, (Wife), 128 Jamestown Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Staff Sergeant JOHNNY ROCHFORD, JR., (37191732), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 30 November 1944. Sergeant ROCHFORD's squad, leading an attack north of Dagami, encountered a superior force in a well-defended position and became heavily engaged. They could not continue, owing to enemy machine gun fire coming from the left, and intense and accurate enemy rifle fire coming from the front. Sergeant ROCHFORD, determining the general location of the enemy, maneuvered an automatic rifle team to the left flank in order to engage the enemy machine gun. When the automatic rifle team could not definitely locate the enemy machine gun position, Sergeant ROCHFORD told his assistant squad leader that he was going to the left flank to find it. In his effort to locate the machine gun, Sergeant ROCHFORD was killed. His bravery, courage, and leadership were an inspiration to all the men of his company. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Johnny Rochford, Sr., (Father), Sumner, Iowa.

Private First Class EMIL SCHOENE, (12061847), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Private SCHOENE, a runner, volunteered to move forward as a litter bearer when all litter squads were out and one of the leading line companies was badly in need of having their wounded evacuated promptly. To get forward to the casualties he was forced to cross, several times, open terrain under heavy enemy cross fire. He utterly disregarded his own safety, and refused to heed warnings to seek cover. Instead, he steadfastly continued to aid in the evacuation of the wounded, until he himself was fatally wounded. Private SCHOENE's heroic self-sacrifice was an inspiration to the officers and men of his Battalion. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. John J. Schoene, (Father), 111 MacDougal Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Private First Class YOLANTO J. TETI, (33393219), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private TETI was an aid man. When the platoon to which he had been assigned was assaulted by deadly small arms and automatic fire, he crawled forward, alone, to give aid and comfort to the wounded. He succeeded in evacuating many to places of safety, and, during one of these evacuations, was himself fatally wounded. His devotion to duty and his courageous actions were outstanding and were an invaluable contribution to the morale of the company in the midst of battle. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Louis Teti, (Mother), 103 Millview Street, Uniontown, Pa.

First Lieutenant OTTO R. THIEDE, (01303426), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy east of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 15 December 1944. Lieutenant THIEDE commanded a platoon which was employed to support the actions of Company F, *** Regiment. He led his platoon into the face of accurate enemy rifle and machine gun fire. Totally disregarding his own safety, he insured the proper forward movement of his platoon and made certain that the men took advantage of all possible protection. When another platoon of his company was committed to the action on his left flank and became temporarily confused by the rain of enemy fire, Lieutenant THIEDE, without hesitation, took over command of both platoons, personally leading them and at all times remained with the most forward elements. His efforts were largely accountable for the successful elimination of a very difficult enemy position. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Eleanor Ruth Thiede, (Wife), 1621 Almaria Road, Phoenix, Ariz.

Private First Class JOSEPH R. TORENTA, (31087106), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Private TORENTA, a scout, while advancing across open ground near the Panalian River came under heavy enemy fire from a ridge to the front. He knocked out an enemy machine gun emplacement and aided his squad in driving the enemy from other positions. Then, advancing with his squad to the crest of the ridge, Private TORENTA went to the aid of a comrade who had been wounded. Under direct enemy fire he disregarded his own safety and administered first aid to the wounded man. While continuing his advance, he was himself fatally wounded. Private TORENTA's courage, aggressiveness, and unselfishness, reflected great credit upon himself and inspired the men around him. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Anna Toronta, (Mother), 46 Huron Street, Cambridge, Mass.

Private First Class EMIL VOGL, (33200310), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ormoc-Valencia Area, Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Company K, *** Regiment, ran up against a heavily defended ridge, east of the town of Ormoc. The riflemen were subjected to heavy enemy fire. It was decided to lay artillery fire on the enemy positions. To do this it was first necessary for the riflemen to move behind the ridge. Private VOGL helped his gunner move their gun to the flank, and covered the riflemen as they moved. Then, under extremely heavy enemy fire, he helped move his machine gun behind the ridge and when the artillery lifted was again at the gun in readiness for the advance. His heroic action reflected credit upon himself and his organization. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Mary Vogl, (Mother), 2400 Hamilton Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

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Technician Fourth Grade WESTON L. WARRINER, (31108275), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. During an intensive enemy artillery bombardment, Technician WARRINER, medical technician, despite the danger, performed his duties with outstanding efficiency. His care of the wounded under this bombardment was of the highest caliber. His careful treatment of the wounded in the face of danger merited praise from his comrades and those to whom he gave medical aid. Technician WARRINER while performing his duties was killed. His conduct reflected the highest standards of the Medical Department. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. W. E. Warriner, (Mother), R.F.D. 3, Concord, N.H.

Technician Fourth Grade RAYMOND O. ZINK, (36104967), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 24 November 1944 to 3 January 1945. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Augusta Zink, (Mother), 3661 Hendricks Street, Detroit, Mich.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 68, Headquarters Central Pacific Area, 4 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class THOMAS O. BARNETT, (34420906), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 28 November to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Lewis Barnett, (Father), Route #1, Bassfield, Miss.

Technician Fifth Grade LEO BERGER, (32262493), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 1 January 1945. Technician BERGER was driving a truck through an unguarded mountain pass enroute from Palompon to Valencia when the truck was disabled and forced to stop by enemy machine gun fire. He was seriously wounded in the chest and leg, but with utter disregard for his personal safety and while still under enemy fire he dismounted and attempted to make emergency repairs to his truck. When repairs proved impossible, he moved to the protection of an adjacent draw from which, in the company of another wounded man, he attempted to reach medical aid. He was able to travel only one kilometer before collapsing from loss of blood. His conspicuous courage in the face of enemy fire and while seriously wounded was in the finest tradition of the military service and proved an inspiration to his comrades. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dora Berger, (Mother), 105 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERTO CARRILLO, (32080456), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., 14 December 1944. Technician CARRILLO was a litter squad leader with the duty of evacuating casualties from the Battalion Aid Station to the Collecting Station. Casualties were heavy in the Third Battalion area. Technician CARRILLO, with complete disregard for his own safety, led his squad through intense enemy fire to evacuate the fallen men from their positions. His bravery under fire was an inspiration to his squad. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jennie Carillo, (Wife), c/o Diaz Claudia, 89 Amsterdam Avenue, Apt. 5, New York, N.Y.

Technician Fourth Grade VERNER G. ERICKSON, (37428625), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 25 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Emma A. Yeager, (Mother), 119 Wameka, Waterloo, Iowa.

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First Lieutenant GERALD W. HIGHTOWER, (0446446), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Libungao, Leyte, P.I., on 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary W. Hightower, (Mother), 119 North Tonti Street, New Orleans, La.

Private HEBER V. JEFFCOAT, (34644656), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. Private JEFFCOAT was an ambulance driver with the duty of evacuating casualties from the Battalion Aid Station to the rear. At 1900, two ambulances advanced to meet litter bearers carrying casualties. As the casualties approached, the ambulances and bearers were fired upon by a Japanese machine gun. The litter bearers returned to their station and the ambulance drivers reported back to their company. The Commanding Officer then called for volunteers, and, Private JEFFCOAT, among others, went forward and picked up the casualties. His bravery was an inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mae Bolle Jeffcoat, (Wife), 318 Whaley Street, Columbia, S. C.

Private First Class ROBERT H. JOHNSON, (32302678), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Abijao, Leyte, P.I., on 14 January 1945. While in command of a mortar section, Private JOHNSON and his squad, in an exposed position, came under intense machine gun and rifle fire. His squad was forced to shift to a more favorable location. Private JOHNSON returned three times, under fire, and disassembled and removed the mortar. He then took up an exposed position from which it was possible to place effective fire on the enemy for the remainder of the day. He accurately and skillfully picked targets, inflicting numerous casualties on the enemy. Private JOHNSON's courageous action materially aided in the success of his unit and was an inspiration to the men of his command. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Harry F. Johnson, (Father), 532 Fairmont Avenue, Westfield, N.J.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM R. LITTLEFIELD, (01534077), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Irma M. Lavender, (Sister), 37 Kimball Street, Providence, R.I.

First Sergeant DONALD F. McDONALD, (20402763), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 1 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. W. A. McDonald, (Mother), 606 Ashley Street, Valdosta, Ga.

Private OATIS R. McINTOSH, (38348601), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 30 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. B. F. McIntosh, (Mother), 222 West Mississippi Street, Floydada, Texas.

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Sergeant FRANK E. PERDUE, (33158080), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Sergeant PERDUE, assistant Squad Leader, assumed command of his squad after his squad leader had been wounded. By his courage and leadership, though outnumbered, he steadfastly held the right flank of his platoon. Later, under heavy enemy fire, he went forward of the squad's position to rescue his wounded squad leader. His determined bravery was largely responsible for the success of his company's mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. William T. Perdue, (Father), Route #1, Union Hall, Va.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES P. PESCE, (12077260), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marietta Pesce, (Wife), RFD #2, Kennett Square, Pa.

Private First Class GEORGE J. REEFEN, (39127814), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 20 December 1944, the leading elements of his Company, were heavily engaged with the enemy. The machine gun squad of which Private REEFEN was a member, was called upon to deliver fire on the enemy position. Without hesitation, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Private REEFEN left a covered position and moved forward across an open field, under intense enemy fire, to carry ammunition to the gun. His display of bravery and devotion to duty were a constant source of inspiration to all the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary J. Loera, (Mother), 937 Treat Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Corporal JOHN RUSSELL, (31088050), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary D. Russell, (Mother), 24 Saybrook Street, Brighton, Mass.

Private First Class EDWARD J. STIRA, (32256058), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Stira, (Mother), 309 West Avenue, East Rochester, N.Y.

Staff Sergeant ORESTO R. VENA, (31073784), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Sergeant VENA, a squad leader, with complete disregard for his own safety, went from his position of cover and safety to an exposed position and placed effective rifle fire on a group of the enemy attacking his gun position. During the ensuing fire fight, Sergeant VENA was seriously wounded, but by his courage and devotion to duty he broke up the enemy attack. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Amelia Vena, (Mother), 133 Dale Street, Roxbury, Mass.

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Private First Class LINDSEY C. WATERHOUSE, (31059129), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. During the attack on Camp Downes, Private WATERHOUSE, a machine gunner, was wounded while operating his weapon. He then pulled his disabled gun into a safer position. Upon learning that his ammunition was badly needed at an adjacent machine gun position, Private WATERHOUSE, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled through heavy enemy fire to his original position and retrieved his ammunition. This act, which exemplifies the highest tradition of the military service, greatly aided in the successful outcome of the attack. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Harry Reed; (Sister), Box 153, Fair Haven, Vt.

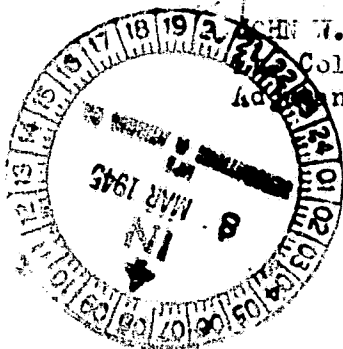
Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM H. WHIGHAM, (33167072), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Libungao, during an attack on enemy positions, it became necessary to rely on runners to deliver messages from Technician WHIGHAM's Company Commander to the Platoon Leaders. Several of the regular runners were casualties and there was a call for volunteers. Technician WHIGHAM, immediately stepped forward and offered his services. During the heat of the battle, Technician WHIGHAM voluntarily carried instructions from the Company Commander to the Platoon Leaders, under constant enemy machine gun fire. On one of his missions to a platoon, he was struck by a shell fragment. Although wounded, Technician WHIGHAM completed his mission in order that the instructions of the Company Commander might be carried out. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Whigham, (Mother), Greensburg, Pa.

Second Lieutenant EARL L. WIGGINS, (0527876), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Isaac W. Wiggins, (Father), RR #2, East Fairview, Okla.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 68, Headquarters Central Pacific Area, 4 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class NICHOLAS BABICH, (33176645), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ipil, Private BABICH manned a .50 caliber machine gun in the face of dive-bombing enemy planes and by directing accurate fire upon the enemy planes aided materially in repelling the attack. In this action the machine gun crew of which he was a member was credited with destroying one plane. Private BABICH's courage in repelling the air attack reflected great credit upon himself, and was a source of inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Babich, (Mother), Lyon Street, Uniondale, Penna.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. CANINGTON, (34449078), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 30 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Carrie L. Canington, (Mother), Route #2, Edison, Ga.

Corporal THOMAS F. CAREY, (32295175), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 4 December 1944, the 81mm Mortar Platoon of his company was supporting the Third Battalion, *** Regiment, in its attack on a ridge north of Ormoc. Corporal CAREY, gunner was required to fire. He immediately drew enemy small arms fire to his mortar and himself. Despite the fact that all personnel in the area were subjected to heavy enemy rifle fire, Corporal CAREY, without regard for his personnel safety, continued to operate his mortar leaving himself exposed to the enemy fire. His heroic action was a source of inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Carey, (Mother), 452 East 137th Street, Bronx, N.Y.

Private First Class JOSEPH T. EVANS, (33124218), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Downes, Leyte, P.I., on 12 December 1944. Private EVANS, a truck driver, while passing a foot column came under heavy enemy sniper fire which was causing severe casualties. Private EVANS, with complete disregard for his own safety, stopped his truck, dismounted, and located the sniper. With great coolness he advanced upon the enemy and killed him with his Browning Automatic Rifle. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ruth E. Evans, (wife), Box 139, Anacostock, Va.

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— Staff Sergeant CHARLES FABER, (32261412), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Helen Faber, (Mother), 249 Griffith Avenue, Jersey City, N.J.

— First Lieutenant ELMER E. FOX, (01104607), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. In the vicinity of Ipil, on Highway Two, Lieutenant FOX, under hazardous conditions, made a reconnaissance of a bridge located just beyond our front lines. Discovering that the bridge needed repairs, Lieutenant FOX brought his platoon to the bridge site and began work on it. While working, Lieutenant FOX and his men were subjected to enemy small-arms and machine-gun fire. Knowing that his mission must be completed without delay, Lieutenant FOX, with complete disregard for his personal safety, ignoring the enemy fire, stayed on his job, and encouraged his men to continue their work until the mission was completed. Lieutenant FOX's devotion to duty and strong determination, displayed under the most hazardous conditions, served as an inspiration to his men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Shirley H. Fox, (Wife), 5823 West Rice Street, Chicago, Ill.

— Corporal THOMAS J. HUGHES, (32272762), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 24 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Thomas Hughes, (Father), 118 Avenue I, Brooklyn, N.Y.

— Private First Class LEO LAURENTI, (32262541), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 10 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Katy Laurenti, (Mother), 144 Grattan Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

— Private STANLEY G. MASLANKA, (32260278), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 12 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Matt Maslanka, (Father), 275 52nd Street and 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

— Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS J. PENGITORE, JR., (42001564), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P.I., from 20 December to 26 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Louis Pengitore, (Father), West Orange, N.J.

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Private First Class JOSEPH A. ROBERTSON, (33158263), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy north of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 15 December 1944. Private ROBERTSON, a gunner in a mortar squad, was attacking with his company when intense and accurate enemy rifle and machine gun fire held up the advance. Acting entirely on his own initiative, Private ROBERTSON moved forward of his own front lines. Here he found a better position of observation and directed the fire of his mortar on the enemy. During the entire time he was under a withering rain of enemy fire. Private ROBERTSON's initiative and courage assisted in silencing a portion of the enemy strong point and enabled his company to push forward successfully to its objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Robertson, (Mother), Warm Springs, Va.

Corporal ROBERT J. SCRIVNOR, (33200333), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 10 December 1944. Corporal SCRIVNOR, without regard for his own safety, and while under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, continued to keep his gun firing effectively against the enemy, and gave maximum support to his rifle companies in pressing the attack and in repulsing enemy counter-attacks. On several occasions, his gun and crew came under enemy mortar fire, but, in face of the danger, he continued picking out enemy targets and placing fire on them, thereby aiding greatly in the attack. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were of great inspirational value to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Myrtle E. Ogg, (Mother), Route 4, Westminster, Md.

Private First Class ALVICE J. SNYDER, (33013506), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Susie Deiterby, (Mother), R.D. #2, Linden, Pa.

Private GEORGE SPEISER, (33164451), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Private SPEISER, a rifleman, was advancing with his Company against a strongly defended enemy position. As the fighting developed, a number of his comrades were wounded, leaving a thinly protected line. Knowing that the position of his platoon was dangerous, Private SPEISER refused to leave his post after being wounded. He continued to place effective fire until the mission was completed. When he finally left he assisted a wounded comrade to get back where first aid could be given. His cool action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to those with him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sadie Speiser, (Mother), 1404 James Street, N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sergeant JOHN W. STEELE, (34100759), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 December 1944, on Leyte, P.I. Sergeant STEELE, as machine gun squad leader, located an enemy fortification which was holding up the advance of the platoon he was supporting. Under small arms fire, he selected a position from which he could effectively eliminate this strong point. He then moved his squad forward, through heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire. Through his courage the enemy position was neutralized and his supported platoon was enabled to advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. John W. Steele, (Wife), 506 Orange Street, Macon, Ga.

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Staff Sergeant GILBERT STRICKLAND, (14002909), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 July 1944 to 10 August 1944, on Guam, M.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Inez Strickland, (Wife), 10 "B" Street, Woodside, Greenville, S.C.

Technician Fifth Grade ISOM R. VIDRINE, (38172493), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 July 1944 to 10 August 1944, on Guam, M.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Zelma Vidrine, (Wife), Ville Platte, La.

Private JOSEPH WAYDO, (32262433), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Louis Wayde, (Brother), 503 Miller Street, Perth Amboy, N.J.

Staff Sergeant WALTER L. WOLYNIEC, (53175898), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. A heavy machine gun section was supporting a rifle company in an assault of a strong enemy position just north of the Tagbong River. Casualties were heavy, and the company was ordered to move, while under fire, to a new position. Sergeant WOLYNIEC's machine gun was well forward and, as this movement began, his gunner was wounded. Despite the fact that he was alone in the position, he carried the gunner to safety, then returned and took the machine gun to the new position. Under heavy fire, he returned to carry away others of the section who had been wounded. This example of courage and disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to his organization, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Wolyniec, (Mother), 105 Williams Street, Plains, Pa.

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1944, as amended, and Circular No. 68, Headquarters Central Pacific Area, 4 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH A. BERNIER, (31216921), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 26 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Claire Bernier, (Wife), 8 Cushing Street, Brunswick, Maine.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD P. BREEN, (12641369), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Sergeant BREEN advanced with a squad of twelve men across the Antilao River in the face of devastating cross machine gun and mass rifle fire from enemy pill boxes. This squad made a successful penetration of over two-hundred yards against a fortification which later proved to be one of the strongest in the Yamashita Line. Sergeant BREEN killed two of the enemy during this action. Learning that his squad was being surrounded by the enemy and was receiving heavy automatic flanking fire, Sergeant BREEN ordered the intensity of his fire increased so as to enable his men to change position. Sergeant BREEN's leadership and courage were an inspiration to the men of his squad. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Breen, (Mother) 213 - 42 112th Avenue, Queens Village, New York.

Private First Class SALVATORE S. CAPPADONNA, (32232778), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. In the vicinity of Libungao, the company radio operator was killed while proceeding to a forward artillery observer's position. Private CAPPADONNA, assistant radio operator, realizing the necessity for uninterrupted communications, voluntarily crept, under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, to the place where the operator had fallen. He coolly transferred the radio from the back of his fallen comrade to his own. Then, despite the continued fire, and with disregard for his own safety, Private CAPPADONNA completed the difficult task of carrying the radio to the forward observer's post. This heroic action, performed in time of great stress, made possible the placing of accurate and destructive artillery fire on the enemy, and proved an inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Pauline Rappa, (Mother), 476 Langton Avenue, White Plains, New York.

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Private First Class PHILIP V. CERNERA, (42032455), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Angelina Cernera, (Mother), 364 E. 189th Street, Bronx, New York.

Corporal EDWARD J. CHICKOWSKI, (33166851), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Valencia, Leyte, P.I., on 20 December 1944. Corporal CHICKOWSKI, squad leader in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, volunteered to knock out a well-covered enemy machine gun, which had taken his squad under fire. Crawling more than one hundred and fifty yards, he located and flanked the enemy position, and opened fire on it from very close range. He killed one Japanese and scattered the others. By this courageous action Corporal CHICKOWSKI enabled his squad to proceed on its mission, and won the admiration of his men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sophie Chickowski, (Mother), 1714 Leishman Avenue, Arnold, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FRANK E. DEBEVEC, (33271287), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Valencia, Leyte, P.I., on 20 December 1944. Private DEBEVEC, driver for a Communication Platoon, with utter disregard for his own safety, stopped his jeep when an enemy sniper fired at him. After keen observation of the terrain, Private DEBEVEC located the sniper in a tree, approximately forty yards to his left front. Aiming carefully, he fired upon the sniper, killing him with one shot. After this the wire party was able to continue on its mission. Private DEBEVEC, by his keen observation, courage, devotion to duty, and soldierly conduct, was an inspiration to the men of his platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Matthew Dobovoc, (Father), 409 Bayard Street, Kane, Pennsylvania.

Corporal DARRELL C. EVANS, (36517480), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Rizal, Leyte, P.I., on 24 November 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Neta Evans, (Mother), Greenville, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade HERBERT E. HAUSSMANN, (32229981), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., from 7 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Emma Haussmann, (Mother), 60-78 60th Road, Kaspeth (L.I.) New York.

Technician Fourth Grade DAVID HOM, (36577355), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 28 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Lin Hom, (Father), 10421 Dix Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan.

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Private First Class KENNETH H. HOWDENESS, (37149087), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 28 July to 4 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Virginia Howdeness, (Wife), 623 N. Nesmith Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

First Lieutenant ALBERT G. HUME, (01315066), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yigo, Guam, M.I. On the night of 7 August 1944, Company K, *** Regiment, was holding a sector of the defensive position of the Battalion astride a road eight-hundred yards north of Yigo. The enemy attacked Company K's position with three tanks at 0230. Lieutenant HUME immediately ordered his mortar section to fire illuminating flares to enable riflemen to see the enemy force. When the platoon leader and platoon sergeant of an adjoining platoon were wounded, Lieutenant HUME left his foxhole and, with utter disregard for his own safety, began reorganizing this platoon which was rapidly becoming disorganized due to heavy casualties. This heroic action was accomplished under intense fire from two enemy tanks firing two machine guns and one fifty mm gun at a range of twenty-five yards. Lieutenant HUME's bravery and leadership in the face of withering enemy fire were a source of inspiration to all the officers and men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Hume, (Mother), 10222 Longwood Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class ROBERT LONG, (35594826), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Freda Long, (Wife), 103 West Second St., Urichsville, Ohio.

First Lieutenant LEO G. MCGEE, (01305454), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Lieutenant MCGEE, machine gun platoon leader, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved through accurate enemy machine gun fire in order that he might determine the exact localities of the opposing positions. This done, he bravely led his machine gun squads to advantageous ground from where he was able to direct fire eliminating the enemy and allowing his battalion to continue its advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary-Ellen McGee, (Mother), 730 Starin Ave., Kenmore, N.Y.

Private BARNEY MASSIVE, (32232057), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private MASSIVE, a flame thrower operator, voluntarily and repeatedly moved forward of his own lines in order to bring about more effective use of his weapon. At great risk because of accurate enemy fire, he succeeded in overcoming the resistance of several Japanese emplacements. Through his action, his company was able to accomplish its mission. Private MASSIVE's bravery, determination, and aggressiveness, were a source of inspiration to all the men of his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Joseph Massive, (Brother), 306 E. 2nd St., New York, N.Y.

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First Lieutenant THURMAN D. ROWSEY, (01292402), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dora Rowsey, (Mother), 401 Hays Ave., Jackson, Tenn.

Private FLOYD R. SIEVERS, (36455185), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P.I. On the night of 21 December 1944, Private SIEVERS was awakened by the gunfire of a battle between bridge guards and the enemy. He immediately rushed to the scene and, observing that the guards had been either killed or wounded, manned their machine gun, spraying the surrounding area until the enemy were dispersed. Then, fully aware of the danger, he moved through the woods approximately one-quarter mile to a Command Post where he procured a one-quarter ton truck, returned to the scene of the battle, loaded the injured men, and took them to the aid station. He then returned the vehicle, walked back to the bridge, and guarded it until help arrived. Private SIEVER's courage and bravery in the face of the enemy, and his quick thinking and actions, were instrumental in saving the lives of his comrades. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Lester M. Sievers, (Father), 1320 -- 5th St., Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

Sergeant WILLIAM TAYLOR, (36029674), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cagon, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Sergeant TAYLOR, as commander of an M-8 self propelled mount during the reduction of an enemy strongpoint, led his M-8 in support of the advance of Company L, *** Regiment, and knocked out an enemy machine gun hindering the advance of the initial attack. During the engagement, Sergeant TAYLOR led his crew in the reduction of other enemy groups until he was evacuated for wounds suffered during his constant exposure to enemy fire. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Marshall Taylor, (Father), 527 Smith St., Benton, Ill.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS T. WARSHAW, (12077013), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cramo, Leyte, P.I., from 14 December to 19 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Annette T. Warshaw, (Mother), 219 Claremont Ave., Jersey City, N.J.

Captain HORATIO N. WOODSON, (0498106), Judge Advocate General's Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 July to 10 August 1944, on Guam, M.I., and from 7 December to 25 December 1944, on Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Walter H. Woodson, (Father), 100 N. Fulton St., Salisbury, North Carolina.

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GENERAL ORDER - ^{STPA}AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).--1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain RICHARD O. BALLSCHMIDER by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 21 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Captain RICHARD O. BALLSCHMIDER, (0350935), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P. I., from 16 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. R. O. Ballschmider, (Wife), 423 Lincoln Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major WARREN K. BENNETT by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 39, dated 7 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

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 * Major WARREN K. BENNETT, (0453458), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Libungao, Leyte, P. I. On 20 December 1944, when the *** Regiment was heavily engaged with the enemy, Major BENNETT, the Regimental Supply Officer, moved forward and constantly exposed himself to intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire to supervise the supply of ammunition and rations to the forward elements of the regiment. Late that afternoon, during a Japanese counterattack, despite heavy enemy rifle and automatic weapons fire, Major BENNETT went back and successfully brought forward supplies which were vital to the operations of that night and the next day. His courageous actions and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety were an inspiration to those who served with him. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Gordon C. Bennett, (Father), 523 1/2 South Jefferson Street, Springfield, Missouri.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain CHARLES H. BORSOM by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 54, dated 22 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

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Captain CHARLES H. BORSOM, (0452204), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy east of Osmoc, Leyte, P. I., on 15 December 1944. Captain BORSOM, a Company Commander, without regard for his personal safety, effected the reorganization of his company after it had come under severe enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire. His successful reorganization of the company and evacuation of the wounded enabled his unit to continue the attack and to overcome the enemy resistance. Captain BORSOM's heroic actions, which continued until he was wounded, were an inspiration to the officers and men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sarah Borsom, (Mother), 57 Chestnut Street, Clarendon Hills, Illinois.

4. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain CHARLES T. CAPRINO by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 55, dated 23 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Captain CHARLES T. CAPRINO, (0452834), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Camp Downes, two rifle companies were becoming disorganized from heavy and repeated enemy counterattacks. Captain CAPRINO, while under intense enemy fire, assisted in supervising the reorganization of the two rifle companies and effected contact with the Battalion on their left flank, thereby stabilizing the lines of the whole Combat Team. Captain CAPRINO remained at the front until there was no danger of any further disorganization. His courage and decisive action were an inspiration to every officer and enlisted man in his battalion. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Anthony Caprino, (Brother), 195 Sharp Street, Marion, Ohio.

5. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major JAMES M. CULPEPPER by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 39, dated 7 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Major JAMES M. CULPEPPER, (0375203), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. James G. Sherer, (Uncle), 39 Parkwood Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina.

6. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private PAUL R. DECKER by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 59, dated 24 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to

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authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Private PAUL R. DECKER, (12056200), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy south of Ormoc, Leyte, P. I. On 11 December 1944, Private DECKER, with one other enlisted man, in the face of heavy enemy machine gun fire rescued his Platoon Leader who had been critically wounded. The Platoon Leader had just left an observation post when the machine gun which wounded him opened fire. Attracted by the firing, Private DECKER rushed to the aid of the wounded officer. With complete disregard for the machine gun, which continued to fire, Private DECKER and his companion carried the Platoon Leader back to the Command Post, where medical aid was effected. This heroic achievement undoubtedly saved the officer's life. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. William Decker, (Mother), 12 Cary Street, Binghamton, New York.

7. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant RAYMOND L. DIENER by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 26, dated 30 August 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Sergeant RAYMOND L. DIENER, (33176269), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 8 December and 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Robert Diener, (Mother), Route 2, Jonestown, Pennsylvania.

8. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT H. DREISBACH by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 68, dated 12 October 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT H. DREISBACH, (33171462), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Robert H. Dreisbach, (Wife), 1 North Front Street, Coplay, Pa.

9. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade ANDREW GAZA by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section I, General Orders No. 55, dated 23 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

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 Technician Fifth Grade ~~HOWARD A. STANTON~~ GAZA, (32176730), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 30 November 1944. Technician GAZA was an aid man. During the action near Buri, which lasted several hours, numerous casualties were suffered from enemy fire. The entire area was swept by enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Disregarding his own safety, and without waiting until Japanese fire had lightened, he repeatedly rushed forward to the side of wounded men, administered first aid, and, when litter bearers were unavailable, helped carry the casualties to safety. On several occasions he disregarded enemy riflemen clearly visible and obviously intent upon killing the wounded men, in order to assist them to safety. His courage and coolness under fire, combined with his skill in the administration of first aid, unquestionably saved the lives of several men in the company. His actions reflected great credit upon himself and proved a source of inspiration to the infantryman he served. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Helen Gaza, (Mother), 110 Simpson Street, Dupont, Pennsylvania.

10. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD A. STANTON by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 26, dated 30 August 1944, a ~~Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster~~ is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD A. STANTON, (32261609), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. During the night of 11 December 1944, Technician STANTON and others of a wire party laid a one-mile wire circuit through the town of Ormoc, a portion of the distance being in an area unoccupied by friendly troops. Silhouetted by the light of burning buildings, the party was dangerously exposed to enemy fire. Later, numerous enemy were killed in this area. On another occasion Technician STANTON was a member of a wire team which repaired lines in territory infested with enemy patrols and snipers. His heroic achievements insured vitally needed communications. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elizabeth Dews, (Mother), 422 East 23rd Street, Patterson, New Jersey.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

OLIVER E. G. TRECHTER
 Colonel, G. S. C.,
 Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).--1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant EVERETT L. HUTCHINS by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 69, dated 12 October 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

✓ Technical Sergeant EVERETT L. HUTCHINS, (31059039), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 12 January 1945. Sergeant HUTCHINS and another soldier were on duty in a gun emplacement in the outer defense of a bivouac area. Shortly before midnight Sergeant HUTCHINS spotted several of the enemy only a few yards from his position. He opened fire but almost immediately a hand grenade exploded inside the gun emplacement, wounding the other soldier, and blowing Sergeant HUTCHINS from his gun. He shouted for help, jumped back to his gun and reopened fire. Two of the enemy, already wounded by Sergeant HUTCHINS' fire, slipped into a fold in the earth and could not be fired upon. Accompanied by another soldier, who had come up in response to his call, Sergeant HUTCHINS advanced into the open and killed the two enemy soldiers with carbine fire. This advance was made with complete disregard for his own safety, for it was known that there were other Japanese about. His action ended the enemy attempt at infiltration and made possible the prompt evacuation of the wounded soldier. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Floyd G. Hutchins, (Wife), Brandon, Vermont.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant JOHN M. KARINCH by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section II, General Orders No. 53, dated 22 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

✓ Technical Sergeant JOHN M. KARINCH, (33013436), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Cabulihan, Leyte, P. I., from 9 December to 24 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. June F. Karinch, (Wife), Box 288, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain WILLIAM W. KREIS by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 39, dated 7 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to

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authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

✓ Captain WILLIAM W. KREIS, (0366536), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. J. D. Kreis, (Father), 621 East 1st North Street, Morristown, Tenn.

4. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private CHARLES J. PITTORE by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 56, dated 23 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

✓ Private CHARLES J. PITTORE, (32261646), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. During a Japanese amphibious landing on the beach west of Ormoc, Private PITTORE, an aid man, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled to a wounded officer under artillery and small arms fire which was coming from the Japanese Landing Craft. On 17 December, at about 1730, in the City of Ormoc, Private PITTORE left his foxhole during enemy shelling and, ignoring the danger, rendered first aid to seven men who had been wounded by the fire. He then assisted in their rapid evacuation to the field hospital. Private PITTORE's courage, coolness, and ingenuity displayed while under enemy fire served as an incentive and inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Saverio R. Pittore, (Brother), 148 West 103rd Street, New York, New York.

5. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant CHARLES T. RILEY by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 52, dated 23 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

✓ Technical Sergeant CHARLES T. RILEY, (6393258), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 17 December 1944. In the vicinity of Catayon, Sergeant RILEY was aiding his platoon leader in the direction of the platoon on the right flank of the company. In order to maintain control of his men, he continually exposed himself to enemy fire coming from a defiladed position on the right. Sergeant RILEY, in the lead of his men, closed on the enemy position. With grenades and rifle fire, he killed three of the Japanese and silenced their light machine gun. He then successfully led his platoon through heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, driving fifteen of the enemy before them and killing eight more. His excellent leadership and aggressiveness were a credit to himself and aided materially in securing the objective. HOME ADDRESS:

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Miss Rose Riley, (Sister), 1006 Avenue D, Rome, Georgia.

6. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 51, dated 21 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

✓ First Lieutenant LOUIS C. SCHNEIDER, (01305325), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P. I., on 24 December 1944. Lieutenant SCHNEIDER, Motor Transport Officer, when unable to approach the front lines with his vehicles, which were loaded with much-needed supplies, arranged his men into carrying parties, and personally led them forward over treacherous, sniper-infested, terrain. Often he was subjected to fire from automatic weapons which the enemy had concealed in the brush. On the way to the front lines he and his party were attacked and stopped for over an hour by a party of eight enemy riflemen. Crawling ahead of his men, Lieutenant SCHNEIDER wounded one of the enemy and dispersed the others. He then proceeded with his section. His bravery and outstanding leadership proved a source of inspiration to his men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ethel C. Schneider, (Mother), 2206 Hall Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

7. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain ELTING H. SMITH by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section III, General Orders No. 73, dated 1 November 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

✓ Captain ELTING H. SMITH, (0388034), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Leon H. Smith, (Father), 2 Dudley Place, Lenox, New York.

8. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major EUGENE R. SMYTH by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 75, dated 1 November 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

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✓ Major **EUGENE R. SMYTH**, (0355397), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Eugene R. Smyth, (Wife), Box 684, Starks, Florida.

9. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant **SOLOMON TENTLER** by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 53, dated 22 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

✓ Staff Sergeant **SOLOMON TENTLER**, (12040430), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Samuel Tentler, (Father), 11 East 101st Street, New York, New York.

10. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant **JOHN K. WILLIAMS** by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section III, General Orders No. 73, dated 1 November 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

✓ First Lieutenant **JOHN K. WILLIAMS**, (0440475), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 16 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. John K. Williams, (Wife), 277 Park Avenue, New York, New York.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

OLIVER E. G. TRECHTER
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

John W. Jefferys
JOHN W. JEFFERYS
Lt. Col., A.G.D.
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SECTION I

BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-So much of General Orders No. 37, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, 19 January 45, pertaining to Technician Fifth Grade ALEXANDER B. DAVIDSON, as reads:

"Technician Fifth Grade ALEXANDER B. DAVIDSON"

be amended to read:

"Technician Fifth Grade ALEXANDER B. DAVIDSON"

SECTION II

BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-So much of General Orders No. 37, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, 24 January 45, pertaining to Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM R. THALGOTT, as reads:

"Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM R. THALGOTT, (32297852), Infantry"

is amended to read:

"Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM R. THALGOTT, (33297852), Signal Corps"

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS).-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

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Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT L. BANEY, (32274582), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 12 January 1945. Technician BANEY, acting squad leader, moved forward, alone and in the face of withering automatic fire that had just wounded his scout, to reconnoiter the location and disposition of the enemy. As a result of his reconnaissance he was able to maneuver his squad forward, leading them and directing them with such telling effect, that the enemy strong point was eliminated. During this action Technician BANEY was fatally wounded but his fearlessness and his sound tactics carried his squad through a successful attack. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Helen Baney, (Mother), 239 Maple Street, Kearney, N.J.

Technical Sergeant PETER G. DINELLA, (33177101), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 2 December 1944, at about 1400, during an attack to secure commanding ground north of the Panalian River, an acting platoon leader was wounded. Sergeant DINELLA, the platoon guide, immediately assumed command. After reorganizing his platoon, he moved under fire to the company observation post to inform the company commander of the situation and to receive orders. At this stage of the attack, inter-company radio communication was non-existent, and the movement of messengers almost impossible. Enroute Sergeant DINELLA, while still under fire, rendered aid to a mortally wounded aid man. Having received an order to attack on signal, Sergeant DINELLA returned to the forward elements of his platoon. While awaiting this signal he attempted to move to the wounded platoon leader to render aid. During this movement he was killed. Sergeant DINELLA's heroic action and his reluctance to expose anyone but himself on a very dangerous mission were sources of pride to all the officers and men of his company. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Dominic Dinella, (Father), 2424 South 10th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Private MICHAEL L. GUARINO, (12046967), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy north of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. After his company commander had been wounded in both legs, Private GUARINO, a radio operator, was ordered to move out of an area covered by enemy rifle, machine gun, and artillery fire. Private GUARINO, despite the deadly fire, refused to leave his commander. Disregarding the danger, he dragged his wounded commander with him through one hundred and fifty feet of bullet-swept terrain to a safer area. His disregard for his own safety and his devotion to his commanding officer were an inspiration to all the members of his organization. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Selma Guarino, (Wife), 106 Washington Avenue, Avon by the Sea, N.J.

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Staff Sergeant CHARLES W. MANNERS, (6719592), Infantry, United States Army, For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 8 December 1944, at about 1100, Company B, *** Regiment, was attacking to the north from the vicinity of Ipil. Just south of the Panalian River the company was taken under heavy enemy automatic and small arms fire from the right flank. Even though the bulk of the company was held up by this fire, Sergeant MANNERS disregarding the danger moved his light machine gun section into a position from which he was able to bring fire on the enemy. This action contributed largely to the success of the company in passing the exposed area. Again north of the Panalian River, at about 1615, Sergeant MANNERS despite enemy fire was instrumental in knocking out a Japanese light machine gun which was holding up his company. He was later killed while moving forward with his section. Sergeant MANNERS' heroic achievements throughout the entire day of this attack were in large measure responsible for the success of his company. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Anna Manners, (Wife), 433 East 17th Street, New York, N.Y.

Private JOSEPH MONTAG, (32295652), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private MONTAG, cannoneer in an Anti-Tank Platoon, volunteered to act as a member of a litter squad to aid in the evacuation of several seriously wounded casualties. Private MONTAG went forward across rice paddies and open terrain under heavy and accurate sniper fire with his squad. While in the performance of this hazardous duty Private MONTAG was mortally wounded. Private MONTAG's heroic action was an inspiration to the members of his unit. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Max Montag, (Brother), 216 East 3rd Street, Rye, N.Y.

Private HOWARD S. OWENS, (32260593), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 18 December to 21 December 1944. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Mary S. Owens, (Wife), 229 West 7th Street, Laurel, Del.

Technical Sergeant ALPHONSE J. PLOUNDE, (6132846), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of Tarragona, Leyte, P.I. NEXT OF KIN. Mrs. Antoinette Breau, (Sister), Rumford, Maine.

SECTION IV

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).-1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant ALFRED J. MASSONE by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section III, General Orders No. 73, dated 1 November 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is posthumously awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

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Staff Sergeant ALFRED J. MASSONE, (12061110), Infantry, United States Army For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On the night of 19 December 1944 action with the enemy could not be broken until late and therefore company communications could not be established until after dark. With utter disregard for his own safety, and while under enemy artillery fire, Sergeant MASSONE personally completed the installations. While engaged in putting in the final wire he was killed by an artillery shell that burst in the company command post. NEXT OF KIN: Mr. Ernest Massone, (Father), 7-9 Carmine Avenue, New York, N.Y..

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant MILTON H. TEPPER by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section I, General Orders No. 51, dated 21 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is posthumously awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant MILTON H. TEPPER, (01323758), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 15 December 1944, Lieutenant TEPPER led a long range reconnaissance patrol deep into enemy territory. His mission was to secure information concerning the terrain, disposition of enemy troops, fortifications, and estimates of the strength of enemy dispositions in the zone of a proposed attack. He led his patrol on a route covering about ten miles through extremely difficult terrain and largely through strongly-held enemy territory. Despite the obstacles and danger, Lieutenant TEPPER coolly led his patrol on and successfully accomplished his mission. His ability, courage, and aggressiveness, enabled the patrol to return with information of the utmost importance. The courageous action of Lieutenant TEPPER and his patrol provided much of the information for a Division attack through the patrolled area, and contributed materially to the offensive action which broke the last Japanese hold in the Ormoc Valley. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Sophie Marie Loeb Tepper, (Wife), 167 Center Street, Canton, Miss.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private RANDALL O. WOLFE by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 31, dated 2 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is posthumously awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

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Private RANDALL C. WOLFE, (33164832), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 18 December to 20 December 1944, on Leyte, P.I. Throughout the action, Private WOLFE rendered outstanding service as a litter bearer in his Battalion Medical Section. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to render aid to the wounded and assist in their evacuation. On 20 December at approximately 1100, in the action north of Valencia, Private WOLFE, in answer to a call for litter bearers, went forward under heavy enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire, and with complete disregard for his own safety reached and rendered aid to wounded men. While performing this heroic action Private WOLFE was struck by enemy fire and mortally wounded. Private WOLFE's work as a litter bearer contributed to the speedy evacuation of the wounded and his unselfish efforts served as an inspiration to the other men of the detachment. NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Bertha Wolfe, (Mother), Kane, Pa.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

OLIVER E. G. TRECHTER
Colonel, G. S. C.,
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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, E.O., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

✓ Captain MARTIN E. BOYER, III, (0416011), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 10 December 1944, when the First Battalion, *** Regiment, had the mission of taking Ormoc, Companies A and B were held up by enemy machine gun fire coming from the Village huts. Cannon and antitank Company mounts ordered to eliminate the opposition had to travel along the beach around in front of the lines to get to a position where they could place effective fire on the targets. Captain BOYER, S-3 of First Battalion, located the targets and personally guided the mounts, constantly under fire, to a location from which they were able to neutralize the enemy positions. This enabled the companies to advance into Ormoc with little trouble. Captain BOYER's heroic act was an inspiration to the men of the Cannon and Antitank companies. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. M. E. Boyer, Jr., (Mother), 937 Bromley Road, Charlotte 4, N.C.

✓ Private First Class CHARLES F. CALI, (32231169), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Bessie Cali, (Mother), 32-30 204th Street, Bayside-West, N.Y.

✓ Private First Class LLOYD R. CONROD, (31087413), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 24 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. William S Conrod, (Father), 208 Highland Street, Roxbury, Mass.

✓ Private RALPH F. GILDER, (34442716), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 8 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ola L. Gilder, (Mother), 618 East Main Street, Macon, Ga.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade CARL V. HAINES, (33166537), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 29 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Effie Haines, (Mother), R.D. #1, Eighty-Four, Pa.

✓ Private GEORGE J. HILL, (33158205), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 4 January and 5 January 1945 a platoon, of which Private HILL was first scout, was given the patrol mission of investigating the towns of Hot Springs and Cabolonan, and destroying all enemy found. Private HILL personally reconnoitered many houses and repeatedly, with total disregard for his own safety, killed small groups of the enemy. As lead scout for the entire two-day period,

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he showed outstanding courage and aggressiveness, greatly inspiring the patrol members by his willingness to take the lead in going into possible places of ambush. The patrol was able to accomplish its mission successfully, destroying fifty-eight of the enemy with no casualties for the patrol. Private HILL personally accounted for fourteen of the enemy. By his alert and courageous performance Private HILL was largely responsible for the remarkable success of the patrol. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marjorie J. Burns, (Sister), 17 Seminole Street, Scituate, Mass.

✓ Corporal ROBERT E. KIRWIN, (32260395), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 12 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dora Kirwin, (Mother), 340 East 22nd Street, New York, N.Y.

✓ Private First Class CLIFFORD H. KULOW, (35526148), Infantry United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. W. L. Kulow, (Mother), R.F.D. #2, Madison, Ohio.

✓ Private First Class WILLIAM MILLER, (32225092), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 26 December 1944. Private MILLER while acting as an advance scout during an attack through mountainous terrain heavily defended by the enemy, discovered a hidden pill-box which threatened the advance of his company. Though wounded at the time and under heavy fire from the enemy position, Private MILLER returned to his platoon leader and pointed out the location of the pill-box. His courageous act furnished the platoon leader with information which enabled him to maneuver around the position and drive the enemy out, with only minor loss to his platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Joseph Miller, (Father), 110 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside, N.Y.

✓ Private HAROLD PARKS, (37580211), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. The Second Battalion, *** Regiment, had advanced about one-thousand yards beyond its beachhead and Company G, in the lead, was ordered to secure the high ground in the vicinity of the Panalian River. Private PARKS' platoon was on the right flank. Driving forward, they reached the crest of the high ground and encountered a heavily defended enemy position. In the face of intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private PARKS, disregarding his own safety, advanced on the position killing several of the enemy and driving others back. Private PARKS was wounded in this encounter. His unhesitating, courageous, action aided materially in the advance of the platoon, won for him the admiration and respect of all its members, and inspired them to a speedy follow-up of the attack. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Inez Parks, (Mother), 418 Fourth Street, Albert Lea, Minn.

✓ Staff Sergeant JOHN T. PUSKAR, (33167421), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Conlin, (Mother), Box 65, Calumet, Penna.

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✓ Private First Class DANIEL N. RAHILLY, (31140686), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Nora Rahilly, (Mother), 157 Berwick Street, Melrose, Mass.

✓ Private First Class LOUIS RASMUSSEN, (32262499), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 8 December 1944, while his Company was attacking a strong enemy position near Camp Downes, an officer was severely wounded and fell directly in front of a foxhole occupied by an enemy rifleman. Private RASMUSSEN, under intense enemy fire, crawled to this officer and dragged him back to a position of safety, thus clearing the way for his squad leader who tossed a grenade into the foxhole and killed the enemy rifleman. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Gertrude Rasmussen, (Mother), 107-22 123rd Street, Richmond Hill, L.I., N.Y.

✓ Staff Sergeant HOWARD J. RIDDLE, (32231283), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ormoc-Valencia Area, Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. The Third Battalion, * * * Regiment, was assigned the mission of securing the road leading west from Libungao. Company K was ordered to cross the road and advance on the left toward Libungao. The leading platoon was being subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire, thirty yards short of the road. Sergeant RIDDLE, Forward Observer for the 81mm Mortar Platoon, was ordered to silence the enemy fire. The target was not definitely located. However, Sergeant RIDDLE had a mortar concentration fired immediately in front of the leading platoon. He directed his fire as close as thirty-five yards to their front. Following this, the platoon's advance was again halted by heavy fire from a perfectly concealed machine gun to their left front. Sergeant RIDDLE, without regard for his personal safety, advanced far to the front of the leading platoon. From this vantage point, he located the enemy gun, accurately directed mortar fire on the target, and succeeded in demolishing it. Sergeant RIDDLE's heroic action was an inspiration to the men of both units and aided materially in the accomplishment of their mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Nellie Riddle, (Mother), 426 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.

✓ Captain JULIUS J. SIMON, (0473115), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 6 August to 1 September 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Simon, (Wife), 51 Hamilton Place, New York 31, N.Y.

✓ First Lieutenant THEODORE R. SMITH, (01177190), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 25 December 1944. Lieutenant SMITH, as Forward Observer, was at his observation post when it was fired on by enemy mortars which caused several casualties. Lieutenant SMITH's helmet was knocked off by the concussion and he moved behind the crest. Shortly thereafter, he courageously moved to his observation post again and adjusted 155mm howitzer fire on the mortars, silencing them. Later Lieutenant SMITH, after the infantry withdrew so that he could fire, fearlessly brought 155mm fire in very close to himself and enabled the infantry to advance. Lieutenant SMITH's courage under fire, his ability in adjusting artillery fire, and his disregard for his personal safety were in the best traditions of the military service and an inspiration to all those associated with him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elaine Smith, (Wife), 511 South Thomas, Springfield, Mo.

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✓ Technician Fifth Grade CLEMENT S. TASSI, (32261392), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Technician TASSI was a litter squad leader with the duty of evacuating casualties from the Battalion Aid Station to the Collecting Company. Technician TASSI was with the Third Battalion when they received repeated Japanese counterattacks. The enemy fire was intense, but he immediately led his squad forward to help evacuate the wounded from their front line positions. Technician TASSI displayed such courage and confidence that he was an inspiration to his squad and they followed him without hesitancy. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mollie Tassi, (Mother), 186 South Street, Jersey City, N.J.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade MITCHEL ULRICH, (32319558), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 and 15 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Frieda Ulrich, (Mother), 190 East Mescholu Parkway, Bronx, N.Y.

✓ First Lieutenant STANLEY M. WORSHAM, (0353048), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Lieutenant WORSHAM, a forward observer attached to an infantry battalion during an assault upon a very strongly fortified enemy position near Ormoc, came under incessant and accurate enemy machine gun fire. During this action Lieutenant WORSHAM despite intense enemy fire falling around him worked his way unprotected to forward points where he could better see the enemy and direct artillery fire on well dug-in enemy emplacements. By his courageous action he covered the infantry so effectively that they were able to dig in and hold the position. Later, disregarding his own safety, he worked his way forward under hostile fire into enemy territory and succeeded in evacuating a wounded man. Lieutenant WORSHAM's courage and aggressiveness were an inspiration to all the men and officers around him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mildred G. Worsham, (Wife), Hartsboro, Ala.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade JOHN J. MYCHUNAS, (33054814), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tambora, Leyte, P.I., on 7 December 1944. Technician MYCHUNAS, while administering first aid to two wounded riflemen, was fired upon by two of the enemy. He immediately called to nearby friendly riflemen and continued administering first aid while the riflemen brought fire to bear upon the Japanese. Technician MYCHUNAS, by his courage, initiative, and resourcefulness was an inspiration to the troops with whom he served. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Julia Mychunas, (Wife), 12 Center Street, Girardville, Pa.

Signature of Major General BRUCE:

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APO 97, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
9 February 1945BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.S., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private ORVILLE M. BELDING, (37485558), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., from 13 December to 15 December 1944. Private BELDING, a pioneer in an antitank company, on two occasions volunteered to serve as litter bearer when he learned that the rifle companies his unit was supporting were stopped, with heavy casualties, by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The rifle companies could not evacuate their own men as it was necessary to keep every available rifleman on the line for protection. With disregard for his own safety, Private BELDING went forward under this heavy enemy fire and helped evacuate the wounded. While in the performance of this work, he was subjected to constant sniper fire directed from tree tops and other concealed positions to his flanks and rear. By his heroic deeds he greatly inspired the men with him and aided in saving the lives of several of the seriously wounded. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Vivian Belding, (Wife), Route 2, Diller, Nebr.

Corporal JOHN F. BERNARDO, (39255837), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Julia Bernardo, (Mother), Du Bois, Pa.

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*Private First Class LAWRENCE J. BERTELSON, (32264153), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 14 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Louise Bertelson, (Mother), South Pemberton Road, Mount Holly, N.J.

Private First Class WALTER J. BIEDRZYCKI, (32640601), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. Private BIEDRZYCKI volunteered as a litter bearer to help carry a wounded man across terrain covered by heavy enemy fire. During this attempt one of the litter bearers was wounded and Private BIEDRZYCKI courageously took over the wounded bearer's portion of the litter so they could continue to the first aid station where treatment was given. This action was an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and upon his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Tillie Biedrzycki, (Mother), 54 Cleveland Avenue, New Brighton, Staten Island, N.Y.

Sergeant PHILLIP D. BISH, (35446161), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. During an enemy counterattack, Sergeant BISH, a machine gun squad leader was wounded, along with two of his gunners.

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Sergeant BISH, after sending his gunners to the aid station, remained at his post despite his own wounds until the counterattack was successfully repulsed. This heroic action and disregard for his own welfare were an inspiration to all the troops in that vicinity. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Blanche A. Bish, (Mother), Lochelly, N. Va.

First Lieutenant RICHARD F. BONGIOLATTI, (01305532), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy east of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Lieutenant BONGIOLATTI, a reconnaissance officer, without concern for his own safety personally selected heavy machine gun positions with excellent fields of fire on several enemy strong points that were holding up the rifle elements of his Battalion. He moved from position to position placing his guns and directing their fire while subjected to heavy and accurate enemy rifle and machine gun fire. This fire had already caused a considerable number of casualties throughout the Battalion. His selection of positions and direction of fire while exposed to the enemy was largely responsible for silencing and dispersing a large number of the enemy, and permitting the rifle units to move forward. Lieutenant BONGIOLATTI, by his courageous actions, paved the way for the success of the Battalion in taking its objective, and prevented the enemy from taking a greater toll of lives. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rachel Bongiolatti, (Wife), 21 Miller Street, Adams, Mass.

Captain WILLIAM S. KOLLER, (0435240), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., on 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. William S. Koller, (Wife), Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

Private First Class MERIVALE M. MEADOR, (35133445), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Villaiba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lillie E. Meador, (Mother), Shady Spring, Star Route 16678, N. Va.

Corporal HARLAN W. MIDDLEMISS, (35577029), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 28 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Dr. Edward Middlemiss, (Father), 1436 Stephens Avenue, Mount Clemens, Mich.

Private GEORGE T. QUIGLEY, (35186194), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Miss Florence Marie Quigley, (Sister), 1407 S. Ringgold Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Private First Class EDWARD F. QUINN, (31085693), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bari, Leyte, P.I., on 30 November 1944. Private QUINN, an automatic rifleman, noticed that a squad leader from another squad had been wounded during a skirmish with an enemy force. Though under heavy enemy fire, Private QUINN volunteered to cover the wounded man's evacuation. Exposing himself to enemy observation, he put a heavy concentration of fire on a number of Japanese rifleman who were attempting to kill the wounded man. Private QUINN's actions and complete disregard for his own safety were instrumental in saving his wounded comrade and facilitating his evacuation to the rear. His courage and heroic actions were a credit to himself and to his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Edward F. Quinn, (Father), 406 Mayo Street, Portland, Maine.

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Sergeant JOHN J. SHOCK, (33176777), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, I.I., on 16 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Helen Y. Shock, (Wife), 197 Foote Avenue, Duryea, Penna.

Private STANLEY J. SPADA, (32232110), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, I.I., on 21 December 1944. The First Platoon of Company E, *** Regiment, was the assault platoon in an attack near Libungao. Private SPADA, a rifleman in the first squad, was severely wounded by enemy machine gun fire early in the engagement. Seeing that other men might be wounded in an attempt to evacuate him, Private SPADA called to his comrades not to assist him and started crawling to the rear. While making his way back, he noticed that another man was wounded and disregarding his own safety and the pain of his wounds, Private SPADA helped his comrade back to the rear. Only then did he permit medical attention to be given to his own wounds. His courageous action reflected great credit upon himself and proved a source of inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Marine Spada, (Father), 206 Greenwood Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

First Lieutenant ROLL F. SYRETT, (01170218), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, I.I., from 17 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Edna Leach, (Mother), Route 6, Box 396 A, Duluth, Minn.

Private First Class EUGENE B. TAYLOR, (11048658), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, I.I., from 7 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Senior, (Grandmother), Lowell, Mass.

Corporal WALLACE C. THOMPSON, (31102792), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, I.I., on 16 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Laura E. Thompson, (Wife), 1110 Burnum Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

Private First Class RAYBURN TIDWELL, (34391506), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, I.I., on 8 December 1944. Private TIDWELL, advancing across open fields in the vicinity of the Sanabian River, came under heavy enemy fire from high ground to his front. Firing as he moved forward, he killed seven of the enemy and, with two other men, knocked out two strong enemy gun emplacements. This resulted in driving about twenty-five more of the enemy from the ridge. Private TIDWELL's determination and aggressiveness aided his squad materially in securing its objective, and reflected great credit upon himself. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rena Tidwell, (Mother), Route #1, Glen Allen, Ala.

Technical Sergeant DANIEL L. WATERS, (36513333), (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, I.I., on 21 December 1944. Company K, *** Regiment, leading the attack of the Third Battalion, reached a road junction at Libungao. In the afternoon it was necessary to shift the leading elements of the company. This maneuver was very difficult because of the terrain which had to be negotiated. Sergeant WATERS exposed himself to fire from two enemy machine guns repeatedly.

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With utter disregard for his own safety, he directed the men of his platoon in the completion of this action, managing this maneuvering without any casualties. Sergeant WATSON's courage and bravery in the face of danger proved a source of inspiration to all the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ruth F. Waters, (Wife), 1006 Van Buren Street, Saginaw, Mich.

Private First Class NORMAN E. WATSON, (33131002), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 12 December 1944. Private WATSON, a flame thrower operator, time after time, exposed himself, with courageous disregard for the intense enemy machine gun fire directed at him, in order that he might burn out the enemy in their emplacements. His brave actions made possible the advance of adjacent units, and inspired the men of his company to success in their attack. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Alice Watson, (Mother), Fallston, Md.

Sergeant LAWRENCE L. WINANS, (20312454), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Sergeant WINANS, a first gunner, without regard for his own safety, while under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire established a mortar observation post near the front line. From this point he directed effective fire against enemy counterattacks. His adjustment on enemy gun positions destroyed them and helped his battalion to reach its objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lorne E. Winans, (Wife), 415 Poplar Street, Meadville, Penna.

Private First Class CHARLES C. WOODS, (15010693), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. The Second Battalion, *** Regiment, was attacking in the vicinity of Camp Downes. The advance of the leading elements was temporarily halted by an enemy light machine gun, and our heavy machine guns were called for. In order to knock out the enemy machine gun, Private WOODS, although under heavy enemy fire, placed his gun in front of the rifle troops. He opened fire and silenced the Japanese gun, permitting the attack to continue. Private WOODS' courage under fire was an inspiration to all around him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dora Woods, (Mother), Webster Springs, West Va.

and of Major General BRUCE:

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Private ELI BOGOVICH, (33165259), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. Private BOGOVICH was Number Two Gunner of a heavy machine-gun squad. In the vicinity of Libungao, quickly, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Private BOGOVICH, placed his gun in action on a bridge and knocked out an enemy machine gun which was in action twenty yards ahead. His courage, coolness, and alertness resulted in the destruction of the enemy weapon and its crew. Private BOGOVICH's conduct was an inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Bogovich, (Mother), 820 Lockhard Street, Northside, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WALTER J. CASEY, (32294738), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 15 December 1944. Sergeant CASEY, squad leader, established and operated a mortar observation post under severe enemy fire and at great risk. From this point he was able to direct mortars of his squad with telling effect. As a result, the rifle company to which he and his squad were attached was successful in its attack. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Arne Casey, (Wife), 472 Grand Street, New York, New York.

Staff Sergeant ALFRED GORLITZER, (32296098), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Bertha Gorlitzer, (Mother), 273 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class FRANCIS P. HOY, (12066179), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Private HOY, an ammunition bearer, crossed an open rice paddy under enemy rifle and light machine gun fire in order to keep his heavy machine guns supplied with ammunition. At the time the fighting was intense, and included several enemy counterattacks, making ammunition vitally needed to hold the ground. Despite heavy enemy small arms and sniper fire, he delivered the sorely-needed ammunition to the front lines. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all those with him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rosetta Soltan, (Sister), 4332 Crescent Street, Long Island City New York.

First Lieutenant RAY E. JONES, (01301156), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. At about 0500 Company C was attacked by a strong enemy force. The southwest sector of the line was the focal point for

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the enemy's drive. Lieutenant JONES, with great risk, established himself in a position from which he could observe and direct the fires of not only his 60mm mortars but also a section of light machine guns. The fire of the guns covered a strategic position in the defense. Lieutenant JONES was continually exposed to heavy concentrations of enemy mortar and machine gun fire. However, by being in this advantageous position, he was able to direct fires so effectively that the backbone of the enemy drive was broken. The heroic action on the part of Lieutenant JONES enabled his organization to break the assault, and his conduct was an inspiration to all the officers and men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ray E. Jones, (Wife), 217 South Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant PAUL LICHTER, (01306864), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 28 November to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Lichter, (Mother), 4835 N. 8th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private JAMES J. MILLER, (33788029), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Island of Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. James J. Miller, (Wife), 226 Church Street, Melverne, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant JULIUS M. MOHS, (37278767), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 9 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Helen Mohs, (Wife), 2548 Grand Avenue, South Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private NUBAR K. NUHIBIAN, (32312437), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anitsa Nuhibian, (Mother), 850 East 164th Street, New York, New York.

Second Lieutenant ALBERT P. O'CONNOR, (0430509), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. Lieutenant O'CONNOR, platoon leader, attached himself to a patrol to coordinate the fire of a machine gun section with that of the patrol. When the patrol met heavy enemy machine gun fire and counterattacks, Lieutenant O'CONNOR returned over open ground under continual fire to bring his section into position to support the patrol. His actions were a source of inspiration to his entire platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor, (Mother), 2816 Maitland Avenue, New York, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM J. PIGNATORA, (32303976), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Technician PIGNATORA, a Dental Technician, volunteered to go forward to evacuate casualties. Upon reaching the front lines Technician PIGNATORA was halted by intense enemy small arms fire, which wounded additional men. As the Japanese attack continued he could not safely give first aid nor evacuate the wounded. Nevertheless, disregarding his own safety, he crawled under enemy fire and administered first aid to the wounded. It was necessary to bring up an amphibious tractor to evacuate them and Technician PIGNATORA, while under fire, loaded the wounded into the vehicle. By his heroic actions, courage, and outstanding conduct he aided in saving many lives. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Pignatora, (Mother), 299 1/2 Elm Street Newark, New Jersey

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Sergeant HENRY O. REDEKER, (32261574), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. When Sergeant REDEKER's platoon was held up by enemy harassing fire, he maneuvered his squad to a position from which he could silence the enemy machine gun fire. In reconnoitering this route of approach he exposed himself to the enemy fire but by so doing he obtained information that enabled him to move his squad out exposure. His calm and deliberate actions and his courage under fire greatly in the success of the fight. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Martha Harrington, (Mother), 217 West 68th Street, New York City, New York.

Private First Class EARL R. REED, (32255419), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Earl Reed, (Wife), 21 East Main Street, Loroy, New York.

Private First Class PETER E. REILLY, (31112328), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 12 December and 17 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sarah Reilly, (Mother), 483 York Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I.

Technician Fourth Grade NICHOLAS SCHLIMBRACCO, (32564612), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 19 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Louis Schlimbacco, (Father), 176 Littleton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant NORMAN H. TRANSUE, (01301056), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Norman H. Transue, (Wife), Metamoras, Pennsylvania.

Private CLIFFORD TRAUGER, (33832584), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Gertrude Trauger, (Mother), 24 Saucen Street, Hellertown, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class JOSEPH F. WASKO, (367911), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 15 December 1944. Private WASKO, without regard for his own safety, and while under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, continued to keep his 81mm Mortar firing effectively against the enemy, thus giving maximum support to his comrades in pressing the attack and in repulsing enemy counterattacks. On several occasions, his gun and crew came under enemy counter mortar fire, but in the face of the danger he continued picking out enemy targets and placing fire on them, thereby aiding greatly in the attack. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were of great inspirational value to his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Frank M. Wasko, (Brother), 1702 Master Street, Camden, N. J.

Sergeant FREDERICK T. WEISS, (3242370), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 15 December 1944. Sergeant WEISS, a message center chief with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to take an urgent message for his Battalion Commander at the forward command post when mechanical communications

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failed. Sergeant WEISS had to cross an open field constantly under enemy sniper fire. He reached the base of the hill on which the forward command post was located when the enemy counterattacked. Crawling to the top of the hill, he succeeded in reaching the forward command post and delivered the message. Sergeant WEISS, by his brave and courageous act, inspired all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Edward Weiss, (Brother), 52 Linden Avenue, Ossining, New York.

Staff Sergeant RALPH E. WILSON, (34129272), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. May R. Wilson, (Mother), Route #1, Lynchburg, S.C.

Private First Class STEVE A. YURKOVIC, (13129331), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Villaba, Leyte, P. I., on 15 January 1945. Private YURKOVIC, ammunition bearer, upon learning that a damaged fifty caliber machine gun had been abandoned, crawled forward, under direct enemy automatic fire, and retrieved it with great effort. As a consequence of his action, the machine gun was soon repaired and put back into action, giving to the company then in attack sorely needed fire power. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Vera Kes, (Mother), 372 Olivia Street, McKees Rock, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant DOMENIC ZARETTE, (31087884), (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. Company B, *** Regiment was ordered to adjust their lines which were covered by intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire. Four men lay wounded in this area and in order to evacuate them it was necessary to use men of the company, since no litter bearers were available at that time. Sergeant ZARETTE, though knowing that he would be left in a dangerous position with very little covering fire, volunteered to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. He calmly administered first aid and assisted in completing the mission before joining his company in the rear. Sergeant ZARETTE's coolness under fire, courage, and concern for the wounded inspired the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Louise Zarette, (Wife) 12 Seward Street, Worcester, Mass.

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #77, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
9 February 1945BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Sergeant **GEORGE H. BASCH**, (35526134), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Sergeant BASCH was given the mission of maintaining contact between his company and the regiment on its left. M-8 self-propelled gun mounts had advanced to the Tagbong River in an attempt to knock out enemy strong points, and in so doing were receiving heavy Japanese machine gun and mortar fire. The self-propelled guns had destroyed some of the strongpoints and it appeared as though the enemy was beginning to withdraw. Seeing this, Sergeant BASCH voluntarily crawled forward, with complete disregard for his own safety, to an exposed position on the bank of the river, where he personally killed five of the enemy. He continued to point out other enemy positions to the gun commanders, thereby keeping continuous fire upon the enemy during their attempted withdrawal. His heroic action and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to the members of his unit and reflect credit both upon himself and the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. George H. Basch, (wife), 324 Cohasset Drive, Youngstown, Ohio.

First Lieutenant **WILLIAM H. CLAYPOOL**, (0467844), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Robert Huffman, (Aunt), Box 443, Pearlisburg, Va.

Private First Class **FREDERIC J. CUTLER**, (31088000), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 25 December 1944. Private CUTLER, a machine gunner, on his own initiative went forward to the point of his Battalion when it came under machine gun, rifle, and grenade fire from an enemy outpost in a thickly wooded, mountainous area. Private CUTLER fired his gun from the hip, keeping the enemy under cover until his Battalion could bring up supporting rifle and mortar squads. Private CUTLER fired until his ammunition was expended. It was his quick and daring action that gave the Battalion, strung out on a mountain pass, opportunity to organize for attack and bring effective fire against the enemy. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Cutler, (Mother); 58 Mapleton Street, Brighton, Mass..

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Staff Sergeant THOMAS J. COUTTS, (31055978) Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 18 December 1944. When Company I, *** Regiment, was driving north on Highway Two toward Valencia, Sergeant COUTTS commanded the Company's light machine gun section. An enemy machine gun held up the advance of the rifle platoon. Sergeant COUTTS immediately moved his guns forward and, while under heavy fire, personally directed them to a position from which they could effectively engage the enemy. Sergeant COUTTS then exposed himself to enemy fire which was coming from a point not more than thirty yards from him, and directed the fire of his section so that the enemy machine gun crew was destroyed. His coolness under fire and ability in handling his section enabled the platoon to continue its advance with a minimum of delay. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Am. D. Coutts, (Mother), 548 Heath Street, Brookline, Mass.

Private First Class ROBERT W. DITZEL, (32275332), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Amelia Ditzel, (Mother), 105 Blake Avenue, Cranford, N.J.

Private First Class LEWIS P. FISHER, (32261467), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Katherine Fisher, (Mother), 43 Circle Avenue, Clifton, N.J.

First Lieutenant RAYMOND HAMMOND, (01319986), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 14 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Frances Hammond, (Wife), 6180 Minor Street, Riverside, Calif.

Private First Class ALBERT S. LAMIGAN, (33158117), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Acting as first scout while his company was advancing toward a strongly defended enemy position, Private LAMIGAN kept well forward of his unit in order to locate enemy positions or movements. His keen observation and prompt reports to his unit allowed them the time necessary to organize efficiently for the assault. On numerous occasions he was fired upon by the enemy, and was wounded once. When wounded he refused to return for medical treatment until he was replaced. His outstanding service was of great aid to his platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lilian Lamigan, (Sister), 203 West 33rd Street, Richmond, Va.

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✓ Captain CHRISTINE C. LUTZ, (01105633), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Geraldine Lutz, (Wife), Grand Avenue, Lake Villa, Ill.

✓ First Sergeant ANTHONY G. MONTERA, (20607046), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sarah Messineo, (Sister), 4452 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Ill.

✓ Private First Class WALTER L. PEINS, (32302751), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of Libungao, Leyte, P.I. An assault company encountered heavy Japanese mortar and machine gun fire. The order to shift positions fifty yards was issued to permit the placing of artillery fire on enemy positions. Private PEINS, a light machine gunner, was assigned to cover the maneuver. Although wounded early in the action, he continued to employ his machine gun in reply to heavy enemy fire. He fired until the platoon had completed their change of position. Only then did he permit medical attention to be given to him. This heroic action prevented the enemy from inflicting heavy casualties among the men in the vicinity and proved a source of inspiration to his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Viola Peins, (Mother), 867 Westfield Avenue, Rahway, N.J.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade ELMER L. PHILBROOK, (31098776), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, I.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Verna Philbrook, (Mother), 4 Bridge Street, Belfast, Me.

✓ Private NICHOLAS S. SCHWARTZ, (34230721), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 29 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Genevieve B. Schwartz, (Mother), Ansley, Miss.

✓ Private First Class EARL SLOCKBOWER, (32261698), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private SLOCKBOWER, a scout, showed great courage and initiative. When an enemy attack threatened a Battalion objective, he left his place of cover, snatched up the discarded automatic rifle of a wounded comrade and moved to a position from which he could bring effective fire upon the enemy, thus aiding in the successful repulse of the attack. His actions served as an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and reflected great credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Robert Slockbower, (Father), Long Hill Road, Great Notch, N.J.

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Sergeant VICTOR L. SMITH, (37425537), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 28 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Bessie Mae Dumbie, (Mother), R.F.D. #1, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Private First Class ALFRED A. SPEARS, (34403226), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 15 December 1944. Private SPEARS, first gunner of a machine gun squad, came under heavy mortar fire while his platoon was supporting the advance of a rifle company. Although Private SPEARS was wounded by shell fragments and ordered to return to the rear, he remained with his gun, feeling that his absence would have made its operation impossible. He continued to fire. His actions reduced enemy resistance and enabled his platoon successfully to continue the attack. Private SPEARS' coolness and action in the face of enemy fire were an inspiration to those about him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Beulah Spears, (Mother), R.R. #1, Munson, Fla.

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR SUMMERS, (32176733), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 21 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 24 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Blanche Summers, (Mother), 945 East 180th Street, Bronx, N.Y.

Corporal RAYMOND WILLIAMSON, (32274870), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. When the Battalion Medical Detachment needed additional litter bearers, Corporal WILLIAMSON volunteered to go forward, in the face of heavy enemy fire, to administer first aid to five casualties and, with the help of others, to remove the wounded to safety. His coolness, courage, and concern for the wounded men were an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit both upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elizabeth Ramella, (Sister), 292 Breakneck Avenue, Paterson, N.J.

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #17, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
9 February 1945BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9439, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK E. BASSAK, (32262769), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. Technician BASSAK, ambulance driver drove repeatedly to the forward area, under intense enemy small arms fire, to evacuate the seriously wounded. On 21 December he drove his ambulance in convoy to a destroyed bridge, between the *** and *** Regimental sectors, to evacuate, under fire, casualties from both combat teams. On 22 December Technician BASSAK volunteered to go forward to the *** Division Area. At a road block outpost in that sector, he assisted the loading of the ambulance, during an attack by an enemy force, and evacuated the casualties without mishap, although his vehicle was hit twice. Technician BASSAK's performance during the campaign was a source of inspiration to his fellow soldiers and reflected the highest standards of the Medical Department. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anne Bassak, (Mother), 162 Davenport Street, Sumerville, N.J.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH C. BRANG, (33176974), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Joseph L. Brang, (Mother), 170 W. Raymond Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Captain ALLISON W. COONER, (0414301), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Captain COONER, a Company Commander, without regard for his own safety, moved forward to a position exposed to heavy enemy fire to direct his company in a fire fight against a well-entrenched enemy. During the fighting Captain COONER killed three of the Japanese who tried to engage him. Captain COONER's courageous actions, devotion to duty, and outstanding leadership, were an inspiration to all the members of his command. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. John W. Bullentine, (Sister), 4306 S. 34th Street, Arlington, Va.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES J. CORSARO, (32262893), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Steve Corsaro, (Brother), 115-39 219th Street, St Albans, L.I., N.Y.

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First Lieutenant LIONEL E. DEMING, (01292315), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary L. Deming, (Mother), 915 Oak Street, Valdeste, Ga.

Staff Sergeant ALEXANDER A. FERRANTE, (32308260), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 26 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Alexander Ferrante, (Wife), 410 Fifth Street, Union City, N.J.

Colonel PAUL L. FREEMAN, (017701), General Staff Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. While attached to the *** Regiment, *** Division, Colonel FREEMAN coordinated and supervised the execution of a frontal attack against an extremely well-fortified enemy position at Ormoc. The enemy had built his defenses around a three-story concrete house, using slit trenches and foxholes as deep as seven feet. This position was well-planned and was organized in considerable depth. To dislodge the enemy it was necessary to dig each Japanese individually from his hole. Colonel FREEMAN organized Infantry-Tank teams for this task. During the desperate fighting which ensued, he observed and fought his troops from an observation post situated within one-hundred yards of the fighting. He was forced many times from his observation post by sniper fire, but each time he courageously returned. His troops were successful and over eight-hundred of the enemy were destroyed. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Anne Freeman, (Wife), Box 2296, Roanoke, Va.

Sergeant FRANCIS F. HAEUSSLER, (33151599), Infantry, (Tk.), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1944, to 30 January 1945, on Leyte, P.I.. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. David F. Haeussler, (Father), 70 Main Street, Mt. Carbon, Pottsville, Pa.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE B. HEARNE, (38467928), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Technician HEARNE, with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced in his tractor along the front lines, under constant enemy fire, evacuating the wounded. On several occasions he left his vehicle, despite the danger, to aid in the carrying of casualties. By his efforts he saved the lives of many men, and his courage and bravery were an inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Pauline L. Baker, (Sister), Route #2, Talco, Texas.

Private First Class RICHARD C. HENDRICKS, (36683552), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Doris Maxine Hendricks, (Wife), 206 East Clark Street, Champaign, Ill.

First Lieutenant RAPHAEL V. KENNEDY, (0346611), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Bernice P. Kennedy, (Wife), 211 Ash Avenue, Montgomery, Minn.

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Technician Third Grade JEROME KLEIMAN, (33053756), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Damos, Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS Mrs. Mary Kleiman, (Mother), 2422 North 31 Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH LOMICKY, JR., (32338277), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Near Ipil, Company G attacked and after a stiff fight took a hill on the right flank of the *** Regiment. Company G continued to assault beyond the hill, leaving behind only their wounded. Sergeant LOMICKY and two other 81mm mortar observers who had assisted in taking the hill remained on it. The enemy launched a counterattack in force upon the hill from the flank, bringing up machine guns and a field piece. Despite the fact that they were outnumbered, Sergeant LOMICKY and the other two observers fought back. Although the other two mortar observers were wounded during the action, Sergeant LOMICKY remained on the hill and so effectively directed mortar fire that many of the enemy were killed and the rest fled in great confusion. Sergeant LOMICKY's courage in remaining on the hill was an inspiration to all the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Agnes Lomicky, (Mother), 424 East 77th Street, New York City, N.Y.

Sergeant MARIAN A. NOLAN, (35276113), Infantry (Tk.), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, in the vicinity of Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Margaret Nolan, (Mother), 415 Elm Street, Sidney, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant JULIUS F. SANCHEZ, (32260434), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Julius Sanchez, Sr., (Father), 89 Verona Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private First Class ALBERT SCHNABEL, (32295113), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. As a rifleman, Private SCHNABEL was on his Company's front line when he was an automatic rifleman in his squad fell after being mortally wounded by a bullet from an enemy rifle. The automatic rifle lay beside the man. Realizing that if this valuable weapon fell into the hands of the enemy it would be used against his platoon, he determined to retrieve it. Undaunted by the sharp enemy machine gun and rifle fire, he edged forward deliberately, gained the weapon, and put it into effective use. The enemy immediately in front of him were forced to withdraw and the attack was repulsed with heavy losses. Private SCHNABEL's initiative, and courage were an inspiration to the men who witnessed his act. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sophie Schnabel, (Mother), 423 E. 140th Street, Bronx, N.Y.

Private First Class WILLIAM WEST, (37314709), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Private WEST, a rifleman, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved forward with his squad against the

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enemy, who were well concealed in spider holes. Knocking out two of these positions in spite of extremely accurate enemy rifle fire, he was able to point out additional positions to the other members of the squad. While firing on the enemy and directing the fire of his companions Private WEST was seriously wounded. His courage in the face of direct enemy rifle fire aided directly in breaking up the Japanese strongpoint and inspired his squad to attack with additional zeal. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jannie L. West, (Mother), Route #1, Page, N.D.

Private First Class WAYNE L. WILLIAMS, (37295075), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private WILLIAMS safely brought an urgent message to the forward Battalion Command Post located in a battalion defensive area almost entirely surrounded by the enemy. It was necessary for him to creep and crawl through rice paddies under heavy enemy machine gun and under well concealed sniper fire from dominating ground to accomplish his mission. Private WILLIAMS' devotion to duty regardless of the dangers involved exemplified the best traditions of the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. I. G. Williams, (Mother), Dunseith, N.D.

Staff Sergeant MIKE WURST, (32260728), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I.. On 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Camp Downes, a heavy machine gun section, of which Sergeant WURST was Section Sergeant, was giving close support to the rifle companies in their assault upon a strongly dug-in position on a hill. In order to give actual support it was necessary to place the section of machine guns in the front lines on a hill. While manning the gun, the squad leader and three men of one squad were seriously wounded, as were riflemen in the vicinity. Despite intense fire from both sides, at very close range, Sergeant WURST, with an ammunition carrier, crawled forward and dragged the gun and wounded men back to safety, though it was necessary to make several trips. Sergeant WURST then very quickly reorganized his section and placed the gun back in action. His courage was an inspiration to all the men in his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Joseph Vimmerman, (Aunt), 33 Atlantic Street, Carteret, N.J.

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10 February 1945.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class HARVEY W. ADAMS, (36381050), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Camp Downes, Leyte, P. I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. H. W. Adams, (Father), 225 Rosedale Avenue, Crystal Lake, Ill.

First Lieutenant EDGAR R. CLARK, (0444923), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Downes, Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. Company F, 388th Regiment, was committed in an attack on the right flank of his battalion. Heavy enemy rifle and mortar fire had wounded the company commander, three platoon leaders, and several key non-commissioned officers. Lieutenant CLARK took command of the second platoon, led it on a flanking attack to the right, and eliminated enemy resistance in that area. He then reorganized the third platoon, gave aid to the wounded platoon leader, and under extremely heavy enemy fire and at great risk, moved forward. By personally directing machine gun fire he accounted for the destruction of several enemy strong points. Lieutenant CLARK then reorganized the remainder of the company and continued to push forward aggressively, eliminating enemy positions until the company reached its objective. Lieutenant CLARK's heroic action and his aggressiveness in reorganizing the company aroused the confidence of the men and was responsible for their success. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Geneva Clark, (Mother), Naugatuck, West Virginia.

Private First Class JOSEPH DESTALO, (13127161), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 22 December 1944. Private DESTALO, leading most of a platoon located a well defended enemy position. He immediately reported this to his squad leader who asked that machine gun fire be placed on the enemy. Private DESTALO, with complete disregard for his own safety, engaged the enemy with his automatic rifle even though this necessitated his exposure to intense enemy fire. This enabled the machine gun crew to move into position and greatly aided in the successful completion of this action. Private DESTALO's courage in the face of the enemy was a source of inspiration to all the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Pasquale Destalo, (Father), 318 Mechanic Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH C. DORSON, (39919165), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 25 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Euphrasia C. Dobson, (Mother), 718 Blair Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Private GEORGE FOULLOIS, JR., (4201395), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. Private FOULLOIS was a member of an eight-man litter squad which was trying to reach an injured soldier. Enemy fire was so intense that the squad was told to desist in the attempt and return to the aid station. However, Private FOULLOIS, with two companions, volunteered to continue and did succeed in reaching the wounded soldier. After giving first aid, the three succeeded in evacuating the soldier to the aid station. Private FOULLOIS' action was a credit to himself and the organization of which he is a member. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Eleanor Foullois, (Wife), 24 Mason Street, Lawrence, Mass.

Private First Class PAUL E. FREELAND, (1306963), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Camp Downes, Leyte, P. I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS Mrs. C. J. Freeland, (Mother), 333 Humbert Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant EVERETT W. KINGS, (32224400), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 18 December 1944 to 3 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sadie E. Kings, (Mother), 2374 Webster Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.

First Lieutenant RICHARD L. KLEIN, (01303352), Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 9 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Richard L. Klein, (Wife), 3071 Leeward Avenue, Leemont Apts., 106, Los Angeles, 5, California.

First Lieutenant SAM KURLAND, (01298079), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. During an attack on enemy positions in the vicinity of Libingao, the Commanding Officer of Company I, *** Regiment was wounded and had to be evacuated. Lieutenant KURLAND, while under extremely heavy machine gun fire from a well organized position on the ridge to the front, displayed great courage and outstanding devotion to duty, by immediately moving to an exposed position from which he could better control the action of the company. Lieutenant KURLAND repeatedly moved across a rice paddy, which was swept by enemy fire, to direct the movement of his men to positions which enabled them to place more accurate fire on the enemy-held ridge. His prompt action prevented the Japanese from inflicting further casualties on the company. This being done, he then directed an orderly movement of the company so that artillery fire could be placed on the enemy position. His bravery, outstanding qualities of leadership, and devotion to duty enabled his company to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy with a minimum loss to itself. Lieutenant KURLAND's performance during this engagement was a source of inspiration to the men of the company. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Louis Kurland, (Father), 658 Alabama Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Third Grade GRAYDON D. LAUSTER, (32255659), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 16 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. DeWitt Lauster, (Father), 14 Reese Street, Clyde, New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade DANIEL McCALLION, (32231097), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 16 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret McCallion, (Mother), 35-19 100th Street, Corona, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class WILLIAM MASSEY, (13123973), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near the Tagbong river, on Leyte, P. I., on 20 December 1944. The Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, Second Battalion, *** Regiment, was engaged in bringing up sorely needed machine gun and mortar ammunition. Suddenly they were fired upon from the high grass along the road, and heavily laden as they were, were forced to take cover. Private MASSEY left cover and advanced through the grass until he came upon the enemy. Singlehanded, he attacked them, killing two Japanese and driving others away. The platoon was then able to continue with the badly needed ammunition without further delay. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Myrtle Massey, (Mother), Middletown Road, (Chester), Brockhaven, Pa.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES W. MONTGOMERY, (33166803), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 9 December 1944. In an attack three-hundred yards east of Camp Downes, the leading platoons received heavy flanking fire from enemy riflemen and machine gunners who were entrenched under and around Camp Downes barracks. At the same time frontal fire came from a bamboo thicket. Twenty-three men were wounded by this fire. Sergeant MONTGOMERY, with disregard for his own safety, led his squad on a flanking movement into the face of this concentration of enemy fire. He overran the thicket, finding eight enemy riflemen and a machine gun with a crew of three. Sergeant MONTGOMERY and his squad killed the eleven enemy and destroyed the machine gun. This action accomplished, Sergeant MONTGOMERY directed the removal of the wounded to an area of safety. The leadership and courage displayed by Sergeant MONTGOMERY in his charge forward served as an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Samuel K. Montgomery, (Father), 1022 Vine Street, West Newton, Pa.

Private First Class DOUGLAS OWEN, (35746074), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 16 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Tom H. Owen, (Father), 3314 Jacob Street, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Private First Class WALTER R. SMITH, (12072170), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Hazel H. Smith, (Mother), 687 Garson Avenue, Rochester, New York.

Private PAUL J. SPEAR, JR., (35067908), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. In the vicinity of Ipil, Private SPEAR, an aid man, while under heavy fire, gave aid to more than twenty wounded. It was necessary for him to expose himself to the enemy fire as he went from one casualty to another. Not only did he give them aid, but also he reassured them by his cool and calm manner. Private SPEAR, in the direct line of fire from an enemy machine gun, gave first aid to one man and then succeeded in getting him to a nearby defilade to await evacuation. Private SPEAR did not confine his

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activities to his company alone. When he finished with his company wounded, he continued by helping men of another company, and worked on after dark under a poncho by flashlight. His untiring efforts made it possible to get all the wounded speedily evacuated. Private SPEAR was an inspiration to the men who witnessed his actions. His high courage and entire disregard for his own safety reflected great credit on himself, and were a source of comfort to all the wounded. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Paul J. Spear, (Mother), 11721 Buckingham Avenue, Cleveland, O. o.

Technician Fifth Grade DEMETRIOS STATHOPOULOS, (32258012), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. John Stathopoulos, (Brother), 412 Audsbon Avenue, New York, New York.

Private First Class JOSEPH SZCZEPANKOWSKI, (32263087), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 17 December 1944. Private SZCZEPANKOWSKI was gunner in a machine gun squad which was displacing forward. At this time a Japanese machine gun opened fire from the right flank, at extremely close range, wounding eight men near him. On his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own safety, Private SZCZEPANKOWSKI put his gun into action and effectively neutralized the fire of the Japanese gun until it could be knocked out with grenades. His actions materially aided the advance of the Battalion and prevented confusion resulting from the unexpected attack. HOME ADDRESS: Miss Wanda Szczepankowski (Sister), 96 Bergen Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

By command of Major General BRUCE,

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MED. L. by direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bull. No. 3, U.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade PAUL E. ATTEBERRY, (38488440), (then Private), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 24 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lucille Atteberry, (Wife), General Delivery, Pineville, La.

✓ Corporal DONALD P. BENDER, (33143482), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Camp Downes, Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rosetta Bender, (Mother), R.D. #1, Fort Hill, Penna.

/ Private First Class THEODORE M. BOWLAND, (33177179), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Private BOWLAND, advancing ahead of his squad while under intense enemy fire, with two other men succeeded in taking an enemy machine gun position, killing four Japanese and driving about fifteen more from adjacent positions. Private BOWLAND's aggressiveness and disregard for his own safety aided materially in the advance of his squad and in their taking the objective. His performance was an inspiration to every man who witnessed it. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Raymond Bowland, (Brother), 2441 South Garnett Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Sergeant FRANCIS J. BUTCHER, (32248320), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 21 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elizabeth Butcher, (Mother), 222 Churchill Avenue, Trenton, N.J.

Staff Sergeant JOHN M. DREW, (32303590), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Near the Panalian River, Sergeant DREW, advancing with his platoon, succeeded, with one other man, in demolishing a strong enemy machine gun emplacement and in putting out of action two enemy mortars. Sergeant DREW was under heavy enemy fire during this action. He personally killed four of the enemy and aided in driving about thirty more from their positions. On other occasions Sergeant DREW was a volunteer member of a reconnaissance patrol behind enemy lines, and a volunteer member of two combat patrols on which he personally killed five enemy and aided in killing twelve others. His courage and willingness to do more than his duty were an inspiration to every man in his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. J. M. Drew, (Wife), 33 W. 30th Street, Bayonne, N.J.

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First Lieutenant LESTER A. FORBES, (01298044), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 17 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Forbes, (Mother), St. Louis, Mo.

Private First Class JOHN J. GINN, (33177192), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., On 8 December 1944, the Company of which Private GINN was a member was one of the attacking units assigned the mission of taking the commanding ground south of Camp Downes. Early in the evening, the company had gained its objective. However, some small units had been scattered and detailed for work which left them behind, and they were having difficulty in going forward toward the company. Private GINN, while stringing a communication line to the Company Command Post, came upon the company's 60mm Mortar Section and a section of heavy machine-guns which were being held up by fire from several undetermined sources. Private GINN, exposing himself to this fire, made his way around to the right where he was able to silence the enemy riflemen, thereby permitting the heavy machine gun section to consolidate for its night defense. His courage and resourcefulness were an inspiration to the men around him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Bridget Ginn, (Mother), 1262 S. St. Bernard Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Technician Fifth Grade DENNIS J. KENNEDY, JR., (12061406), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Technician KENNEDY was a medical aid man attached to a heavy machine gun platoon. Without regard for his own safety, when the platoon was advancing over open terrain in support of the rifle units, he successfully administered first aid to five wounded men, while accurate enemy rifle and machine gun fire was directed at him. Several times the fire was so intense that Technician KENNEDY had to withdraw to better cover. Nevertheless, he repeatedly moved forward until he was seriously wounded by enemy fire. Technician KENNEDY's heroism was a source of inspiration to his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Dennis J. Kennedy, Sr., (Father), 58-20 Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside, L.I., N.Y.

Chaplain (Captain) OWEN W. KERR, (0435122), Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Iris Kerr, (Wife), 102 E. Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater, Conn.

Private First Class JOHN MAHONEY, (12041772), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 21 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sarah Mahoney, (Mother), 101-62 124th Street, Richmond Hill, L.I., N.Y.

Private First Class ROBERT W. NORMAN, (39040168), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 30 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. F. E. Norman, (Mother), 5020 Dover Street, Oakland, Calif.

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First Lieutenant JOHN W. PETRE, JR., (01106397), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 24 July to 1 September 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Edythe Petre, (Wife), 6223 Webster Street, Philadelphia 43, Penna.

Private First Class JOSEPH S. SERAFIN, (32262482), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Private SERAFIN was lead scout for his squad. He and the number two scout advanced ahead of their squad across open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire from high ground. Among the enemy emplacements, they spotted a machine gun, and, with the other men, Private SERAFIN maneuvered to a flanking position from which they fired and killed four of the enemy around the gun. This courageous act assisted materially in clearing the way for the rest of the squad to advance and gain its objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Michael Serafin, (Father), 148 Freeman Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN J. SHETRONE, (13093732), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dipi, Leyte, P.I., on 27 December 1944, while serving as a Medical Corps Technician. Technician SHETRONE, was accompanying a rifle platoon as it advanced against a strongly defended pillbox, located on a commanding ridge on the Valencia-Palompon Road. The lead scout and Platoon Sergeant were severely wounded and heavy enemy fire stopped the other members of the platoon. Technician SHETRONE, in the face of enemy cross fire, moved forward of the platoon's front line and dressed the wounds of the two casualties. After treating the sergeant's serious wound, he carried him over a ridge to allow litter evacuation. Immediately thereafter, he returned to the wounded scout and rapidly brought him to the same point for further evacuation. By his prompt and heroic action and disregard for his own safety, he saved the men's lives and served as an inspiration to his platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. William Edgar Shetrone, (Mother), 344 Garfield Street, York, Penna.

Corporal PATRICK F. SMITH, (32262815), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Peter Smith, (Mother), Millbrook, N.J.

Private First Class RICHARD O. SPENCE, (3453272), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Vivian A. Spence, (Wife), Box 203, Northport, Ala.

Private MELVIN E. STROPLE, (31420611) Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 and 14 December 1944. Private STROPLE approached front line positions in an amphibious tractor, and, dismounting, proceeded forward under intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire. He retrieved and evacuated wounded men of three companies. In one case he crept one-hundred and fifty yards toward enemy positions to bring back a wounded man who was covered

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by enemy fire. He carried the casualty on his back the same distance to where litter bearers were waiting and assisted in evacuating him. His actions were entirely voluntary and were done with complete disregard for his own safety. Private STROPLE's courage and soldierly conduct were a source of inspiration to those with whom he served. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. John L. Stroplo, (Father), 4 Rowe Square, Gloucester, Mass.

Staff Sergeant DOMINICK A. TUA, (33177542), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On the morning of 8 December 1944, Company E, *** Regiment, was attacking near Ipil. Intense flanking fire from the enemy, in defensive positions on the company's right flank, had momentarily stopped the attack. Sergeant TUA, Supply Sergeant, realized the importance of a message his Commanding Officer was trying to get back to the Battalion Command Post and with complete disregard for his own safety, rose in the face of an enemy light machine-gun that was covering his area, and moved forward to deliver the message. Sergeant TUA was wounded by the enemy fire, but continued with the message. He accepted first-aid treatment only after the message was delivered. His resourcefulness and disregard for his own safety were an inspiration to his comrades, and enabled the company to accomplish its mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Theresa Tua, (Wife), New Derry, Penna.

Sergeant ALFRED N. ZAMPETTI, (32272124), (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 8 December 1944, he was with a leading company in the attack for the commanding ground south of Camp Downes. About 1100, as the company advanced across an open field, intense fire was brought to bear on it from the right flank. The fire was so concentrated that it momentarily stopped the company. Sergeant ZAMPETTI, 60mm mortar gunner, immediately set up his mortar and commenced firing. Although he presented a large target, and drew concentrated enemy fire he continued to man and fire his mortar. In a fine display of firing technique, Sergeant ZAMPETTI knocked out an enemy light machine-gun. He immediately switched targets and commenced firing on another enemy automatic weapon. When the platoon sergeant was wounded, Sergeant ZAMPETTI helped direct the mortar fire of the sections and at the same time continued his own fire. His actions under heavy enemy fire were a credit to himself and the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Zampetti, (Mother), 1651 Hunt Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.

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Technical Sergeant JOHN BACURIN, (6896983), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Sergeant BACURIN, a heavy machine gun platoon Sergeant, at great danger to himself under enemy fire maintained steady fire with his individual weapon and enabled his platoon to reach advantageous terrain and overcome the enemy. His fire killed one enemy officer and three enlisted men. Sergeant BACURIN's leadership and personal courage were a source of inspiration to his unit and contributed to the success of his Battalion's attack. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Magdalene Bacurin, (Mother), 4317 Willow Street, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Staff Sergeant MARSTON BEALS, (13069795), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 12 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. H. Beals, (Mother), Lost City, W.Va.

Private First Class ARMAND F. BELLEAU, (11049710), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 23 December 1944. Private BELLEAU served as a litter bearer. When his battalion's advance was hampered by many casualties, caused by very heavy enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire, Private BELLEAU went forward under the fire to evacuate the wounded. Several riflemen were wounded some distance in front of the main lines, yet in spite of the extreme danger, he faced the fire and brought the men to safety. At times he was within thirty yards of the enemy lines. Private BELLEAU's coolness under heavy fire and his timely and heroic service were a source of inspiration and encouragement to his comrades. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dorothy Belleau, (Wife), 16 Bennett Street, Beverly, Mass.

Private First Class CARL T. EDDY, (3059256), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Eddy, (Wife), 101 Dana Street, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Private First Class LOUIS FERGUSON, (32255110), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on

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Leyte, P.I., on 16 December 1944. In the vicinity of Liloan, the first Platoon of Company F, *** Regiment, encountered a strong enemy outpost while leading the march of the regiment toward San Jose. Private FERGUSON's squad was detached to clean out the enemy on the right, consisting of two light machine guns and twenty-one riflemen, strongly dug in. When the squad leader became a casualty, Private FERGUSON, seeing the need of getting into a favorable position from which to fire on the enemy before further casualties were inflicted, without a moment's hesitation charged across approximately fifty yards of open terrain with enemy fire following him. With total disregard for his own safety he advanced to within grenade range and personally annihilated four of the enemy. Then, by pouring rifle fire into the Japanese machine gun nest, he assisted in neutralizing the position. Private FERGUSON's heroic and unselfish actions were the incentive for the men of his squad to press their advantage successfully, thus permitting the regiment to continue its advance with no delay. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Herbert Ferguson, (Father), Roxbury, N.Y.

Technician Fourth Grade PETER A. FLYNN, (32231929), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Peter Flynn, (Mother), 305 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sergeant WILLIAM GELINAS, (31112000), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Sergeant GELINAS, an assistant squad leader, on his own initiative led several men into a bamboo thicket to clean it out of snipers, who had been harassing his platoon. As a result, twelve of the enemy were killed by his squad, enabling the platoon to speedily carry out its mission. Sergeant GELINAS' alertness and aggressive leadership were an inspiration to his men and a credit to his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Angelina Riel, (Mother), 53 Bates Avenue, West Warwick, R.I.

Corporal ERNEST R. HARRIS, (24449049), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. E. W. Harris, (Mother), Plains, Ga.

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS R. KISH, JR., (32263592), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 23 November to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Julia Kish, (Mother), RFD #3, Box 62, New Brunswick, N.J.

Private First Class CHARLES R. LANDES, (33176359), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 16 December 1944. While forward with his company commander in the vicinity of a road junction on Route #2, Cogon. Private LANDES was given the mission of locating the Artillery Liaison Party and delivering an important message. While moving forward he was wounded, but despite his wound he continued on his mission and delivered the message, thus allowing artillery fire to be placed on the enemy. This enabled his company to continue its advance. Private LANDES' complete disregard for his personal safety, and devotion to duty, were an inspiration to the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret R. Landes, (Wife), 227 Rose Avenue, Lebanon, Penna.

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Private First Class JAMES MA. AR, (11029609), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 2 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Robert Mahar, (Father), West Lubec, Me.

Corporal FRANK MASSA, (32274662), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Stella Massa, (Mother), 326 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, N.J.

Private First Class LEWIS NESKO, (33181654), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 30 December 1944. While Company C, *** Regiment, was making an amphibious assault on the town of Abijao, heavy enemy sniper and mortar fire was encountered. The entire company was deployed across a wide front within the town. Because of the native huts, contact with either flank was difficult. Private NESKO, messenger, continually carried messages from the company commander to the platoon, in the face of heavy enemy fire. During the course of this action he observed an enemy sniper position near the left flank and crawled to a point where he was able to bring accurate fire upon the Japanese, killing him. He then immediately returned to the Company Commander to continue with his duties as runner. His utter disregard for his own safety, and alertness and aggressiveness under heavy fire were an inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lewis Nesko, (Wife), 140 Vernon Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Private NICHOLAS M. RANALDO, (32350710), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 22 July to 4 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Michalena Ranaldo, (Mother), 47 Ivy Street, Oyster Bay, L.I., N.Y.

Sergeant BRONISLAUS J. ROKICKI, (32251567), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 17 December 1944. Sergeant ROKICKI, an assistant squad leader, fearlessly volunteered to assault an enemy position which was across his platoon's approach route. Accompanied by one other soldier he discovered three enemy emplacements and, under his direction, the two men destroyed the enemy. This courageous action allowed the timely reinforcement of his company and assured the success of its attack. Sergeant ROKICKI's courage, initiative, and leadership reflected great credit on himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Stanley Rokicki, (Brother), 227 West 4th Road, N. Tonawanda, N.Y.

Private First Class THORNTON W. SHEFFIELD, (24402829), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 30 December 1944. In the attack on Abijao, Private SHEFFIELD, under intense sniper fire and with complete disregard for his own safety, carried vitally needed 60mm ammunition to three gun positions until the other ammunition bearers arrived. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty greatly assisted his section in completing its mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. C. V. Sheffield, (Mother), 822 Lynton Street, Jacksonville, Fla.

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Private First Class JOSEPH W. SULLIVAN, (31103084), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 23 December 1944. Private SULLIVAN, a litter bearer, volunteered to go forward under enemy artillery and machine gun fire to aid in the evacuation of several seriously wounded men. His own Troops had moved fifty yards from an open field when intense enemy fire caused numerous casualties. While heavy fighting was still in progress, Private SULLIVAN, disregarding his own safety, crossed the open field to render first aid and evacuate the wounded. His prompt service and heroic action saved the lives of several seriously wounded men and inspired those around him to greater efforts. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. John J. Sullivan, (Brother), 20 Earl Street, Wethersfield, Conn.

Private First Class ANTONIO R. TORRE, (32535405), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 22 July to 28 July 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Isabelle Torre, (Wife), 176 Skillman Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private First Class MARTIN J. VERHAGEN, (36262855), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dipi, Leyte, P.I., on 25 December 1944. Private VERHAGEN, an automatic rifleman, without regard for his own safety volunteered, with two other men, to move out from the flank of his platoon to search for snipers. Fire from these snipers had inflicted several casualties and was hampering the advance of the platoon. This volunteer patrol was successful in locating and killing three snipers and the action aided materially in the successful advance of the platoon. Private VERHAGEN's action in the face of enemy fire served as an inspiration to the personnel of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Annie Verhagen, (Mother), Route #4, Green Bay, Wis.

Staff Sergeant CLARENCE K. WHITE, (20637814), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Frances White, (Wife), 106 Tyler Avenue, Highland Park, Mich.

First Lieutenant ROBERT F. WOOD, (01312602), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormaqui, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Neva A. Wood, (Mother), 60 75th Street, N.Y.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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HEADQUARTERS 7th Infantry Division
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR Medal, by direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 7th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class EMMER E. ALLOWAY, (32364172), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. During an attack on high ground held by the Japanese, Private ALLOWAY, a radio operator stationed at his company Command Post, was one of the first to leave the defiladed position. Noting that one of the assault platoons was lagging behind the others he encouraged them forward by voice and arm signals. Then, under heavy machine gun and rifle fire by the enemy, and while still carrying his radio, he helped lead the attack and was one of the first to reach the objective. Here he immediately set up the radio to establish contact with the Battalion Command Post. His heroism was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. William Alloway, (Mother), 279 Hollanor Street, Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

Private First Class DEMETRIS BATTAGLIA, (32640379), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 11 December 1944, Private BATTAGLIA, in a squad of twelve men, advanced across the Antilao river in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and mass rifle fire. This position later proved to be one of the strongest in the Yamashita Line. He pushed forward about two-hundred yards, held his position and killed three of the enemy. The order was given to shift position so that more artillery and mortar fire could be used on this enemy strong point. This maneuver was made under heavy enemy fire, with the enemy trying to force their way back into the positions from which they had been driven. Private BATTAGLIA remained in position and helped to cover the movement of his comrades, waiting until he was ordered to change his own position. His actions were an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Carmela Battaglia, (Mother), 8 Bay 50th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Second Lieutenant FRANK J. BEZA, (0462265), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dora Mae Beza, (Wife), 725 South Holly Street, Columbia, S.C.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH E. CARROLL, (33158045), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Annie Carroll, (Mother), 391 Buonavista Street, Lynchburg, Va.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. FLANNERY, (33173597), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 19 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. James Flannery, (Mother), 239 N. 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Sergeant MANUEL B. FRESCAS, (39709990), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 2 December 1944, the first platoon of Company K, *** Regiment, was leading the attack of the Third Battalion. The enemy was contacted in a well defended position four miles North of Dagami. Half of the first squad of the first platoon was separated from the remainder of the unit because of intense fire coming from an enemy machine gun to the right front. Sergeant FRESCAS, observing the situation, told another man to engage the enemy with his automatic rifle. Sergeant FRESCAS then moved through intense fire from numerous enemy riflemen and with utter disregard for his own safety, reduced the enemy machine gun with hand grenades and enabled the half squad to rejoin the first platoon. This heroic achievement was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and was of material assistance in the completion of this action. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Aurora Frescas, (Mother), Box 441, Soledad, California.

Private JAMES J. HANZLIK, (35914136), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 29 December 1944 to 1 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ruth Hanzlik, (Wife), 11909 Princeton Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant VICTOR R. HOLMSTROM, (32190979), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte, P. I., on 2 December 1944. When his platoon came under intense enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant HOLMSTROM volunteered to move to the right flank to determine the enemy situation. With complete disregard for his own safety he moved forward, exposing himself repeatedly to intense Japanese fire. His heroic action made possible the placing of effective mortar fire on the enemy machine guns knocking them out. While engaged in this act Sergeant HOLMSTROM was seriously wounded. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Harold Holmstrom, (Father), 255-24th 147th Drive, Rosedale, New York.

Second Lieutenant DONALD G. KERN, (01305594), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 8 December 1944, Company E, *** Regiment, was attacking enemy positions on high ground north of the Panalian River. During this attack, Lieutenant KERN, controlling his platoon with great skill, rapidly secured high ground which was an anchor from which the company launched a further limited objective attack. Lieutenant KERN reorganized his platoon which had already suffered heavy casualties, under fire, and personally led it forward into the enemy position. His calm and deliberate example and complete mastery of the situation kept the attack moving in spite of heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. Locating the heart of the enemy position, Lieutenant KERN was moving forward leading a group of his men to eliminate it when he was wounded. His heroic achievement was instrumental in enabling his battalion to capture key terrain. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mildred E. Kern, (Wife), 314 North Hartloy Street, York, Pennsylvania.

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 Private First Class JOHN L. McFADDEN, (33158270), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. Private McFADDEN, Number Two scout for his squad with the Number One scout and a Browning Automatic Rifleman, advanced across open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire from high ground to their front. Among the enemy emplacements, they spotted a machine gun. With the Number One scout, Private McFADDEN maneuvered to the flank and brought effective fire on the enemy gun. They knocked out the enemy weapon and killed all of the crew. This action

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cleared the way for the remainder of the squad and assisted materially in the platoon's gaining of its objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. John C. McFadden, (Father), Warm Springs, Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade ALEXANDER L. McKEOWN, (33175955), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Thelma McKeown, (Wife), 3348 North Harvard Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Technical Sergeant JACK T. MARTIN, (6924291), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 2 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Virginia Ruth Taisey, (Sister), Lake City, Tenn.

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~~Private~~ JOSEPH E. MULLER, (32230455), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 17 December 1944. Company B, *** Regiment, advancing North of Ormoc on Highway #2, encountered heavy enemy fire. Private MULLER, with complete disregard for his own safety, under fire, directed an M-10 self propelled gun in firing on and destroying the enemy position. He killed one Japanese who tried to jump upon the tank. Private MULLER's deep devotion to duty, coolness, and high courage were an inspiration to the men of the entire company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. M. G. Gurnan, (Mother), 33 West 85th Street, Jacksonville, Florida..

Private First Class RICHARD OGRODNIK, (32932843), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Theresa Ogrodnik, (Mother), 446 Goodyear Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant CARL O. RATSCH, (12079133), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M. I., from 2 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 24 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ernest Millott, (Sister), Wertenville, New York.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD E. SANDERSON, (6928767), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 20 November 1944. Near Buri, a rifle company encountered heavy enemy fire. Sergeant SANDERSON, a platoon sergeant, was given the mission of protecting his platoon's rear. Moving into position with his command, a rifle squad and a light machine gun section, he was counterattacked by a superior enemy force. Diliberately drawing their fire, Sergeant SANDERSON gave his men time to maneuver and repulse the attack inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese. Under heavy fire, he exposed himself repeatedly to maneuver his men. Three counterattacks were repulsed. Sergeant SANDERSON's action, cool headedness, and outstanding leadership secured his platoon's rear and aided them immeasurably in overcoming the enemy. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Levie Sanderson, (Mother), Iuka, Miss.

First Sergeant CARL H. STANICK, (12014124), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Stanick, (Wife), 2022 Pulaski Street, Columbia, S C.

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Second Lieutenant EUGENE H. SWEENEY, (01302228), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On the morning of 20 December 1944, the Third Battalion, *** Regiment, was attacking east astride the Libungao-Palompon Road. As the attack proceeded, the leading platoon came under intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Realizing that the advance could not continue without the use of supporting weapons, Lieutenant SWEENEY, Platoon Leader, called for a section of heavy machine guns to come forward. Knowing the terrain and the position of a Japanese heavy machine gun, he personally moved under the heavy enemy fire from his foremost elements to the rear and guided the section forward to a position from which the enemy machine gun was destroyed. During this entire time, Lieutenant SWEENEY was exposed to direct observation and fire. He was critically wounded by an enemy rifleman. His heroic achievement and his willingness to face personal danger enabled his platoon to continue the attack and were an inspiration to all the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Mark Sweeney, (Father), Valley Falls, New York.

Private JACK WEINSOFF, (42030150), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy north of Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 and 14 December 1944. Private WEINSOFF approached front line positions in an Amphibian Tractor. He dismounted and, under intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire, proceeded forward, crawling and creeping, and retrieved wounded men of three Companies. This was entirely voluntary and was done with complete disregard for his own safety. Private WEINSOFF's courage and soldierly conduct served as an inspiration to others of his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Clara Weinsoff, (Mother), 2753 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class JOHN C. WILSON, (34583141), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 14 December 1944, Company L, *** Regiment was ordered, in combat patrol, to the Barrio of Pagat. As the company was near its objective, Private Wilson, Browning Automatic Rifleman, who had the mission of protecting the rear of the patrol, saw four well-armed Japanese soldiers on the trail advancing toward the patrol from the rear. On his own initiative and without hesitation, he placed himself in an exposed but effective firing position. Without regard for his own safety, Private WILSON held his fire until he was certain of inflicting the maximum number of casualties. All of the enemy group were immediately killed by his accurate fire. His actions enabled the patrol to proceed unhindered and successfully complete its mission. His unselfish devotion to duty gained the admiration and respect of his platoon and was an inspiration to the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lela H. Wilson, (Wife), P.O. Box 15, Jasper, Alabama.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster).- 1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal CLEDITH DECKER by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 59, dated 24 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Corporal CLEDITH DECKER, (36560259), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Corporal DECKER was the leader of an eight-man litter squad which was trying to fight through enemy fire to reach a wounded soldier. The fire was so intense that the squad was ordered to desist from their attempt. Corporal DECKER, however, with two companions, volunteered to try again. Totally disregarding the danger, they succeeded in reaching the wounded man. After administering first aid, they again braved the Japanese fire and evacuated their comrade. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dolores C. Decker, (Wife), 15100 Kentfield Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class ROBERT L. FARINHOLT by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section I, General Orders No. 56, dated 23 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ROBERT L. FARINHOLT, (33199065), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. on 18 December 1944. When Company I, *** Regiment, attacked the enemy in the vicinity of Valencia, Private FARINHOLT was leading a group of one of the assault platoons. Although the Japanese were dug-in in well-concealed positions under native huts, he advanced aggressively, often under heavy fire, until he had definitely located the enemy. He informed his platoon leader of their location. During the course of the action he killed a number of enemy riflemen, and by his aggressiveness and bravery enabled his platoon to envelop many positions and destroy them without a casualty to his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mildred Farinholt, (Mother), Arbutus, Md.

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3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade HENRY SMITH by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 34, dated 4 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade HENRY SMITH, (13351413), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Violet Smith, (Wife), 205 Hullings Avenue, Riverside, N.Y.

4. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant CARL J. SNYDER by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 53, dated 22 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant CARL J. SNYDER, (32261292), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Carl C. Snyder, (Father), Prospect Plains Road, Cranbury, N.J.

5. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant WILLIAM E. TAYLOR by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section II, General Orders No. 34, dated 20 January 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32 Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM E. TAYLOR, (01320291), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., from 13 December to 15 December 1944. During this period, his Company assaulted a very strongly fortified enemy position. In the intense fighting many of the men were wounded and Lieutenant TAYLOR was stunned by a bullet which pierced his helmet. Upon receiving orders to move his platoon to a more favorable position to reorganize, he went, under heavy fire, to each squad leader and gave instructions for movement. Seeing another platoon leader wounded, he continued on to each of those squad leaders and assisted them. Before leaving, he supervised the evacuation of all wounded. After reorganization he again took up the attack, and by careful coordination with tanks he was able to drive the enemy from their position. The heroic actions of Lieutenant TAYLOR were an inspiration to his men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sarah E. Taylor, (Wife), 1400 17th Avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn.

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6. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant HERBERT H. WALLOWER, JR., by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section I, General Orders No. 36, dated 24 January 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant HERBERT H. WALLOWER, JR., (01183213), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 11 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Herbert H. Wallower, Sr., (Father), Ederereen, Colo.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant CARROLL G. BROWN, (39850594), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Near Ipil, a heavy machine gun section, led by Sergeant BROWN was supporting a rifle company in an attack against a hill strongly defended by the enemy. Due to the nature of the terrain the fighting was carried on at extremely close range and there were many casualties on both sides. Sergeant BROWN without regard for his personal safety, crawled up a hill beyond friendly front lines, under intense enemy fire, in order to locate positions for his heavy machine guns. While on this reconnaissance he killed three Japanese. He moved his section into position and skillfully directed its fire against the enemy. Sergeant BROWN's leadership and aggressiveness reflected great credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. William H. Brown, (Mother), P.O. Box 223, Tolleson, Ariz.

Private First Class IRIS DAIGLE, (38484036), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. Company F, *** Regiment, attacked a strong enemy position near the junction of Highway 2 and Palompon Road. From a depression concealed by high grass, the leading platoon encountered heavy enemy fire which wounded a soldier who had descended over the forward slope with one of his men. Due to continued enemy fire, members of the platoon were unable to evacuate this man. Private DAIGLE, company aid man, crawled over the slope to where he lay and although unable to move him, due to heavy enemy fire, administered a morphine syrette and left to treat other men. Several minutes later when the enemy fire slackened, Private DAIGLE returned to the position and carried the wounded man to the rear for further medical treatment. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Louis Daigle, (Father), 607 Section Street, Rayne, La.

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Second Lieutenant WALTER R. HERBST, (0513978), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near the shores of Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dorothy Herbst, (Wife), 623 Spaulding Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

Technician Fourth Grade GEORGE W. POWELSON, (32074401), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., on 21 - 22 July 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Florence A. Powelson, (Wife), 15 Short Street, Keyport, N.J.

Staff Sergeant NORVEL L. REECE, (34048206), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. L. J. Monzbacher, (Mother), 1509 East Cano Street, St. Louis, Mo.

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~~*Private First Class JOSEPH A. ROBERTSON, (33152263), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Robertson, (Mother), Warm Springs, Va.~~

Technical Sergeant MILTON SACHS, (12061262), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipil, Leyte, P.I. On 8 December 1944, when his platoon leader was killed during an assault on an enemy position, Sergeant SACHS immediately assumed command. Reorganizing his squads, he led the platoon to its intermediate objective through intense enemy fire. Despite the fact that he himself was wounded, he continued to expose himself in locating enemy positions to enable his platoon to advance to a new and more favorable position. During this advance, Sergeant SACHS was hit again, but his platoon was now in a position to destroy the enemy. He relinquished his command only after the platoon had secured the position and passed beyond him. Sergeant SACHS' courageous action enabled his company to maintain the momentum of its attack and was an incentive to all who saw it. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lilly R. Sachs, (Wife), 1033 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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~~*Staff Sergeant WILLIAM F. SHELDON, (12061285), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 14 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Frank Sheldon, (Father), 612 South 13th Street, New Hyde Park, L.I., N.Y.~~

Captain GEORGE P. YUNG, (0450322), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc and Palompon, Leyte, P.I., from 7 December 1944 to 24 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Phyllis L. Yung, (Wife), Route #1, Reese Road, Columbus, Ga.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. -By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class DANIEL J. CATALANO, (32636921), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. At the Antilao River, North of Ormoc, the left assault platoon of a company was attacking across difficult terrain against dug in enemy positions beyond the north bank of the river. Because of the intense volume of fire from the enemy, the company was ordered to move to permit mortar and artillery fire to be placed on the enemy positions. Private CATALANO, without thought for his own safety, told the men near his position to move out. He then stayed in his position and maintained a steady volume of fire on the enemy positions. While delivering this fire Private CATALANO was wounded. His heroic action under heavy enemy fire, greatly assisted in the movement, and reflected credit both upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Louise Catalano, (Mother), 2814 Ft. Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

Private WILLIAM W. DuBOIS, (32227084), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tambuco, Leyte, P. I., on 18 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. William J. DuBois, (Father), Rynph Blvd., Poughkeepsie, New York.

Private ROBERT GOULET, (36809197), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P. I. On the night of 21 December 1944, Private GOULET, while on bridge guard with four other men, was attacked by an undetermined number of Japanese soldiers. During the battle that ensued he was wounded. Although suffering severely from his wounds and still under fire from the enemy, he crawled from his foxhole to a machine gun position and fired the weapon until loss of blood from his wounds forced him to stop. His courage, bravery, and thorough devotion to duty were a source of inspiration to the officers and men of his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Goulet, (Mother), 311 7th Street, West, Ashland, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD S. HECKENDORF, (33013446), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 January 1945, near Villaba, Leyte, P. I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Heckendorf, (Mother), 1094 Willow Street, Lebanon, Pa.

Captain LOUIS C. HINSON, (0390550), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 25 November to 3 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Louis C. Hinson, (Wife), 315 Bond Street, Macon, Georgia.

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Staff Sergeant TOMMY W. HYLEMON, (34176079), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. John Hylemon, (Father), Bald Creek, North Carolina.

Private First Class EDWARD H. JONES, (35594930), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. When his company was stopped by extremely heavy enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire, Private JONES, an automatic rifleman, volunteered to go forward to assist in evacuating the wounded. Several times he crossed more than forty yards of open ground in carrying out his work. Despite the heavy enemy fire, he made certain that all wounded had been evacuated before he resumed his place with his squad. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Edward H. Jones, (Wife), R.F.D. #1, Trazesburg, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CARLTON H. LAPP, (32255750), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 16 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Edward Lapp, (Mother), Darien Center, New York

Private First Class RICHARD E. LOCKWOOD, (12079135), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Private LOCKWOOD, an automatic rifleman, with complete disregard for his safety defended his platoon against a surprise enemy counterattack, and by his cool and accurate fire dispersed them. His squad leaders being wounded, Private LOCKWOOD reorganized the squad and disposed them effectively. By his heroic actions and leadership, Private LOCKWOOD secured commanding ground from which his company was able to push forward to its objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Rienza Lockwood, (Father), 181 Second Street, Albany, New York.

Private First Class JAMES A. McDOWELL, (34443696), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. Private McDOWELL, an ammunition bearer in a 60mm mortar squad, was in action at the road junction near Libungao. When his squad ran out of ammunition, he volunteered to go back to the battalion ammunition dump, a distance of eight-hundred yards, under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. He brought up twenty rounds of ammunition for the mortar. Utilizing this ammunition, the squad knocked out a machine gun which was holding up friendly troops. Private McDOWELL's action contributed materially to the successful advance of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Fannie P. H. McDowell, (Mother), 540 Court Street, Cuthbert, Georgia.

Sergeant MICHAEL J. MARTINI, (32230811), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Joseph Martini, (Mother), 381 Bleeker Street, New York, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH H. MEINHEIT, (36596496), Armored Force, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Valencia, Leyte, P. I., on 18 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Hettie Robertson, (Mother), 1214 East 17th Street, Route 3, Falls City, Nebraska.

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Technician Fifth Grade RONALDO Z. MICHAUD, (31045515), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 11 January 1945. Technician MICHAUD accompanied Company A, *** Regiment, on a patrol north of Palompon. This patrol encountered resistance from emplaced Japanese machine guns and riflemen in hilly terrain. Technician MICHAUD rendered aid and assisted in evacuating several casualties resulting from the firefight, going to forward positions in full view of the enemy and despite their gun fire. On another occasion, Technician MICHAUD accompanied a unit advancing in the vicinity of Abijao. On this mission determined resistance was met from enemy emplacements covering a mountain pass. In the firefight which ensued, several casualties were suffered. Without regard for his personal safety, Technician MICHAUD rendered first aid and administered plasma to a seriously wounded soldier who was laying in an open field in full view of the enemy who kept up a continuous fire. The casualty was evacuated safely and Technician MICHAUD returned with him to the evacuation point at the beach. His unceasing efforts, devotion to duty, willingness, and high courage were an inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Leda Michaud, (Mother), 8 Chestnut Street, Lewiston, Maine.

Second Lieutenant JESSE J. TROTTER, (01322822), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 25 November to 3 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Peggy W. Trotter, (Wife), 8014 Keene Road, Norfolk, Virginia.

Private First Class WALTER M. URBANOWSKI, (32336540), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Private URBANOWSKI, an ammunition bearer, crossed an open rice paddy of more than three-hundred yards width in order to keep his heavy machine gun supplied with ammunition. Intense fighting was in progress. The enemy repeatedly attacked. To bring up ammunition Private URBANOWSKI had to leave his vehicle some distance behind the lines and hand-carry the rest of the way. He was constantly under enemy small arms fire but he never hesitated. When not carrying ammunition he took a position on the line and supplied effective fire against the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to those with him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Agnes Urbanowski, (Mother), 24 Summit Avenue, Patchogue, L. I., New York.

Staff Sergeant FRANK WANCHISN, (33167875), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Jose, Leyte, P. I., on 17 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Wanchisn, (Mother), Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sergeant VICTOR L. WATTERS, (33297837), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 20 December 1944, about three and one-half miles north of Valencia, Sergeant WATTERS' platoon had by-passed three Japanese. When the Japanese fired into the rear of his unit, Sergeant WATTERS, who was assistant squad leader, went back and killed them, thereby saving his company a number of casualties. Again on a patrol in the vicinity of Lubiranan, on 8 January 1945, he personally killed three Japanese who were firing at his patrol. His outstanding courage and ability aided in the close cooperation and teamwork of his unit and were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mildred Watters, (Wife), R.F.D. #6, New Castle, Pa.

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Staff Sergeant CLARENCE E. WEIBLE, (33199125), (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bureauen, Leyte, P. I., on 2 December 1944. Company L, *** Regiment, moving through a coconut grove with little cover, came under very heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, from well dug-in, concealed positions. Sergeant WEIBLE, light machine gun squad leader, finding that many of the men of his squad and his section leader had been wounded, assumed command and reorganized the machine gun section. He then went into the area covered by enemy fire and retrieved a machine gun which had been dropped by a wounded man. After doing this he caused effective fire to be placed on the Japanese position. His disregard for personal safety, his leadership, and his willingness to face enemy fire were an inspiration to all the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Hazel Mae Weible, (Wife), 13 Continental Avenue, Newark, Delaware.

Captain ADAM F. WILSON, (0353438), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ipil, Leyte, P. I., on 7 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Adam F. Wilson, (Wife), Box 247, Nutter Fort, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant CORRELL E. WINDER, (33013496), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. In the vicinity of Ipil, Company G, *** Regiment assaulted and after a stiff fight took a hill on the right flank of the regiment. Company G then continued its assault beyond the hill. Sergeant WINDER and two other 81mm mortar observers had assisted in taking the hill. The enemy launched a counterattack, in force, bringing up machine guns and field pieces. Despite the fact that they were greatly outnumbered, Sergeant WINDER and the two mortar observers fought back and so effectively directed mortar fire against the enemy that many of them were killed and the rest fled in confusion. Sergeant WINDER was wounded in this action. His courage and fortitude in remaining upon the hill against such great odds were an inspiration to his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Joseph C. Winder, (Mother), R.F.D., Montgomery, Pa.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

OLIVER E. G. TRECHTER
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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class MICHAEL ANDRAS, (33160665), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. In the vicinity of the road junction north of Libungao, Company L, *** Regiment, was committed against the enemy. The area was open and afforded very little cover from intense and accurate enemy machine gun fire. The 60mm mortar section which was supporting the leading platoon ran out of ammunition. Private ANDRAS volunteered, under heavy and accurate enemy fire, to go back to the battalion ammunition dump a distance of eight-hundred yards, for a resupply. He brought back twenty rounds of ammunition and enabled the mortar to go back into action, furthering the advance of the platoon. He volunteered to make a second trip, under the same heavy enemy fire. His aggressiveness and courage were an inspiration to all the members of his platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Straka, (Aunt), R.D. #2, Birdsboro, Pa.

Private First Class FRED R. BLEVINS, (34186278), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villaba, Leyte, P. I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Cora May Blevins, (Mother), Route 3, Greenville, Tenn.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD E. CHIESA, JR., (0540642), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of the Antilao River, on the outskirts of Ormoc, Lieutenant CHIESA was in charge of reinforcing a bridge, the repair of which was highly essential for the forward movement of tracked vehicles, supplies and ammunition. While working, Lieutenant CHIESA and his detail were subjected to enemy small-arms and mortar fire. Realizing the importance of completing his mission without delay, Lieutenant CHIESA, at great risk to his own life, continued to stay on the job until his mission was completed. Lieutenant CHIESA's devotion to duty, determination and coolness displayed under enemy fire served as an incentive and inspiration to his men. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Edward Chiosa, Sr., (Father), 753 Guerrero Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Corporal JOHN COOP, (37510731), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villaba, Leyte, P. I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Iva Coop, (Wife), 1003 West 1st Street, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade RICHARD CRABTREE, (31219774), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Olga N. Crabtree, (Wife), Waldoboro, Maine.

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Private First Class JOHN B. CROWE, (32263738), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P. I., on 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ellen Crowe, (Mother), 16 N. Washington Avenue, Margate City, N. J.

Private First Class ANDY GOMBASH, (35742437), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Private GOMBASH, an ammunition carrier, when his platoon was subjected to heavy enemy fire, manned a machine gun and brought it forward without regard for his own safety. He then placed fire on the enemy with such devastating effect that they were forced to abandon their positions. Private GOMBASH's courage under the most trying conditions was a great inspiration to his comrades and his action was instrumental in enabling his platoon to attain their objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dora Gombash, (Mother), Route #2, Box 46, Fairmont, W. Va.

Private First Class WALTER E. HANSEN, (39140049), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Miguel, Leyte, P. I., on 30 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lorraine Hansen, (Wife), 161 W. Center Street, Ventura, Calif.

Corporal SIGISMUND I. KUZNIEWSKI, (32262527), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 9 December 1944, Corporal KUZNIEWSKI was in charge of a detail to work on a bridge which needed reinforcing. This particular bridge was situated well ahead of the front lines and it was of vital importance that it be strongly reinforced to allow heavy guns, tracked vehicles, and supplies to move forward to support the attack and to evacuate the wounded. While working on the bridge, Corporal KUZNIEWSKI and his men were subjected to enemy small-arms fire and intermittent mortar fire. Realizing how important it was to complete his mission without delay, and at great risk to his own life, Corporal KUZNIEWSKI continued to work, encouraging his men to stay on their job. Corporal KUZNIEWSKI's courage, coolness, and ingenuity displayed while under enemy fire served as an incentive and inspiration to his men and were largely responsible for the rapid and efficient completion of the mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Helen Kuzniowski, (Wife), 99 Dupont Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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~~Private First Class CHARLES LANCSAK, (32263102), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 18 December 1944. In the course of the attack upon Valencia, the first platoon of Company I, *** Regiment, was one of the leading platoons in the attack. This platoon encountered heavy machine gun fire. Private LANCSAK, rifleman in the second squad, seeing the location of the enemy machine gun, immediately, without thought of personal safety, crawled fifty yards through withering fire, threw a grenade, killed two of the enemy, and disabled the machine gun. Private LANCSAK's disregard for his own safety proved a source of inspiration to the men of his company and was instrumental in the continuation of the advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ann Lancsak, (Mother), 96 Kossuth Street, New Brunswick, N. J.~~

Private First Class SALVATORE LONGO, (32185384), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Longo, (Mother), 284 21st Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

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 * Technician Fifth Grade WALTER J. McILRAVY, (31250763), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villaba, Loyte, P. I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Ann McIlravy, (Wife), 169 South Street, Danbury, Conn.
 (MOTHER)

Captain WILLIAM H. McKEOWN, (0414376), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, 9 December 1944, on Loyte, P. I. During an engagement in which his Company was halted temporarily by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Captain McKEOWN, with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved about through intense fire, checking and consolidating his position. This fearless exposure of himself to the enemy fire inspired his men to advance. His initiative, devotion to duty, and fearless leadership were an inspiration to the officers and men of his Company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. William H. McKeown, (Wife), 700 E. 36th Street, Charlotte, N.C.

Private First Class JOHN A. MAHER, (33001832), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Loyte, P. I., on 15 December 1944. Private MAHER, an ammunition bearer, crossed three-hundred yards of open rice paddy in order to keep his heavy machine gun supplied with ammunition. Because of intense fighting as a result of several enemy counterattacks, there was an extremely heavy demand for ammunition. By his untiring efforts, Private MAHER adequately supplied his unit. He was constantly subjected to enemy small arms and sniper fire. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who were with him. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Albert Maher, (Father), 814 N. Kenwood Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD W. MARTIN, (32295336), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Loyte, P. I. On 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ormoc, Company I, *** Regiment, while assaulting on a high ridge, received heavy enemy fire. The Second Platoon, on another ridge, was given the mission of protecting the company's rear as they advanced. Sergeant MARTIN, platoon guide, situated on the exposed right flank, noticed six enemy riflemen moving through the high grass in order to harass the third platoon's right flank. Quickly moving into a better firing position and exposing himself to intense fire, Sergeant MARTIN killed three Japanese and disorganized the remainder. Repeatedly during the fire fight, the enemy tried to outflank the assault platoons. Sergeant MARTIN with the aid of some riflemen repulsed the attacks. His cool-headedness and complete disregard for his personal safety were instrumental in securing his company's exposed flank and proved an inspiration to his men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lillian Reinfurt, (Sister), 11-25 46th Road, Long Island City, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade PETER J. PETRONE, (32232398), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Loyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Technician PETRONE, as a member of a litter squad, went forward with an attacking rifle company and aided in the evacuation of the wounded. While so doing he and his team were subjected to intense enemy sniper and mortar fire. Time and again Technician PETRONE and members of his litter squad had to crawl and creep across open terrain in order to evacuate the wounded to a position from which they could be more easily taken to the rear. Technician PETRONE by his actions was an inspiration to the members of his unit and was instrumental in saving the lives of several members of his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Thomas Petrone, (Brother), 68 James Street, Ossining, New York.

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Private First Class JOHN J. ROSTER, (32296002), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. John J. Roster, (Wife) 100 Blake Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade ANTHONY RUSSO, (31103739), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, north of Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Leonard Russo, (Brother), 39 Winthrop Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

Corporal ALBERT R. STRATTON, (17027536), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Maude Kieffer, (Mother), 1056 Talbot Avenue, Albany, Calif.

Private First Class ALBERT SZABO, (32244441), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 8 December 1944, in an assault on a strongly dug in enemy position on a hill in the vicinity of Camp Downes, a heavy machine gun squad, of which Private SZABO was a member, gave close support to the attacking rifle companies. As the gun went into action at the very front of the attack, the squad leader and three other men in the squad were seriously wounded, as were all of the riflemen in the vicinity. The enemy being only a few feet from the machine gun, attempted to capture it, but despite intense fire from both sides, Private SZABO and one other man left in the squad crawled to this gun and dragged it back to a covered position from which they again manned it. This example of courage and coolness under fire was an inspiration to every man in the company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Alex Szabo, (Mother), 207 Bay View Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

Technical Sergeant DANIEL J. TIERNEY, JR., (32232434), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M. I., on 14 August 1944. While on a patrol operating from Mount Santa Rosa, Sergeant TIERNEY voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire at the edge of a crater into which his platoon leader and five men had descended. Sergeant TIERNEY, with the platoon aid man, disregarding his own safety, came to the edge of the depression to assist a wounded man to the top of the ladder. His bravery in exposing himself to enemy fire and rendering assistance to one of his men was an inspiration to the entire platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Tierney (Mother), 35 Clinton Avenue, Ossining, New York.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Corporal GEORGE P. CORDATO, (31087722), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. During the course of the action at Buri, on 30 November 1944, Corporal CORDATO was a mortar squad leader. Noticing that men were wounded and in need of assistance, Corporal CORDATO requested and received permission to go to their aid. In the course of his efforts to evacuate the casualties, he was wounded. Despite this, he continued his efforts until ordered to receive medical assistance. Corporal CORDATO's courageous actions reflected great credit upon himself and were a source of inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Leonard Cordato, (Father), 12 Union St., Hudson, N.Y.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH L. GARDELLA, (39417372), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Joseph Gardella, (Mother), Satter Creek, Calif.

Private First Class ANDREW J. GIEHL, (32259295), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Libungao, Leyte, P.I. On 18 December 1944, Company I, *** Regiment was an assault company. When the company became engaged in a fire fight with a group of enemy dug in under a shack, Private GIEHL, accompanied by a Browning Automatic Rifleman, without regard for his personal safety crawled through heavy enemy fire until he was on the flank of the position. He was then able to knock out the enemy position with hand grenades. His courage was an inspiration to the men of his unit and his aggressive action was of great assistance to his platoon in accomplishing its mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Barbara Giehl, (Mother), Jersey City, N.J.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN H. HORN, JR., (12160959), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. John H. Horn, Sr., (Mother), 556 Old Post Road, Fairfield, Conn.

Private First Class LOUIS G. LINES, (37110-10), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 18 December 1944. Company I, 77th Infantry was the assault company. While advancing upon enemy held positions, rifle fire was encountered from under

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an enemy held shack. Private LINES, rifleman, aided by the men of his squad who placed fire on the shack, crawled thirty yards toward the shack. Reaching it he went under the shack and disposed of the enemy from behind with his bayonet. Private LINES' courageous act was an inspiration to the men of Company I. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Harris Lines, (Father), Estherville, Iowa.

Private First Class RAYMOND V. LOISELLE, (3111271), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private LOISELLE, a rifleman, was a member of a platoon ordered to attack on the left flank of its Company's sector. After a short advance this platoon was halted by heavy enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire delivered at very close range. The enemy was well dug in and had fire superiority which prevented our advance. The platoon was then ordered to shift position. At this time Private LOISELLE observed a wounded soldier totally unable to help himself. Disregarding his own safety Private LOISELLE returned across thirty-five yards of open ground and carried to safety the wounded man. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. George Loisollo (Mother), 140 Magill Street, Pawtucket, R.I.

Private First Class ARCHIE D. MAGERS, (15060909), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 31 December 1944. Private MAGERS, an ammunition bearer, was acting as a rifleman on line in the company's defense. When one flank of the defense was in danger of being infiltrated by the enemy he voluntarily left the security of his foxhole, in order to bring up grenades and small arms ammunition from the battalion ammunition dump three-hundred yards from his position. His disregard for his personal safety under continuous enemy fire served as an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and materially aided in repulsing the enemy. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs Emma Magers, (Mother), 1320 Ninth Street, Bedford, Ind.

Technician Fifth Grade ANTON M. MEHALOVICH, (39326878), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, North of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Prudence Mehalovich, (Mother), 2307 SE Division, Portland, Ore.

Private First Class EUGENE P. MUELLER, (35154337), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Private MUELLER, rifleman, in the face of heavy enemy fire moved to the left flank of his squad to destroy with grenades a well entrenched enemy group which had already caused many casualties in his platoon. Private MUELLER's courageous actions were an inspiration to the other men of his squad and aided materially in the taking of the squad's objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Beatrice Mueller, (Wife), 815 E 6th Street, Hobart, Ind.

Private HOWARD J. PARKINSON, (33786534), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Violet Parkinson, (Mother), 7759 Hasbrook Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Staff Sergeant DANIEL J. PFANNER, (32232381), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 December 1944, on Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mildred Pfanner, (Wife), 3049 Crescent Street, Queens, N.Y.

First Lieutenant GREGORY R. POWERS, (01014995), Infantry (Tk.), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 21 July to 10 August 1944 and on Leyte, P.I., from 20 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Richard T. Powers, (Father), 291 Fish Street, St. Paul, Minn.

Private First Class NICK E. RUCCI, (35215340), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dipi, Leyte, P.I., on 25 December 1944. Private RUCCI, a machine gunner, advanced over open terrain under heavy enemy fire to place his gun in action on line with the forward riflemen. He remained at the gun in spite of numerous hand grenades that were falling all around and assisted materially in the attack. Private RUCCI's cool courage and aggressive action served as an inspiration to the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Nick Rucci, (Mother), 193 McDowell Street, Welch, W.Va.

Staff Sergeant NICHOLAS J. SAPORITO, (32232342), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Saporito, (Mother), 753 East 226th Street, Bronx, N.Y.

Sergeant WILLIAM F. SPEAR, (20400514), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sybil E. Spear, (Wife), Forsyth, Ga.

Private JOAQUIN A. TORRES, (32263448), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 - 14 December 1944. Private TORRES, a pioneer in an Antitank Company on two occasions volunteered to serve as litter bearer when he learned that the units his company was supporting were receiving heavy casualties by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The rifle companies could not evacuate their own men as it was necessary to keep every available rifleman on the line for protection. With disregard for his own safety Private TORRES went forward under this heavy enemy fire and helped evacuate the wounded. While in the performance of his work he was subjected to constant sniper fire directed from tree tops and other concealed positions to his flanks and rear. By his heroic service he greatly inspired the men with him and aided in saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rafaela Torres, (Wife), 850 Freeman Street, Bronx, N.Y.

Private First Class JOHN WATCHKO, (32264272), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 17 December 1944, his Company was assigned the mission of taking Highway #2, in the vicinity of Catayom. After two platoons had crossed the road

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the company was engaged in a heavy fire fight. During the fight it was noticed the several grass huts to the company's right flank were being used by the enemy. All attempts to dislodge them by fire and grenades were fruitless. Private WATCHKO was then called upon to burn out the enemy. Covered by his platoon, he boldly advanced towards the huts and, although the enemy attempted to stop him by fire, he successfully reached the first hut and burned it. He continued, burning a total of three huts. His calm action under heavy fire completed the rout of the enemy and enabled the company to complete its occupation and consolidation of the position. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Christina Watchko, (Mother), Petersburg, N.J.

Private First Class AUBRETT W. WHIDBY, (34584567), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Whidby, (Mother), Star Route, Box 54, Ensley, Ala.

Private First Class GARLAND E. WHITMAN, (33532105), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944, near a road junction north of Libungao Company L, *** Regiment, was committed against the enemy. The area was open, and afforded very little cover from intense and accurate enemy machine gun fire. The 60mm mortar section which was supporting the leading platoon ran out of ammunition. Private WHITMAN then volunteered to go back to the battalion ammunition dump, through an area which was subjected to heavy and accurate enemy fire, for a resupply. He brought back twenty rounds of ammunition, enabling the mortar to go back into action and furthering the advance of the platoon. He again volunteered to make a second trip, under the same heavy enemy fire. His aggressiveness and courage were an inspiration to all the members of his platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margie O. Whitman, (Mother), Route #1, Bluefield, Va.

Technical Sergeant MICHAEL C. WHITTEY, (32042068), Infantry (Tk.), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 21 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 20 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jessie C. Whittey, (Wife), 12 Clinton Street, Amsterdam, N.Y.

First Lieutenant PAUL J. WIWI, (01297462), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 24 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Leo J. Wiwi, (Father), Route #2, Harrison, Ohio.

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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13 February 1945BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER). 1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade HARRY L. BABBIN by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 34, dated 4 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade HARRY L. BABBIN, (31101601), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 December 1944 to 19 January 1945, on Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marian Perkins, (Mother), 36 Summit Avenue, Wollaston, Mass.

2. By direction of the President in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Sergeant ELDON CONLEY by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 34, dated 4 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Sergeant ELDON CONLEY, (35400237), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 December 1944 to 19 January 1945, on Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Katherine June Conley, (Mother), 18 North 12th Street, Newark, Ohio.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain ALFRED L. CORNWELL by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 50, dated 21 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

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Captain ALFRED L. CORNWELL, (0500384), Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Libungao, Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. Captain CORNWELL, Battalion Surgeon, was notified by his assistant that an advanced collecting point had been established and that a great number of seriously wounded casualties had been assembled. Captain CORNWELL immediately proceeded under heavy enemy fire and with utter disregard for his own safety to this new collecting point. This had been set up within one-hundred yards of the scene of very heavy fighting and was necessitated by the large number of casualties pouring in. While under machine-gun, mortar, and rifle fire from prepared enemy positions, Captain CORNWELL cared for the wounded and directed the activities of the Battalion Aid Station and its personnel with such leadership and ability that treatment and evacuation continued efficiently and rapidly. His cool action, resourcefulness in improvising field expedients, and disregard for his own safety added materially to the success of the Battalion. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Alfred L. Cornwell, (Wife), Rt 2, Box 58, Whiteville, N.C.

4. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND J. RONDEAU by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 34, dated 4 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND J. RONDEAU, (11052871), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December 1944 to 19 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Eléda Rondeau, (Mother), 152 Ford Street, Lowell, Mass.

5. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant HENRY M. TUOMINEN by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 73, dated 1 November 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant HENRY M. TUOMINEN, (01175341), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. During the action in the vicinity of the Tagbong River, Lieutenant TUOMINEN was artillery forward observer with an Infantry Company which was met by an attack by the companies of Japanese infantry. Lieutenant TUOMINEN, although his observation post on an exposed ridge was subjected to intense enemy fire, calmly placed successive artillery concentrations in front of his Company to permit it to remove its wounded. Still unmindful of the great danger to himself, and while under enemy mortar and rifle fire, he placed accurate artillery

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fire on the attacking enemy and by destroying an estimated two-hundred of them, completely broke up the attack. This heroic action enabled the supported infantry to take the ridge without loss of life. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Charles Tuominen, (Mother), 90 East Main Street, Hyannis, Mass.

6. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant MARVIN C. WILLIS by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 53, dated 22 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant MARVIN C. WILLIS, (13036815), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944, when attacking enemy positions in the Libungao area, Sergeant WILLIS' platoon was the assault platoon of the company. During the attack, severe enemy fire was encountered and the platoon was ordered to shift its position fifty yards in order to permit artillery to be fired on the enemy positions. During the course of this maneuver a Browning Automatic Rifleman was severely wounded. Sergeant WILLIS, Platoon Guide, ran across open terrain which was swept by enemy fire, picked up the Browning Automatic Rifle, and helped to cover the movement. Time and again he exposed himself by firing his weapon against the enemy. Sergeant WILLIS' unhesitating disregard for his personal safety was an inspiration to the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lee Willis, (Mother) Axton, Va.

7. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant MARTIN WYNALDA by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 25, dated 29 August 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant MARTIN WYNALDA, (01309644), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 25 November to 3 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. John Wynalda, (Father), 1407 Linden Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

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8. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal PIUS A. ZANON by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section II, General Orders No. 22, dated 17 January 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Corporal PIUS A. ZANON, (35594832), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 29 December 1944 to 1 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Amelia P. Zanon, (Mother), 384 Wardell Street, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

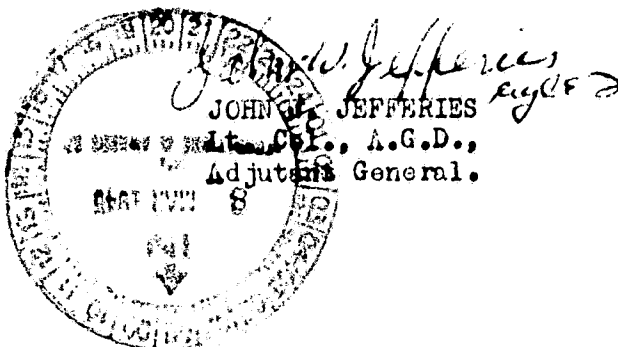
9. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant ARTHUR I. ZELLMER by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 34, dated 4 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant ARTHUR I. ZELLMER, (38024950), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 December 1944 to 19 January 1945, on Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Susie A. Zellmer, (Mother), R.R. #1, Manitou, Okla.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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~~AWARD OF THE~~ **BRONZE STAR MEDAL.** - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class HAROLD W. ARENSMEIER, (37721790), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Downes, Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. The third platoon of Company F, *** Regiment, received enemy fire from a nearby clump of bushes. When rifle and automatic rifle fire failed to eliminate the enemy, Private ARENSMEIER, at great risk, in the face of the enemy fire, voluntarily advanced fifty yards with his flame thrower and discharged several bursts into the bushes. His action eliminated the enemy from that area. Private ARENSMEIER's fortitude and disregard for his own safety were an inspiration to his platoon and contributed materially to the success of the company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Alma Arensmeier, (Mother), 519 N. Allen Avenue, Marshall, Mo.

First Sergeant GUY BAKER, (14003159), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 25 December 1944, at Matagob, enemy artillery began to shell a battery position with direct fire. Sergeant BAKER, without regard for his own safety, and despite the heavy enemy shell fire falling nearby, took up an exposed position in the open where he could properly relay commands to the guns. This heroic act enabled his battery to place successful fire on the Japanese field piece, which was silenced. His leadership, aggressiveness, and calm courage were a credit to himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Stella Baker, (Mother), Route #1, R.F.D., Sarepta, Miss.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS CORTESE, (32221698), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 23 November to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Edna E. Cortese, (Wife), 36 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

First Lieutenant HARLEY T. CRAWFORD, (01111002), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P. I. On the night of 25 December 1944, Lieutenant CRAWFORD was assigned the mission of moving an advance party from J-11 to Matagob to establish a Company Command Post near the front lines. Upon nearing the area, the convoy, consisting of two trucks and fifteen enlisted men, came under enemy artillery fire. Lieutenant CRAWFORD under heavy fire, refused to seek cover until he was certain that each man was protected. He then moved the two trucks to a position of safety before giving thought to his own welfare. Lieutenant CRAWFORD's courage in the face of enemy fire, his extreme devotion to his men, and his complete disregard for personal safety, were a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dolores Crawford, (Wife), 1819 W. 5th Street, Hastings, Nebraska.

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Technical Sergeant THOMAS J. FRANKER SER, (39375577), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M. I., from 1 September to 19 September 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. William W. Frankhouser, (Father), Bothol, Washington.

Technical Sergeant PAUL GRAHAM, (11089280), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M. I., from 1 September to 19 September 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Cecile Graham, (Wife), 12 Chaplain Street, Dracut, Mass.

Private First Class FLOYD O. HALVERSON, (36803502), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. Private HALVERSON, in a squad of twelve, advanced across the Antilao River in the face of devastating enemy cross-machine gun and mass rifle fire, from pillboxes. This position later proved to be one of the strongest in the Yanashita Line. He pushed forward, making a penetration of about two-hundred yards, held his position, and killed three of the enemy. The order was given to move so that more artillery and mortar fire could be used on this position. This maneuver was made under heavy enemy fire, with the enemy trying to force themselves back into the positions from which they had been driven. Private HALVERSON remained where he was, covering his comrades' movement until his turn came to join his unit. His action was an inspiration to the men with whom he served and reflected credit upon himself and the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Josephine Halverson, (Mother), Ojibwa, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant PLACIDO D. LaVALLE, (0334063), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ormoc, Lieutenant LaVALLE, as commanding officer of Company D, *** Regiment, was constantly in the front line selecting positions and directing the fire of the weapons of his company during the advance. Although he was in full view of the enemy and constantly under their fire, he courageously remained forward to direct fire on Japanese positions, greatly aiding the battalion in the accomplishment of its mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. P. D. LaValle, (Wife), North Road, Marlboro, New York.

Private First Class JOHN R. McCARTHY, (32259410), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. William L. McCarthy, (Father), 56 Jefferson Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant FREDERICK W. MILLER, (32262299), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Fannie Miller, (Mother), 173 Rector Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

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~~* Private First Class LLOYD V. PILKINGTON, (36427382), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Alda Pilkington, (Mother), 317 Carson Street, Whitehall, Illinois.~~

Second Lieutenant BOBBY H. ROUS, (01316590), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. In the evening of 9 December 1944, the Third Battalion, *** Regiment, was moving into a defensive position on high ground east of Ormoc. As coordinator

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of defensive fires was necessary, and there were no communications available, Lieutenant ROUS, voluntarily moved approximately one-thousand yards through territory known to be occupied by the enemy, and personally contacted the adjacent unit to coordinate fires. Again, on 11 December, the Battalion was ordered to withdraw to a defensive position on high ground northeast of Ormoc. Because the limiting points of the right adjacent unit had to be determined and defensive fires coordinated, Lieutenant ROUS again voluntarily moved through several thousand yards of enemy occupied territory and personally made contact with the adjacent unit. Both these missions were accomplished in semi-darkness, and over very rough terrain. His willingness to face danger, and his devoted attention to duty were clearly evidenced in all the tasks he performed. His courage under heavy enemy fire was an inspiration to all the men of his Battalion. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. William Friedman, (Sister), 309 Fabian Place, Newark, N. J.

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 *Private CHARLES R. SCHNEIDER, (3541680), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 November to 23 December 1944, on Leyte, P. I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Schneider, (Mother), 376 Buffalo Street, Mansfield, Ohio.

Private First Class JOSEPH SCORZA, (13077120), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dapozo, Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. Private SCORZA was appointed acting squad leader of a squad made up of cooks and basic privates from company headquarters. His squad was used during the operation to reinforce the attacking platoons in the outer defense of the company during the night. On 8 December, reinforcing the first platoon in an attack on a ridge near the Panalian River, Private SCORZA led his squad through an open field. While under heavy enemy fire, his squad succeeded in driving about twenty of the enemy from their position and knocking out a Japanese mortar position, killing eleven of them thereby securing the platoon's right flank. Though leading men trained in other duties, he so inspired them and coordinated their activities that their teamwork was excellent. Private SCORZA's courage, aggressiveness, and leadership while under fire made his squad one of the outstanding factors in the advance of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Angelina Scorza, (Mother), 1415 S. 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private CHARLES W. SHERMAN, (35878039), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Private SHERMAN, a litter bearer, was with a rifle company in an attack. As the fight developed, enemy machine gun and mortar fire forced the company to shift their position after heavy casualties had been inflicted. As the maneuver was effected, Private SHERMAN refused to leave until he had aided in the evacuation of all the wounded. He performed his work while under extreme danger without regard for his own safety. Private SHERMAN was an inspiration to the men of his unit and instrumental in saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Betty Sherman, (Wife), 608 Stanley Street, Middletown, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES V. SOWARD, (15041145), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December and 15 December 1944. Technician SOWARD, a truck driver in an Anti-tank Company, on two occasions volunteered to serve as litter bearer when he learned that the rifle companies his unit was supplying had received heavy casualties from intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire.

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The rifle companies could not evacuate their own men, as it was necessary to keep every available rifleman on the line for protection. Disregarding his own safety, Technician SOWARD went forward under this heavy enemy fire and helped evacuate the wounded. While in the performance of his work he was subjected to constant sniper fire, directed from tree tops and other well concealed positions to his flanks and rear. By his heroic service, Technician SOWARD greatly inspired the men with him and aided in saving the lives of several seriously wounded men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lona Harshbarger, (Mother), 1934 Buffington Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM E. SUSKO, (12098392), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 September to 19 September 1944, on Guam, M. I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Riopko, (Mother), 150 Sheridan Avenue, Elmira Heights, Elmira, New York.

Private First Class FRANK J. TWINN, (32264094), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marie Worden, (Sister), 2710 Harrison, Avenue, Camden, N. J.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH A. ZIOMEK, (32263102), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 21 December 1944, Company E, *** Regiment, was attacking enemy positions on the commanding ground north of the Tagbong River. Sergeant ZIOMEK, a squad leader, located an enemy machine gun squad setting up its weapons. He led his squad around to the flank of the enemy position. Under intense enemy fire from riflemen covering the machine gun, he crawled forward ahead of his squad and threw hand grenades into the emplacement. The machine gun was silenced, but heavy rifle fire still came from the position. Sergeant ZIOMEK crawled back to his men and led them further to the flank enabling them successfully to wipe out all enemy fire. His leadership and quick thinking aided materially in the successful completion of the company's mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sophie Ziomek, (Mother), 16 5th Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

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SECTION I

BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-So much of Section II, General Orders No. 71, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, 11 February 1945, awarding a Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class JOSEPH A. ROBERTSON, (33158263), is revoked.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).-1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class JOSEPH A. ROBERTSON by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 57, dated 3 February 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class JOSEPH A. ROBERTSON, (33158263), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Robertson, (Mother), Warm Springs, Va.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class JOHN A. ANDREWS, (33176794), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy below Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Frank Andrews, (Father), 7 Stark Street, Pittston, Pa.

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Private WILLIAM D. BRANNIGAN, (32231104), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Private BRANNIGAN, pioneer in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, was a member of a squad which was carrying food, water, and ammunition up to the front lines. His squad was fired upon as they neared their goal. Returning the fire, Private BRANNIGAN killed one Japanese and scattered the rest. Then, despite great personal risk, he proceeded with his mission of getting the needed supplies forward. Private BRANNIGAN's display of courage was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Thomas J. Brannigan, (Father), 4103 69th Street, Woodside, L.I., N.Y.

Private First Class ANTHONY DIANA, (32566763), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of Camp Downes, Private DIANA went forward under heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire to evacuate two seriously wounded men. Again, on 11 December, he went into the face of enemy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire to assist in evacuating several casualties. He performed these acts while surrounding rifle troops were receiving heavy enemy fire. Private DIANA never hesitated to aid his fellow soldiers, in spite of the dangers involved, and his devotion to duty inspired all those around him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Frank Diana, Sr., (Mother), Plainfield, N.J.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT FORREST, (32261717), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 10 December 1944. About dusk, two rifle companies had been ordered to move forward to tie in with friendly troops on their left flank. Technician FORREST, as head wireman of a four-man wire team, went forward after dark to provide communications for these companies. The team had to traverse difficult terrain and as it was very dark, they risked being fired upon by friendly troops. In addition, they incurred the possibility of encountering scattered groups of enemy which had not been wiped out in this area. Technician FORREST located the companies and successfully laid the lines back to the Battalion command post, over the same hazardous path. His action resulted in installing intra-battalion communications and was a source of inspiration to the officers and men of his battalion. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Albert Forrest, (Wife), 1093 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

First Sergeant WILLIAM H. FRANKLIN, (14021430), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Barrigada, Guam, M.I., on 3 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Minnie H. Franklin, (Mother), Route 1, Box 600, Morganton, N.C.

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Private First Class ALBERT GERSON, (32506530), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Gerson, (Mother), 707 West 171st Street, New York, N.Y.

Private First Class ARTHUR J. GILMARTIN, (32232256), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy below Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Thomas J. Gilmartin, (Father), 1139 Calhoun Avenue, Bronx, New York, N.Y.

Sergeant HARRY G. KELLER, (33167065), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. As a mortar squad leader, Sergeant KELLER, without regard for his own safety, led his squad into a good firing position and then moved to a forward observation post in order to bring accurate fire on the enemy. All this time he was under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. It was through his courageous action that an enemy counterattack was disrupted. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Penelope Keller, (Wife), 231 North Hamilton, Greensburg, Pa.

Technician Fourth Grade OSMAR B. KIPP, (32232229), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Cora L. Kipp, (Wife), 426 15th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private First Class SAMUEL KOZIK, (32295134), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Katherine Kozik, (Mother), 3244 - 80th Street, Jackson Heights, N.Y.

First Lieutenant HAROLD C. LEWIS, (01302150), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Camp Downes, Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. At 0900, Lieutenant LEWIS voluntarily moved to an exposed position in order to bring fire on the enemy with one section of the heavy machine gun platoon he was commanding. This position, which was under continuous fire, was the most advantageous one from which support could be given. During this action Lieutenant LEWIS was severely wounded, but his aggressiveness and fearlessness furthered the success of the attack. His action was an inspiration to the officers and men of his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Althea Lewis, (Wife), 235 South Main Street, Naugatuck, Conn.

Private First Class JAMES F. LUMPKIN, (34576412), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. While serving as light machine gunner, Private LUMPKIN, without regard for his own safety, manned his weapon under intense Japanese fire. The enemy attempted several counterattacks against his company but each time they were repulsed. Private LUMPKIN and his gun were often under heavy enemy mortar fire, but he remained at his gun continuously and placed effective fire on the enemy. His efforts were of great value in insuring the success of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Martha L. Lumpkin, (Mother), 411 Forsyth Street, Macon, Ga.

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Private ANDREW M. McDONOUGH, (32797580), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ifil, Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Eleanor McDonough, (Wife), 100 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private First Class CHARLES M. PETRIE, (32264066), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 18 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Goldie Petrie, (Wife), 2505 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, N.J.

First Lieutenant HOEY F. RODGERS, (01320648), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc and Palompon, Leyte, P.I., from 7 December 1944 to 24 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Wanda M. Rodgers, (Wife), 527 West Missouri Avenue, El Paso, Texas.

Corporal BARNEY S. SAMUELS, (32254655), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Corporal SAMUELS, a second gunner, assisted in manning a machine gun and holding a small ridge in the midst of a vicious Japanese attack. In the fire fight, Corporal SAMUELS killed three of the enemy and wounded several more. Never for a moment did he leave his post and was always alert and ready for action. It was substantially due to his watchfulness and perseverance that the ridge was not flanked. Corporal SAMUELS by his courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all the members of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. A. Samuels, (Mother), 121 Cook Avenue, Syracuse, S. N.Y.

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 BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-So much of Section I, General Orders #73, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, 12 February 1945, awarding a Bronze Star Medal to Private FC. CHARLES LANCSAK, (32263102), is revoked.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster).- 1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class CHARLES LANCSAK by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 57, dated 23 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Private First Class CHARLES LANCSAK, (32263102), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 18 December 1944. In the course of the attack upon Valencia, the first platoon of Company I, *** Regiment, was one of the leading platoons in the attack. This platoon encountered heavy machine gun fire. Private LANCSAK, rifleman in the second squad, seeing the location of the enemy machine gun, immediately, without thought of personal safety, crawled fifty yards through withering fire, threw a grenade, killed two of the enemy, and disabled the machine gun. Private LANCSAK's disregard for his own safety proved a source of inspiration to the men of his company and was instrumental in the continuation of the advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ann Lancsak, (Mother), 96 Kossuth Street, New Brunswick, N.J.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the bronze star medal awarded to Private JOSEPH J. ROSAFORTE by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section II, General Orders No. 26, dated 30 August 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Private JOSEPH J. ROSAFORTE, (32232919), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy north of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 16 December 1944. While advancing along Highway #2, Private ROSAFORTE saw an officer from another company who had been wounded.

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With complete disregard for his own safety, Private ROSAFORST moved forward fifty yards, under enemy fire, and carried the officer to a place of safety. His courage and utter disregard for danger proved a source of inspiration to those who witnessed his action. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Andrew Rosaforte, (Father), Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class JOSEPH DE LUCA, (32295148), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Angelina De Luca, (Mother), 5-41 47th Avenue, L.I. City, N.Y.

Private First Class HARVEY O DOWNEY, JR., (39140272), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Libungao, Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. A rifle company to which a section of heavy machine guns was attached, was ordered to move, under enemy fire, to positions for the night. As the maneuver began, the crew of one heavy machine gun became casualties, whereupon Private DOWNEY crawled up to the gun and dragged it back to the rear. While carrying it back, he put it into action several times in an effort to neutralize enemy fire and cover the movement. This outstanding example of courage and achievement not only materially contributed to the success of the maneuvers but reflected great credit upon Private DOWNEY and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lois Downey, (Mother), P.O. Box 875, Sonoma, Calif.

Second Lieutenant JOHN G. ENGBER, (01313223), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Lami, Leyte, P.I., on 30 November 1944. Company I, *** Regiment, while on a reconnaissance in force became heavily engaged with the enemy and suffered numerous casualties. The second platoon of Company K, *** Regiment, was sent to disengage Company I from the enemy. Upon arriving, Lieutenant ENGBER, platoon leader, found the Commanding Officer of Company I wounded and the men becoming disorganized because of numerous casualties among their leaders. In the absence of any available officers of Company I, Lieutenant ENGBER immediately assumed command and with utter disregard for his own safety proceeded to reorganize the first platoon so that it could be moved. He then deployed his platoon so as to engage the enemy and, working under intense and accurate enemy rifle fire, and withering machine gun fire, he moved the first platoon of Company I. Then, still working under intense fire, he went to the left flank of Company I and reorganized its third platoon and moved it, terminating the action with a minimum of casualties. Lieutenant ENGBER's courage, and devotion to his men were a constant source of inspiration to the men of companies I and K. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Susanna Engber, (Mother), 212 Hanford Street, Columbus, Ohio.

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First Lieutenant JOHN L. FLICK, (01298042), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. The third Battalion, *** Regiment, was attacking north along Highway #2, in the vicinity of LIBUNGAO. As the attack proceeded, one of the attacking companies came under intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire. Lieutenant FLICK, heavy weapons platoon leader, realizing his company was badly in need of machine gun and mortar support, immediately placed his weapons into action. Then, knowing, his platoon was very low on both machine gun and mortar ammunition, personally and on his own initiative, he moved under the heavy fire and direct observation of the enemy to the, *** Regiment, which had just been contacted by the battalion. From this point he was able to resupply his platoon quickly. This completed, Lieutenant FLICK moved forward again through the enemy fire to the position of his weapons and continually controlled his supporting fires so they would be used to the fullest advantage in the further advance of his company. His exceptional leadership, courage, and aggressiveness were an inspiration to all the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Hattie Flick, (Grandmother), 1602 20th Avenue, Altoona, Pa.

Private First Class JAMES M. HACKETT, (32647381), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. John Hackett, (Mother), 2963 Herlth Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.

Private First Class PETER J. LAMATTINA, (32260480), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Libungao, Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Lamattina, (Mother), 394 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private First Class HAROLD J. MICHELIN, (32520826), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jenny Michelin, (Wife), 32111 Broadway, Astoria, L.I., N.Y.

Private First Class MICHAEL NAGY, JR., (32262445), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Near Camp Downes a heavy machine gun squad of which Private NAGY was first gunner was giving close support to a rifle company. When the rifle company was held up by enemy fire from a hill which it was attacking, Private NAGY immediately moved his weapon to an exposed front line position, less than one-hundred yards from the enemy. From this position he opened fire, killing several of the Japanese, and so disorganizing the rest that the rifle men could move up and dispose of them. Private NAGY's courage and aggressiveness reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Nagy, (Mother), 329 Chapman Avenue, Perth Amboy, N.J.

First Lieutenant HENRY F. O'HARA, (01298112), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, on Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret C. O'Hara, (Mother), 517 50th Street, Sandusky, Ohio.

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Staff Sergeant ROBERT J. PARKS, (1F128882), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Catamon, Leyte, P.I., on 17 December 1944. The Second Battalion, as the leading echelon of the, *** Regiment, launched an attack toward Catamon on Highway #2. After the attack had proceeded some distance the enemy launched a flank attack from the right, just behind the right assault company. At the same time, the right assault company could be heard encountering resistance to its front. Sergeant PARKS was sent forward, laying wire as he went, to locate the right assault company, give it mortar support and report its position to the heavy weapons commander at the Battalion Observation Post. Despite the fact that he had to crawl through the areas where the fiercest engagements were taking place and expose himself to great danger, Sergeant PARKS accomplished his mission. His coolness and courage under enemy fire were a source of inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. June Parks, (Mother), 1315 E. Brandon Avenue, Akron, Ohio

Private First Class MILAN FLANAVSKY, (32637415), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 25 December 1944. Private FLANAVSKY, a first gunner and acting squad leader, in support of the advance of an attacking rifle company placed his gun in a position from which he could deliver flanking fire on the enemy. In taking this advantageous position, he was subjected to severe enemy artillery and automatic weapons fire. In spite of this, Private FLANAVSKY remained in his position and continued to fire on the enemy location. Spotting the smoke from an enemy artillery piece, Private FLANAVSKY turned his gun over to his second in command and crossed an open ridge, through intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, to contact an artillery forward observer. His accuracy in locating and describing the position of the enemy gun made it possible for the artillery to knock it out of action. Private FLANAVSKY's courage, coolness, and keen sense of observation aided materially in the success of the advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Helen Flanovsky, (Wife), 9 Martha Street, Johnson City, N.Y.

Private First Class DONALD L. STEWART, (36570270), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. E. L. Stewart, (Mother), 3929 Delham, Dearborn, Mich.

Sergeant PETER N. VOURIOTIS, (32260021), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr.ostas Vouriotis, (Father). 570 Triton Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

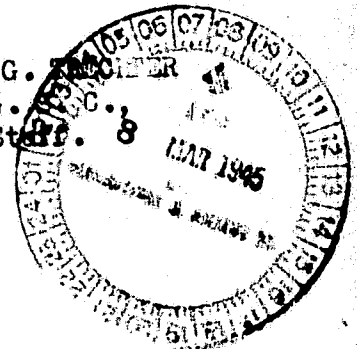
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9238, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to the regulations contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class CLAUDE W. BROOKS, (34591450), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Cogen, Leyte, P. I., on 17 December 1944. Private BROOKS, a flame thrower, despite intense fire from enemy machine guns and rifles, moved forward with his flame thrower to destroy a group of enemy positions under some shacks. Without regard for his own safety, Private BROOKS advanced across forty yards of open terrain and accomplished his mission. He then assisted in killing fourteen Japanese. Private BROOKS' courage, persistence, and willingness to engage the enemy in close combat were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sarfina Brooks, (Mother), Route #1, Mooresboro, N. C.

Captain WESLEY J. BROWN, (01165105), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 10 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rollie Carty Brown, (Wife), 501 Cherokee Blvd., Knoxville, Tenn.

Private First Class CHARLES BULZING, (32274351), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. William Bulzing, (Brother), 140-10 Franklin Avenue, Flushing, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD V. CAPPETTA, (32232393), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jennie Cappetta, (Mother), 191 Nopperham Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

First Sergeant MICHAEL CRESCENTE, (12020199), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. Company F, *** Regiment, attacked a strong enemy position near Camp Downes. As the headquarters group emerged from cover and moved toward the objective, enemy fire, breaking out from the rear, wounded several men and cut off the command post from the remainder of the company. While the rest of the group took up positions to return the enemy fire, Sergeant CRESCENTE, at great risk, moved several yards into the open to administer first aid to one of the wounded, and assist in removing two other casualties to safety. He then maneuvered his group forward under increasing enemy mortar and rifle fire until they regained contact with the company. Sergeant CRESCENTE's coolness and courage under enemy fire were an inspiration to his men and were in part responsible for the elimination of enemy resistance. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Julia Crescente, (Mother), 412 Fifteenth Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Private First Class JAMES D. GLOVER, (37431584), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Vivian Glover, (Wife), Ryder, N.D.

Private First Class JOHN HROMYAK, (32262714), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Susan Hromyak, (Mother), 749 5th Street, Lyndhurst, N. J.

Private First Class GEORGE E. KEMPLE, (33171677), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Downes, Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. The landing elements of an assault company were strongly resisted by an enemy light machine gun. In order to eliminate this gun, Private KEMPLE, an assistant gunner, helped place his gun in front of the rifle troops. By accurate fire they silenced the Japanese gun, permitting the riflemen to advance. As fire continued to come from the Japanese position, Private KEMPLE picked up his hot machine gun in his bare hands and advanced with the rifle troops, firing from the hip as he went forward. This courageous action was an inspiration to all around him and not only materially aided the advance of his battalion but also prevented many casualties. HOME ADDRESS: Miss Anna Kemple, (Sister), Elizabeth, Pa.

Technician Fifth Grade LEO E. KRUPA, (32254578), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 10 and 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. A. Krupa, (Mother), 207 Matty Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

Private CHARLES F. MEHLTRETTER, (32220672), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Buri, Leyte, P. I., on 30 November 1944. Private MEHLTRETTER was a Brownie automatic Rifleman. As his platoon advanced, it encountered severe enemy fire. Private MEHLTRETTER, at the risk of his life, ran twenty yards across open terrain and killed three of the enemy with his Browning Automatic Rifle. Private MEHLTRETTER's heroic act was a source of inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Matilda Mehlretter, (Mother), 7305 Forest Avenue, Ridgewood, New York.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM O. MOORE, (32264022), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. After three enlisted men had been wounded by enemy machine gun, Sergeant MOORE, disregarding heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, crawled forward fifty yards to a position from which he could destroy the enemy machine gun with hand grenades. This done, he returned to his lines and helped remove the wounded. Sergeant MOORE's courage and coolness were an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Moore, (Mother), Market Street, Port Morris, N. J.

First Lieutenant JOHN A. MULLIGAN, (01017193), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 25 December 1944 to 26 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Gertrude Mary Mulligan, (Wife), 158 High Street, West Orange, New Jersey.

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Staff Sergeant WILLIAM R. NUNN, (13067827), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 21 December 1944, after an attack across the Tagbong River, it became necessary for a Company to join in with a battalion for night all-around defense. Sergeant NUNN was given the mission of contacting the battalion which was engaged in a fire fight with the enemy to its front. Sergeant NUNN moved with his squad to his right and came upon a machine gun delivering flanking fire across the battalion front. Sergeant NUNN moved alone to within grenade distance of the machine gun and silenced it, enabling his squad to accomplish its mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ernest B. Nunn, (Mother), Pietro Rock, Pa.

Private First Class JOSEPH ORR, (6880376), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Camp Downes, Leyte, P. I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Edna Orr, (Wife), 4 Sewall Street, Wollaston, Mass.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H. PLEISS, (33199094), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna E. Pleiss, (Mother) 1018 Druid Hill Avenue, Baltimore 1, Maryland.

Private First Class ARTHUR C. POOLE, (33199060), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Katherine T. Poole, (Wife), Lisbon, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant PETER F. RAMPULLA, (32260209), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. In the vicinity of Ipil, Company G, *** Regiment assaulted and after a stiff fight took a hill on the right flank of the regiment. Company G then continued its assault beyond the hill. Sergeant RAMPULLA and two other 81mm mortar observers had assisted in taking the hill. The enemy launched a counterattack in force, bringing up machine guns and field pieces. Disregarding the fact that they were greatly outnumbered, Sergeant RAMPULLA and the two mortar observers fought back and, despite the intense enemy fire brought upon them, so effectively directed mortar fire that many of the enemy were killed and the rest fled in confusion. Sergeant RAMPULLA was wounded in this action. His courage and fortitude in remaining on the hill against such great odds were an inspiration to the officers and men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Miss Anna Rampulla, (Sister), 339 57th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE J. SCHAEFER, (32296112), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elizabeth Schaefer, (Mother), 612 Woodward Avenue, Ridgewood 27, Brooklyn, New York.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD SHAPIRO, (01103995), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., from 19 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marian Shapiro, (Wife), 4704 N. Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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Private First Class MORRIS STEIN, (32087467), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 2 December 1944. Private STEIN, a rifleman, was instrumental in repulsing an attempt by the enemy to infiltrate into his squad's area. Undeterred by the fire of the advancing enemy, he quickly moved to an exposed vantage point where he had excellent observation of the enemy. The speed and accuracy of his fire killed four of the enemy and forced the remainder to flee and abandon their plan of infiltration. During this action, Private STEIN was wounded, but he remained at this vantage point until the Japanese had been driven off. His courage and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Pearl Stein, (Mother), 717 Crotona Park, North, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class JOHN F. STEWART, (33340843), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Stefany Dobrowalski Stewart, (Wife), 2510 North Lee Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Staff Sergeant LEAL S. STEWART, (39600518), (then Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 8 December 1944, in the vicinity of the Panalian River, Sergeant STEWART, leading his section of light machine guns across open terrain, came under heavy enemy fire. Disregarding his own safety, he exposed himself to the enemy fire and directed the placing of his guns in the most advantageous positions in order to give his company covering fire. His excellent selection of sites and fields of fire enabled his guns to gain fire superiority over the enemy and neutralize the fire of three enemy gun crews, thereby aiding the advance of the entire company. Sergeant STEWART later was a volunteer member of three combat patrols, during which he personally killed six of the enemy and aided in killing thirteen others. Sergeant STEWART's courage won for him the respect of every man in his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mabel Stewart, (Mother) 1821 Monroe, Butte, Montana.

Private First Class JOHN ZAHARAVICH, (32254973), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Ormoc area, Leyte, P. I. On 19 December 1944, Private ZAHARAVICH displayed outstanding courage and bravery in his capacity as a Number Two gunner in a heavy machine gun squad. Private ZAHARAVICH assisted in placing his gun in action in the face of heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire. This enabled the rifle platoon which his section was supporting to advance on the objective. Private ZAHARAVICH's heroic action was an inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Miss Annetto Zaharavich, (Sister), 160 Miller Street, Meriden, Conn.

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SPONSOR STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 21 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Technical Sergeant MICHAEL L. BLITSCH, (37040231), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. While his company was making a direct frontal assault across open ground against a heavily defended strong point, Sergeant BLITSCH repeatedly exposed himself to intense and accurate enemy rifle and machine gun fire to direct and maneuver his platoon to a position where they could engage the enemy in hand to hand fighting. His complete control of the situation greatly assisted his company in overrunning the enemy and taking their objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dorothy Blitsch, (Wife), 522 Colorado Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM J. BREITHACK, (32232435), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 2 December to 17 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary C. Breithack, (Mother), 153 Glenwood Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y.

Staff Sergeant BARNES COMPTON, JR., (12061015), Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 16 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Barnes Compton, Sr., (Father), 123 Ellison Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y.

7 Staff Sergeant JOHN J. CUTANO, (32260898), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Company E, *** Regiment, was attacking enemy positions in the vicinity of Camp Downes. At about 1600, Sergeant CUTANO, a rifle squad leader, was given the mission of securing commanding ground on the company's right flank by maneuver. Heavy enemy fire from the position was holding up the advance. Leading his squad forward through this fire, he successfully assaulted the enemy position, captured the key terrain, and reorganized upon it. This action enabled the bulk of two companies to come abreast of him. Sergeant CUTANO not only led the attack, but, armed with a Browning Automatic Rifle, was responsible for killing eight of the enemy. Sergeant CUTANO's courageous action was instrumental in the success of his company in securing the last high ground before Camp Downes and was an inspiration to all the officers and men of the command. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Eudina Cutano, (Wife), 9 East Highland Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

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Private First Class RALPH E. DADE, (34575838), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dorothy Laird Dade, (Wife), Route #1, Smyrna, Ga.

Private First Class ALTON DI ROBBIO, (32112078), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private DI ROBBIO was an ammunition carrier. With another soldier, he manned a machine gun installed near a road approaching the Battalion Command Post. During the night, Private DI ROBBIO was harassed by enemy sniper fire. On one occasion, an eight-man enemy patrol moved silently to within six yards of the machine gun and attempted to destroy it with a satchel charge. He wounded one of the enemy and saved his gun from destruction. Private DI ROBBIO's courage earned the high approval of his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Di Robbio, (Mother), 1298 Plainfield Street, Johnston, R.I.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD DUBB, (13056408), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Cecilia Zimbo, (Mother), Main Street, Centralia, Pa.

Private WILLIAM J. DWYER, (32263387), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dini, Leyte, P.I., 25 December 1944. Private DWYER, a rifleman, snatched up the weapon of a wounded Browning Automatic Rifleman. He daringly approached and killed the occupants of two enemy emplacements holding up the advance of his platoon. By this courageous and daring action, the platoon was able to accomplish its mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. John Dwyer, (Brother), 401 West 60th Street, New York, N.Y.

Private CHARLES V. FINUCAN, (33167825), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. While acting as a litter bearer in the front lines, Private FINUCAN was assigned to work on an amphibious tractor collecting the wounded from the front. The tractor was required because of the large number of men who had been wounded in a fierce fire fight and because enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire was too heavy to permit collection of the wounded otherwise. When the fire became too intense, the amphibious tractor began to move to the rear while two wounded men were yet on the field. Without regard for his own safety, Private FINUCAN voluntarily went forward and brought them out. His actions were directly responsible for saving the lives of the wounded men and served his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Irene L. Finucan, (Wife), 116 West North Avenue, N.S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sergeant ALBERT G. FRANCO, (32232498), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and Leyte, P.I., from 30 November to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marianna Franco, (Mother), 161 Central Avenue, White Plains, N.Y.

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Technician Fifth Grade HAROLD C. FROST, (32384417), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 28 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Frost, (Wife), R.F.D. #1, Fulton, N.Y.

Captain HENRY C. GRAVES, (0453044), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 23 November 1944 to 25 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. T. W. Graves, (Mother), 407 South Walnut Street, Demopolis, N.Y.

Private First Class MARION E. HIRSCH, (32337869), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ruth Hirsch, (Wife), 235 West 102nd Street, New York City, N.Y.

First Lieutenant ALBERT B. JOHNSON, JR., (0414361), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Sr., (Father), 166 Edwards Avenue, Spartanburg, S.C.

Private First Class JOHN P. KIZIKINWICZ, (32261520), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Gus Kizikiewicz, (Father), 425 Augustus Street, South Amboy, N.J.

Private First Class EUGENE LEMKE, (36610208), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 10 December 1944. Private LEMKE and other members of a litter squad treated and evacuated several wounded men while under heavy enemy rifle fire. Again, on 11 December, Private LEMKE assisted in the evacuation of about twenty wounded men, performing his duties while under enemy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire. His courageous acts undoubtedly saved the lives of many soldiers during the operation, and were performed without regard for his own safety. HOME ADDRESS: Miss Jean Atkinson, (Sister), Spokane, Wash.

Private First Class JULLIN R. MENEGAT, (33176511), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 30 November to 26 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Theresa Menegat, (Mother), 260 South Pearl Street, Shamokin, Pa.

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Private First Class MIKE POKORA, (33106936), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 2 December 1944. While the first platoon of Company K, *** Regiment, was leading the attack of the Third Battalion, the enemy was contacted in a well defended position, four miles north of Dagami. Half of the first squad of the first platoon was separated from the remainder of the unit and could not rejoin them because of intense fire coming from an enemy machine gun to the right front. Private POKORA immediately moved with utter disregard for his personal safety to a position from which he could engage the enemy machine gun. He necessarily exposed himself repeatedly to intense and accurate enemy fire, so that he might keep the enemy machine gun engaged. His action enabled another man to reduce the position with hand grenades. The half squad was then able to rejoin its unit. His heroic deed was of material assistance in the completion of this engagement with a minimum of casualties. Private POKORA's courage in the face of the enemy was a source of inspiration to all the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Katy Parpeka, (Mother), Route 1, Ruth, Mich.

Private ORLANDO J. RICCIO, (31088018), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private RICCIO, a runner in message center acting as Radio Operator of a communications section, with no regard for his own life, kept radio communications open between the forward Command Post and the front line troops. Private RICCIO, when his radio failed to function properly, went back to the rear Command Post for a new radio. An enemy attack was in progress at the time. Private RICCIO had to creep and crawl most of the way. At one time he had to take cover in order to return the fire of an enemy sniper. He killed the sniper, reached the rear Command Post and returned forward with the much-needed radio. Private RICCIO's courage inspired his comrades greatly. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Orlando Riccio, (Wife), 52 Duston Street, Worcester, Mass.

Private First Class FRANK A. RUDINSKY, (33261835), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 December 1944, on Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Rudinsky, (Mother), P.O. Box 162, Cardale, Pa.

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SECTION I

BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-So much of General Orders No. 43, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, 26 January 1945, pertaining to Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD L. FIELDS, as reads:

"Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD L. FIELDS, (34349463), Coast Artillery Corps (AA)"

is amended to read:

"Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD L. FIELDS, (34349463), Medical Department"

SECTION II

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous).-So much of Section I, General Orders No. 55, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, 31 January 1945, awarding a Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) to Technical Sergeant ALPHONSE J. FLOURDE, (6132846), is revoked.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) (POSTHUMOUS).-1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal posthumously awarded to Technical Sergeant ALPHONSE J. FLOURDE by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section II. General Orders No. 61, dated 8 February 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is posthumously awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area, 1944. The citation is as follows.

Technical Sergeant ALPHONSE J. FLOURDE, (6132846), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, north of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Sergeant FLOURDE, Platoon Sergeant, while attacking with his platoon, came under enemy small arms and machine gun fire. He quickly reorganized his platoon and with complete disregard for his life moved forward across open rice paddies in an effort to reach some of the wounded. While accomplishing this, he was killed. Sergeant FLOURDE's coolness and aggressiveness greatly minimized loss of life, and his courage was in the highest traditions of the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Antoinette Breau, (Sister), 435 Cumberland Street, Rumford, Me.

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SECTION IV

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, I.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class THOMAS BEEBE, (32264239), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Maurice B. Peeples, (Mother), Millville, N.J.

Private First Class HECTOR J. BOVA, (31096108), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 December to 25 December 1944, on Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rosena Bova, (Mother), 288 East Street, Ludlow, Mass.

Captain ROBERT A. BURGESS, (0381991), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I. On 26 July 1944, while his company was occupying a defensive position on Mt. Alifan, Captain BURGESS, realizing the necessity of eliminating a gap which existed between his lines and an adjacent unit, led a patrol over rough, hazardous terrain which had had no prior reconnaissance by friendly troops. After the patrol had moved about four-hundred yards they encountered an enemy machine gun mounted to cover a trail which led into the *** Regiment lines. Captain BURGESS directed the seizure of the machine gun. Then he continued on his mission and led the patrol into the lines of the *** Regiment. Captain BURGESS's aggressiveness in leading the patrol personally over risky jungle terrain enabled his company to establish contact with the adjacent unit. His performance was outstanding, and his leadership a source of inspiration to his men. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Allene C. Burgess, (Wife), 3806 Kilbourne Road, Columbia, S.C.

Second Lieutenant HAROLD O. DAKE, (01176300), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cabulihen, Leyte, P.I., on 17 December 1944. Lieutenant DAKE was Forward Observer with an Infantry Company which was advancing on the river south of Cabulihen. When an enemy force was observed near a bridge, Lieutenant DAKE moved forward, set up his radio, and adjusted fire on the enemy. At this time the Infantry received orders to organize a defensive position for the night. Unmindful of his own safety, although subject to small arms fire, Lieutenant DAKE ignored the infantry's realignment and the approach of four enemy soldiers towards his observation post and remained there until his mission was completed. It was necessary for Lieutenant DAKE to fire on the approaching enemy with his carbine, forcing them to take cover, to enable his section to rejoin the infantry. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. G. C. Dake, (Mother), 1035 N. St. Louis, Tulsa, Okla.

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First Lieutenant CHARLES H. IVES, (01505776), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 29 November 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Harriett H. Ives, (Mother), 149 Read Street, New Haven, Conn.

Technician Fifth Grade THEODORE JENEMA, (36887217), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Klass Jenema, (Father), Falmouth, Mich.

Private First Class WILLIAM F. LINK, (32232075), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cogen, Leyte, P.I., on 17 December 1944. Private LINK, a rifleman, despite intense fire from enemy machine gun and rifle positions hidden under a group of shacks, assisted the advance of another soldier who was carrying a flame-thrower. Both men crossed over open terrain for forty yards, in full view of the enemy, and accomplished their mission of destroying and burning the shacks over the enemy positions. Private LINK then led the men of his platoon in close combat with the routed enemy, killing about fourteen Japanese. Private LINK's courage, persistence and willingness to engage with the enemy were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Link, (Wife), 128 A Noble Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Master Sergeant GEORGE H. MCCARTHY, (32069138), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Catherin S. McCarthy, (Wife), 120 North 24th Street, Camden, N.J.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE E. McLEOD, (32232555), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 10 December 1944. In the town of Ormoc, Technician McLEOD and other members of his litter squad treated and evacuated several wounded men while under heavy enemy rifle fire. Again, on 11 December on the outskirts of Ormoc, Technician McLEOD braved intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire to evacuate several wounded men while surrounding rifle companies were under fire. While evacuating one of the casualties one of the members of the litter squad was mortally wounded. Nevertheless, Technician McLEOD acted without hesitation, continuing his duties with complete disregard for his own safety. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary McLeod, (Mother), New Rochelle, N.Y.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM G. MEURER, (32258396), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of Libungao, Leyte, P.I. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Emily Meurer, (Wife), 44 Zeluff Avenue, Mariners Harbor, Staten Island, N.Y.

Private First Class BENNIE J. MORRIS, (34514792), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 2 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Teesee Lamb, (Sister), Route 2, Cherenton, S.C.

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Technical Sergeant WILLIAM F. FELGRIN, (12079162), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Sergeant FELGRIN, a Platoon Sergeant, with disregard for his own safety, stood his ground during an enemy raid. At the height of the raid, he went forward about twenty-five feet ahead of his squad and threw hand grenades into the enemy lines, causing them many casualties. Sergeant FELGRIN's squad was able to defend their position and also able to push the enemy back. His courageous action was inspiring to his squad. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Frank V. Felgrin, (Mother), 44 Waterwhit Avenue, Albany, N.Y.

Sergeant ROBERT L. PORTER, (33177430), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. North of the Ipanalian River, and south of Camp Downes, at about 1700, Sergeant PORTER, an assistant squad leader, led two of his men in a flanking action and successfully wiped out the enemy riflemen holding up his platoon. In this action, Sergeant PORTER was wounded. However, he continued to lead his men forward to regain contact with his platoon. He was again wounded. While making his way back to an aid station, Sergeant PORTER found another soldier who had been hit. He rendered valuable first-aid, and assisted this soldier to the aid station. Through Sergeant PORTER's action, his squad was able to move to its objective, and his loyalty to a fellow-soldier was in the best traditions of the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ethel Porter, (Mother), Brownsville, Pa.

Major GEORGE H. PRATT, (0295237), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Halas, Leyte, P.I., on 10 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret S. Pratt, (Wife), 5570 S.W. Menafee Drive, Portland, Ore.

Private First Class MELVIN YATES, (34892020), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. About 1500, north of the Ipanalian River, Company E, 888th Regiment, was given the mission of taking and securing the high ground south of Camp Downes. As the company advanced, it encountered intense fire from the crest of the hill. The company was momentarily halted, and a fierce fire fight ensued, after which the company again started to advance. Private YATES, a Browning Automatic Rifleman in the Third Platoon, discovered that his squad leader had been wounded, and that the squad was not moving as a unit. He immediately assumed command, reorganized the squad, and by his fine example led them forward. He then moved his squad around to the right, where heavy automatic fire was slowing his platoon's advance. Leaving his men to cover him, Private YATES worked his way forward and successfully silenced an enemy heavy machine gun. His actions under heavy enemy fire were in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Gerturde Yates, (Wife), Concord, N.C.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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14 February 1945. *Adm. 1 May 45*BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private FRANK W. EGAN, (36590455), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 and 14 December 1944. Private EGAN, pioneer in an Antitank Company, approached front line positions in an amphibious tractor, dismounted, and under intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire proceeded forward crawling and creeping to retrieve wounded men of three companies. This mission accomplished successfully was entirely voluntary and undertaken with complete disregard for his own safety. Private EGAN's action greatly inspired others of his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Clara A. Egan, (Mother), 1236 N. 29th Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant MARTIN J. ERDOSSY, JR., (32275069), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 December 1944, north of Camp Downes, Leyte, P. I. Company E, *** Regiment, attacked north toward Camp Downes. As the company advanced across open ground, it was momentarily stopped by a heavy concentration of enemy automatic fire. Sergeant ERDOSSY, heavy weapons platoon sergeant, made his way to the mortar section and put it into action. He boldly exposed himself to act as observer and direct the fire of the mortars on to their targets. By his accurate fire orders, the section accounted for two of the enemy automatic weapons and killed or scattered the crews. Sergeant ERDOSSY was wounded in this action, but he refused aid until the men had completed their mission. His action in the face of heavy enemy fire was a source of encouragement to the men of his platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Erdossy, (Mother), 40 East Grant Street, McAdoo, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class PHILLIP FRIEDMAN, (32261328), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. George Hays, (Friend), 205 West 109th Street, New York, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant WESLEY F. GANT, (01303325), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., from 13 December to 15 December 1944. Lieutenant GANT, with complete disregard for his own safety, led his platoon heroically during several fierce enemy attacks. During one of these attacks, Lieutenant GANT crawled from a position of safety to a supplementary position in order to bring more effective rifle fire on the enemy and while so doing killed two Japanese. Lieutenant GANT, by his courage, devotion to duty, soldierly conduct, and fine leadership, won the approbation of his entire platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ingeborg Gant, (Wife), 109 W. Blackwelder Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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First Lieutenant JESSE GERSHBERG, (3462271), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December 1944 to 1 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Isaac Gershberg, (Father), 1070 Ocean View Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Third Grade GEORGE E. GOTHAM, (32254544), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 8 December to 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. George E. Gotham, (Wife), 1421 S. Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

First Lieutenant ROBERT W. HALL, (0437546), Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P. I., on 23 December 1944. Lieutenant HALL, a surgeon, during an enemy artillery concentration at Matagob with complete disregard for his personal safety moved about from man to man rendering first-aid. Several times artillery shells fell within twenty-five yards of the point where he was working. He continued with coolness until all the wounded had been evacuated. Lieutenant HALL's heroic actions were largely responsible for minimizing the loss of lives. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Maureen Hall, (Wife), 242 Mayberry Road, Santa Monica, California.

Staff Sergeant WARREN H. HEBE, (33176418), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 15 December to 30 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marthana Hebe, (Wife), 609 Howard Street, Williamsport, Pa.

Private First Class JAMES P. HOPKINS, (33181533), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 30 November 1944, near Buri, Leyte, P. I. Private HOPKINS was an aid man. When a company suffered casualties as a result of heavy enemy fire, Private HOPKINS, without waiting for the diminution of enemy fire, rendered first aid to several wounded men of the company. On two occasions he crawled to the extreme front lines where Japanese riflemen were clearly visible, administered first aid on the spot and helped to evacuate the men to the rear. Private HOPKINS' prompt actions, disregard of personal safety, and medical skill, undoubtedly saved the lives of at least two wounded men and reflected great credit upon himself. HOME ADDRESS: Miss Mary Hopkins, (Sister), 1823 Bloom Avenue, Scranton, Pa.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR E. JEFFINGS, (32261294), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Beatrice Jeffings, (Mother), 267 Garfield Avenue, Lawrence Harbor, N. J.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH E. KAMINSKY, (33261870), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 16 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Annie Kaminsky, (Mother), Box 45, Grindstone, Pa.

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS X. KEARNEY, (32295221), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Camp Downes, Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. Sergeant KEARNEY, as a mortar observer, assisted leading rifle companies in an assault

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upon a strong enemy position on a hill. This assault lasted several hours and casualties were heavy on both sides. During the engagement, in order to better support the rifle troops by mortar fire, Sergeant KEARNEY crawled to a frontline position from which he could adjust fire. Despite continuous enemy fire and the fact that four men were killed beside him, Sergeant KEARNEY remained at his post performing his mission until the hill was taken. His courage reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Katherine Kearney, (Mother), 943 Bruckner Blvd., Bronx, N. Y.

Private First Class GEORGE F. LaCOMB, (31124961), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on the morning of 12 November 1944. At approximately 1140 a ship was bombed and crash-dived by an enemy plane. Many casualties resulted. Private LaCOMB accompanied a medical officer and aid men to the stricken ship, where he rendered prompt, efficient, first aid to the wounded men. This service was performed while an air alert was still in effect. His calm and cheerful manner was an inspiration to all and instilled confidence in the wounded. His devotion to duty and disregard for danger reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. George LaComb, (Wife), 86 Park Street, Meriden, Conn.

First Sergeant WALTER McGUIRE, (33181653), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tagbong, Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Gertrude M. McGuire, (Wife), 231 Fernon Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Captain HUGH A. FLOWDEN, (0327111), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 25 November to 3 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Hugh A. Flowden, (Wife), 422 Front Street, Georgetown, S.C.

Private First Class IRA B. QUEEN, (15336589), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Maud B. Queen, (Mother), Justice, West Virginia.

Sergeant JOHN E. REBSTOCK, (33053836), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 30 November 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Rebstock, (Mother), 3312 N. Orkney Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

First Lieutenant EDWARD S. ROBBINS, (01284215), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On the afternoon of 8 December 1944, near Camp Downes, the Second Battalion, *** Regiment, attacked a strongly dug in position on a hill, in a bitter engagement that lasted all afternoon. Throughout the action, Lieutenant ROBBINS, as Reconnaissance Officer of Company H, moved about the area under heavy enemy fire, locating positions for machine guns, selecting mortar targets, and keeping the front line companies informed as to the progress of other units. At dusk, he located elements of companies which had been separated from their units in the fight and organized them, under heavy fire, into a strong position for the night. He also personally supervised and aided in the evacuation of many wounded men left in the area under the enemy fire. Lieutenant ROBBINS' efforts during this afternoon materially furthered the advance of the Battalion, and his aggress-

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iveness and disregard for his own safety reflected great credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dorothy D. Robbins, (Wife), 500 Goodwin Avenue, Anniston, Alabama.

First Sergeant BENJAMIN STACY, (6661494), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. At about 1000, Company E, *** Regiment, attacked the high ground south of Camp Dawnos. While crossing open ground, just south of the Panalian River, the company was held up momentarily by flanking automatic fire. The heavy machine gun platoon was put into action, but it could not locate the enemy weapons. Sergeant STACY, First Sergeant, knowing the enemy location, disregarded his own safety and moved to the heavy machine gun platoon. He immediately laid the gun of one of the sections and was instrumental in knocking out the enemy. Again, about 1400, the company assaulted high ground north of the Panalian River and met very heavy enemy resistance. Sergeant STACY moved between the platoons to carry messages for the Company Commander to the Battalion Command Post. At this time the company was momentarily halted and the Company Commander sent Sergeant STACY to contact a unit on the left. Moving over ground which had not been cleared of the enemy, he made contact with this unit. He gave all the facts of the fight to the Battalion Commander and received a message to carry back. Disregarding his own safety, he took the shortest route to his company to deliver the message to the Company Commander. The success and speed of his mission helped considerably in the decision of his Commander to continue the advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Martha Stacy, (Mother), Garrard, Ky.

Private First Class JAMES C. STRANG, (33394652), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 21 December 1944, during an attack north of the Tagbong River, Private STRANG's organization was given the mission of taking the high ground to its front. Meanwhile, a bridge was constructed behind the front lines to enable tanks to participate in the assault. As the tanks moved up, their limited vision prevented their getting accurate fire on the enemy. Private STRANG, in the face of the heavy enemy fire that the tank was drawing, exposed himself in order to communicate with the tank and direct its fire on the enemy position. It was through Private Strang's initiative and courage that the tanks were able to annihilate the enemy in the position and permitted the platoon to advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Alex Strang, (Father), 344 Longfellow Drive, Homestead, Pa.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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SECTION I AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART
SECTION II AMENDMENTS

SECTION I

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands:

Private GEORGE R ALWORTH (32814438) Medical Department, wounded 3 January 1945.
Home Address: Francis Lupold (Friend) Jamaica Hospital, Van Wych Boulevard Jamaica, New York.

Corporal CHARLES K BALL (35325778) Field Artillery, wounded 8 December 1944.
Home Address: Mrs Etta Ball (Mother) RFD 1 Monroeville, Indiana.

First Lieutenant JOHN W BARGFREDE (O-385013) Field Artillery, wounded 18 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Dorothy B Bargfrede (Wife) 42 Denton Avenue East Rockaway, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade J D BARKER (37491442) Medical Department, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Ettie Jessup (Mother) Douglass, Kansas.

Private First Class RALPH I BLOOM (15060212) Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944.
Home Address: Mrs Ida F Bloom (Mother) 3459 Carrollton Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Corporal FRANK J CARLINEO (32255788) Field Artillery, wounded 31 January 1945.
Home Address: Mr Daniel Carlineo (Father) 45 East William Street, Corning New York.

Technician Fifth Grade FELICIANO CARRERA (37601937) Medical Department, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mr Martin Carrera (Father) 1714 North 14th Street St Louis Missouri.

Staff Sergeant WARREN R CHILGREN (37300364) Medical Department, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Lucille R Verville (Sister) Rainy River, Ontario Canada.

Staff Sergeant ANTHONY M DE MAYO (33166862) Infantry, wounded 15 December 1944.
Home Address: Mrs Estelle J De Mayo (Wife) 2521 North Austin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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✓ Staff Sergeant HENRY M DULNY (33176703) Infantry, wounded 17 December 1944.
Home Address: Mrs Sophia D Dulny (Wife) 641 Donnelly Street, Duryea Pennsylvania.

✓ Private First Class WALTER E GENTRY (35803110) Medical Department, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Nancy Gentry (Mother) RFD 1 Pineville, Kentucky.

✓ Corporal ALBIN S GLENZA (32263206) Field Artillery, wounded 10 December 1944.
Home Address: Mrs Bertha Glenza (Wife) 91 1st Street, Garfield New Jersey.

✓ Staff Sergeant EDWARD A GREER (32263671) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944.
Home Address: Mrs Lathleen A Greer (Wife) 55 Curtis Place, Fredonia, New York.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS F GREITZ (12061252) Field Artillery, wounded 10 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Ellen V Greitz (Mother) 117 North Oxford Walk, Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant CLYDE HARKINS (14007907) Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mildred F Harkins (Wife) Waynesville, North Carolina.

Private First Class THOMAS H HOUSE (33166983) Field Artillery, wounded 4 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Veronica T House (Mother) 612 Fifth Avenue (Rear) New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD LAGLER (33055774) Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944.
Home Address: Mrs Cecilia Lagler, (Mother) 280 East Hamilton Street, Allentown Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade HOWARD L MARCUS (33177004) Field Artillery, wounded 10 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Rose Marcus (Mother) 331 East Rockland Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class ROYAL T NELSON (16131701) Infantry, wounded 25 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Roy Nelson (Father) 14 South Marquette Street Madison, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM P MC NULTY (13056659) Field Artillery, wounded 10 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Virginia T Mc Nulty (Wife) 5 Thorne Street Jersey City, New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade OWEN W JONES (34366057) Field Artillery, wounded 10 December 1944. Home Address: Miss Harriet C Jones (Sister) 1905 Convent Place Nashville, Tennessee.

Private First Class JESSIE E PALMER (34563582) Infantry, wounded 5 January 1945.
Home Address: Mrs Lois Palmer (Wife) 123 West 5th Street Prattville, Alabama.

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Private GEORGE J PETERS (32231754) Field Artillery, wounded 31 January 1945.
Home Address: Mrs Martha Peters (Wife) c/o Stein 1264 Lincoln Place Brooklyn,
New York.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANKLIN J PHILLIPS (33358091) Field Artillery,
wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Franklin C Phillips (Father) 614
North Rebecca Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant ADAM R PUDLEWSKI (32251423) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944.
Home Address: Mrs Mary Podlewski (Mother) 29 Walden Avenue, Buffalo New York.

Private L D RACKLEY (33407353) Medical Department, wounded 3 January 1945.
Home Address: Mrs Maude E Rackley (Mother) 2300 West Reno Street Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma.

Private First Class LEONARD ROSS (36663517) Medical Department, wounded 3
January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Rita Ross (Mother) 2047 North Lamon Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class EDGAR H ROUGHT (33356037) Medical Department, wounded 20
December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary Rought (Mother) RFD Number 2
Factoryville, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant JOSEPH C SHILLINGS (13059458) Field Artillery, wounded 4 January 1945.
Home Address: Mrs Veronica Partches (Sister) Isabella Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM T SHORT (35647965) Medical Department, wounded
3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Lucy Short (Mother) Route 3 Louisa, Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT L SITLER (33164065) Field Artillery, wounded
31 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Margaret R Sitler (Wife) 2917 Stafford Street
Pittsburgh 4, Pennsylvania.

Private CARL C SMITH (35587376) Medical Department, wounded 3 January 1945.
Home Address: Mrs. Constance H Smith (Wife) 1113 Neptune Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade STENOEL H SMITH (34177965) Field Artillery, wounded
10 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Hattie M Smith (Mother) Rt 5 Fayetteville,
North Carolina.

Corporal SIGMUND F STEFANSKI (32263213) Field Artillery, wounded 14 January
1945. Home Address: Mrs Katherine Stefanski (Mother) 550 Piaget Avenue,
Apartment K 19 Clifton, New Jersey.

Sergeant HELVIN W TAYLOR (37140102) Infantry (Tank), wounded 30 December 1944.
Home Address: Mr Edward Taylor (Father) Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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S/Sgt STANLEY TENZAR (31095907) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Rose C Tenzar (Mother) 283 Hillcrest Avenue West Springfield, Massachusetts.

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 *First Lieutenant JOSEPH J YOUNG (O-409103) Field Artillery, wounded 7 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs J H Young (Mother) 5615 North Fourth Street Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class GEORGE J WAINER (30231771) Infantry, wounded 12 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Charles Wainner (Father) 4256 Hylen Boulevard Staten Island, New York.

Private First Class CLOIS G WATTS (34448836) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Helen Watts (Wife) Box 243 Clayton, Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade FRED WHITE JR (37006560) Medical Department, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mr Fred White Sr (Father) Route 2 Mc Louth Kansas.

Captain WILLIAM G WINSTEAD (O-498634) Chaplain Corps, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Maude E Winstead (Wife) 2960 2d Street, South East Washington, D. C.

Captain EUGENE H WYBORNEY (O-366871) Medical Corps, wounded 3 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Marilla Wyborne (Wife) Route 2 Box 232, Olympia, Washington.

SECTION II

So much of General Orders 53 this headquarters dated 29 January 45 pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart as reads:

"Captain PHILIP A MONAHAN (O-265787) Field Artillery, wounded 6 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Cecelia D Monahan (Wife) 413 West Louisiana Street, Ardmore, Oklahoma."

is revoked.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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SECTION I AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART
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SECTION I

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands:

Sergeant ELMER E. ALLOWAY (32264172) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mr William Alloway (Father) 279 Holeman Street, Mt Holly, New Jersey.

Private First Class LEONARD J ANDERSON (32230937) Infantry, wounded 22 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Ellen Anderson (Mother) 1674 Tenth Avenue, New York.

Fifth Grade JULIUS F ARDUINO (33054840) Infantry, wounded 22 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Alfonsino Arduino (Mother) 4108 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia.

(3207) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: 206 Beverly Road, Brooklyn, New York.

Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: 153 Glenwood Avenue, New York.

Captain [REDACTED] Home Address: Mrs [REDACTED] California.

Private First Class ARTHUR [REDACTED] 1944. Home Address: Mrs Julia Cabie, New York.

Private First Class RICHARD F CAMARRA (31070640) 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary F Camarra (Mother) 4 Henry Avenue, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant PHILIP W DELIA (12077126) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Nunzi Delia (Father) 108 Sanford Place Jersey City New Jersey

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First Lieutenant HENRY R DEL MAR (0-1305553) Infantry, wounded 19 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Anthony Del Mar (Father) 31 Bay 8th Street New York, New York.

Private WILLIAM E DIAMOND (12060550) Field Artillery, wounded 6 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Eugene Diamond (Father) 244 President Street Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class PHILIP D GAUSS (20631362) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Francis E Gauss (Mother) 411 Seventh Street Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class MASTON R GREENE (3459431) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Ada F Greene (Mother) Route 1 Candor, North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant MERLE W HATCH (0-1303276) Infantry, wounded 19 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Bessie C Hatch (Mother) 1304 North Kansas Street, El Paso, Texas.

Private First Class THOMAS M HAYES (32263919) Infantry, wounded 18 January 1945. Home Address: Miss Margaret Callahan (Sister) 31 South Vermont Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant ALFRED C JUNKIN (13062694) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mary L Junkin (Mother) 305 North Vine Street Richmond, Virginia.

Private First Class FRANCIS A KOZIOL (31088487) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Miss Veronica Koziol (Sister) 40 South Street Ware, Massachusetts.

Private First Class LESLIE LA FRANCE (32254959) Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Beatrice La France (Mother) Montour Falls, New York.

Sergeant JOSEPH T MARKON (32483493) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anna Castor (Sister) 4800 Levick Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant FREDERICK T MILLER (32262299) Infantry, wounded 22 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Mitzel G Miller (Wife) 861 East 24th Street Brooklyn, New York.

Private SIDNEY PAKULA (32230999) Infantry, wounded 13 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Lena Pakula (Mother) 1115 Sheridan Avenue Bronx New York City, New York.

Private First Class OMER J PARENT (31060567) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Octave Parent (Father) Eagle Lake, Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE E PERRY (32274635) Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Caroline Perry (Mother) 264 Bergen Avenue Kearny, New Jersey.

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Private First Class ALFRED F PITRELLI (32773998) Signal Corps, wounded 17 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Lucille Pitrelli (Mother) 108 60th Street West New York, New Jersey.

Sergeant EDWARD S RUBLE (32264188) Corps of Military Police, wounded 10 January 1945. Home Address: Mrs Agnes Ruble (Mother) 19 Albert Street, Hainesport, New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant HARRY A GLEKINS (01312905) Infantry, wounded 20 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Bianche H Beckins (Mother) Route 2 Ashville, New York.

Staff Sergeant WILLARD W SHATTUCK (32255354) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Frances Shattuck (Mother) 47 Silver Street Norwich, New York.

Private First Class ANDREW SHUBUNKA (32261406) Infantry, wounded 11 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anna Dufolo (Sister) 3521 28th Street Astoria, New York.

Private First Class CLARENCE J SNYDER (32262909) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mr Clarence J Snyder Sr (Father) 1662 West 2nd Street, New York.

JOSEPH W SWEET (31112043) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Sweet (Mother) Box 183 Putnam Avenue Chapachet,

JOSEPH W SWEET (31112043) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Sweet (Mother) Box 183 Putnam Avenue Chapachet,

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Private First Class JOSEPH W SWEET (31112043) Infantry, wounded 21 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Sweet (Mother) Box 183 Putnam Avenue Chapachet,

Private First Class JOSEPH C ZANINI (32262909) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Anna Zanimi (Mother) 320 South Second Street Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant FRANK J P ZECHMAN (33176572) Infantry, wounded 9 December 1944. Home Address: Mrs Audrey E Zechman (Wife) 320 South Second Street Pennsylvania.

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By direction of the President in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded as indicated after their respective names a Bronze - Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General 77th Infantry Division under the provisions of AR 600-45 to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action on Leyte, Philippine Islands:

Home address omitted per Co # 105 - Feb. 20, 1945
 Private First Class JAMES CAMMAROTO (32262933) Infantry, Army of the United States. Wounded 21 December 1944. Purple Heart previously awarded by the Commanding General, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division on General Orders Number 17 dated 25 August 1944. Home Address: Mr Michael Cammaroto (Father) 147-36 41st Avenue Flushing, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class RICHARD C CLARK (12077248) Infantry, Army of the United States. Wounded 10 December 1944. Purple Heart previously awarded by the Commanding General, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division on General Orders Number 10 dated 25 August 1944. Home Address: Mrs Elizabeth B Clark (Wife) 38 Olmstead Bristown, New Jersey.

Private First Class EARL T HICKMAN (35572747) Infantry, Army of the United States. Wounded 9 December 1944. Purple Heart previously awarded by the Commanding General, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division on General Orders Number 61 dated 24 September 1944. Home Address: Mrs Dorothy Hickman (Wife) South Plum Street, Cambridge City, Indiana.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 77, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
15 February 1945BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1945, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private First Class PAUL P. AMADEO, (32263925), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December and 17 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Amadeo, (Mother), 129 South Congress Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant JAMES S. CONKLIN, (12061277), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 2 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Archibald Conklin, (Mother), 659 South 7th Avenue, Mount Vernon, N.Y.

First Lieutenant FERRIS DAHROOGE, (01305296), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 15 December 1944. Lieutenant DAHROOGE, a rifle platoon leader, was severely wounded in a bitter enemy counterattack. He refused evacuation until he had successfully reorganized his platoon in preparation for another expected assault by the enemy, and until all the wounded of his platoon had been evacuated. As a consequence, although Lieutenant DAHROOGE was no longer present when the attack came, his platoon was able to drive the enemy back with severe losses holding thereby ground vital to the success of the entire action. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ella Dahrooge, (Wife), 6 Wall Street, Worcester, Mass.

Private First Class PAUL DE LAP, (20909853), (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Albert De Lap, (Mother), 1037 West Franklin Avenue, Fresno, Calif.

Private First Class WILLIAM E. FITCH, (33176114), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Libungao, Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. William E. Fitch, (Wife), 4501 Devereaux Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Private First Class JESSE FRAZIER, (34396506), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 18 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Melvin Frazier, (Father), Mobile, Ala.

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Private First Class JOSEPH H. FRIEND, (33176981), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Private FRIEND, advancing ahead of his squad while under heavy enemy fire, with two other men succeeded in capturing a Japanese machine gun emplacement, killing four of the enemy and driving about fifteen more from their positions. Private FRIEND's aggressiveness and disregard for his own safety aided materially in the advance of his squad and the taking of its objective. Private FRIEND's outstanding performance was an inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marie Friend, (Mother), 238 West Ashdale Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Private First Class PAUL HERBERT, (32263670), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. As the advance of his company was being seriously hampered by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private HERBERT saw that several of his fellow soldiers, who were in the advance element of his company, were wounded and lay in an exposed position in the enemy's direct line of fire. He voluntarily crawled fifty yards and administered first aid to these wounded men. While doing this he was shot in the shoulder, but with grim determination he continued his work, removed his comrades to safety, and was finally evacuated with the men he had rescued. Private HERBERT's coolness, courage, and concern for the wounded men were an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Audrey Herbert, (Wife), 1 Brook Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J.

Technical Sergeant EDWIN G. JOHNSON, (32080574), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 24 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 23 November to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Catherine Johnson, (Wife), 479 East 144th Street, New York City, N.Y.

Private First Class WINFRED A. LAWSON, (39140114), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Libungao, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ola Lawson, (Mother), P.O. Box 174, Turlock, Calif.

Private First Class GEORGE F. McCORKLE, JR., (33783506), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Private McCORKLE advanced with a squad across the Antilao River in the face of devastating cross-machine gun and mass rifle fire from enemy pillboxes. This position later proved to be one of the strongest in the Yamashita Line. Private McCORKLE pushed forward, penetrating about two-hundred yards, held his position, and killed four enemy. The order was given to shift positions so that more artillery and mortar fire could be used against the Japanese emplacements. This maneuver was made under heavy enemy fire. Private McCORKLE held his position, covering his comrades until his turn came to move. His action was an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. George McCorkle, (Mother), RFD #1, Coatesville, Pa.

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Private ADELLO A. NAPARANO, (32055375), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tagbang, Leyte, P.I., on 20 December 1944. Company C, with other units of the First Battalion, *** Regiment, was leading an attack on an enemy strongpoint. In moving forward, the company was continually under enemy machine gun and mortar fire and sustained a number of casualties. Private NAPARANO, an ammunition bearer, after delivering mortar shells to his squad learned of the casualties. The mortar emplacement was in a defilade position and offered some security from enemy fire, but Private NAPARANO, thinking only of his wounded comrades, voluntarily left this cover and without regard for his own safety, ran across open ground until he reached the men in the most forward positions. Here he worked coolly but swiftly to administer first aid, improvise litters, and direct and assist in the removal of several of the wounded to an area of safety. The prompt work of Private NAPARANO allowed other men to continue the fight against the enemy and helped to speed up the taking of the objective. Private NAPARANO's action was an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Joseph Naparano, (Mother), 102 Malvern Street, Newark, N.J.

Sergeant CARL J. NEDER, (33199187), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. At about 1000, Sergeant NEDER, chief of section of a 105mm howitzer section, calmly and efficiently directed the fire of his piece upon an enemy field gun while under direct fire from their artillery. After the enemy's artillery had been silenced, Sergeant NEDER without consideration for his own safety volunteered to go out in a small native canoe to report the circumstances to the commander of two PT boats lying about one-thousand yards off shore. As he was returning to land, Sergeant NEDER had to pass through Japanese shellfire. He calmly observed the flash of the enemy weapon marking the location which he reported to his commanding officer. His calm action and accurate report materially contributed to the elimination of the enemy weapon. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Ann Neder, (Mother) Mount Savage, Md.

Private First Class WILLIAM ORGANISCIK, (32251227), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Steve Organisciak, (Mother), 2254 E. Talls Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Private First Class WILLIE R. RISOR, (34396509), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. Private RISOR, a Browning Automatic Rifleman, with two lead scouts advanced ahead of their squad across open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire from a ridge to their front. Among the enemy emplacements they spotted a machine gun. With these men Private RISOR maneuvered to the flank and knocked out the gun, killing all of the crew. This cleared the way for the rest of the squad and it then was able to take its objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. T. A. Risor, (Mother), Route #1, Box 171, Whistler, Ala.

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Private First Class RUSSELL G. ROZEK, (3626925), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Private ROZEK voluntarily went to the aid of a wounded man lying in a rice paddy that was subjected to heavy enemy fire. Disregarding his exposed position, Private ROZEK remained with his wounded comrade and administered first aid until he could be evacuated. Private ROZEK's coolness, courage, and concern for the wounded man were an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Harry Rozek, (Brother), Route #2, Princeton, Wis.

Technical Sergeant HENRY M. SHATLEY, (14021008), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. The landing platoons of an assault company were being strongly resisted by enemy machine gun and rifle fire and received many casualties. Sergeant SHATLEY and two other men, with complete disregard for the danger involved, crawled forward, administered first aid to three of the wounded, and removed them to a place of safety. After aiding the wounded, Sergeant SHATLEY and the others returned to their platoon, attacked the enemy position and destroyed a machine gun and its crew. Sergeant SHATLEY's courage and concern for the wounded were an inspiration to the men of his platoon and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Della Mae Shatley, (Mother), Jefferson, N.C.

Private First Class FRANCIS N. STACEY, (38359091), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 9 December 1944. Company B, *** Regiment, was attacking Camp Downes. As the company moved forward it came under heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, which caused several casualties and temporarily halted the company. The company turned its machine guns on the enemy and called for an artillery concentration. While waiting for the concentration, Private STACEY saw the wounded men lying in an open position. The terrain offered no passage for litter bearers. Private STACEY voluntarily crawled fifty yards under intense machine gun and rifle fire, with no regard for his own safety, and brought one of the wounded men to cover. This demonstration of courageous spirit and unselfish action was an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Virginia Roimer, (Sister), 739 West Theo Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

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First Lieutenant ELMER L. ABRASSART, (01297284), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Loyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. Near Ipil a heavy machine gun platoon commanded by Lieutenant ABRASSART was supporting a rifle company in an attack. While displacing his platoon across a cornfield, Lieutenant ABRASSART observed a large force of the enemy attacking the right flank of the battalion. Under intense enemy fire, he immediately deployed his platoon and directed its fire so effectively that several enemy machine guns were knocked out and the enemy routed. Later the same day the leading rifle companies ran into extremely bitter fighting with the Japanese, who were dug in on a hill. Lieutenant ABRASSART crawled up to within a few feet of the enemy positions, under heavy enemy fire, in order to locate targets and positions from which to support the attack. He then deployed his platoon and, despite the continued enemy fire and casualties among his platoon so effectively supported the attack that the hill was taken. Lieutenant ABRASSART's leadership and courage were an inspiration to all of the men of his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. H. Abrassart, (Father), 1224 Main Street, Vincennes, Indiana.

Private VINCENT ALVINO, (32231470), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Loyte, P. I., on 14 and 15 December 1944. Private ALVINO was a Platoon Scout who his platoon made a direct assault against a heavily defended enemy position north of Ormoc. He moved well ahead of his squad to charge and neutralize enemy fox-holes, killing the defenders, and pointing out enemy positions to other members of his squad. During the fighting he was wounded and evacuated. By his aggressive action, Private ALVINO contributed to the rapid advance of his platoon against enemy positions. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Livia Alvino, (Mother), 1044 67th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class LAWRENCE L. AMBURGEY, (35773885), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Loyte, P. I. On 8 December 1944, in the attack north of the Panalian River, Private AMBURGEY while advancing with his squad came in contact with heavy enemy machine gun fire which momentarily halted the squad. Private AMBURGEY without regard for his own safety and without orders from his squad leader, maneuvered skillfully, under heavy fire with his Browning Automatic Rifle to a position from where he was able to neutralize the enemy machine gun. He killed six of the enemy, including the gunner and supporting riflemen, and relieved the pressure on the squad. His initiative and aggressiveness were outstanding. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Myra Amburgey, (Mother), Kona, Kentucky.

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Private First Class FRANK BANERANKE, (33177265), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Villaba, Leyte, P. I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Chackiek, (Mother), 103 Fifth Street, California, Pa.

Private First Class BARNARD F. BARNETT, (34583226), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 21 December 1944. Company F, *** Regiment, attacked a strong enemy position near the junction of Highway 2 and Palompon Road, in order to eliminate enemy fire which was being delivered across the front of the Third Battalion. When the enemy attempted to encircle the left flank of the company, Private BARNETT, with his squad leader, disregarding his own safety, moved several yards forward of his platoon to obtain better observation of the enemy. He then returned fire and threw grenades which accounted for the death of fifteen of the enemy. Private BARNETT's aggressiveness and his courage under enemy fire were an inspiration to his platoon, and aided materially in the success of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dewey Barnett, (Mother), Lynn, Ala.

Private First Class KENNETH J. BAUMLER, (32251371), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dipa, Leyte, P. I., on 28 December 1944. Private BAUMLER, a rifleman acting as lead scout for his squad, was wounded by a sudden burst of heavy enemy fire. On his own initiative, he covered by fire litter bearers who were evacuating other wounded men of his squad until he was ordered to go to the rear for treatment. Private BAUMLER's cool courage while under enemy fire served as an inspiration to the men of his platoon. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Charles Baumler, (Father), 712 Northampton Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sergeant WILLIS P. BELSON, (32255946), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On the morning of 17 December 1944, when a Battalion was attacking in column of companies toward Catmon, the enemy launched a flank attack at the head of the second company in line, stopping its advance. The leading company, unaware of the situation due to temporary failure of communications, advanced further, creating a gap, until it was held up by heavy enemy fire to its front. Sergeant BELSON, with an officer and two platoon mortar observers were ordered to go forward through the gap, stringing wire as they went and reestablish communication with the leading company so that it could receive mortar and artillery support to continue the attack. After proceeding a short distance under enemy fire the officer was seriously wounded. Sergeant BELSON thereupon took charge. Despite the fact that he had only a general idea as to the location of the leading company he continued on the mission, moving several hundred yards under continuous enemy mortar and rifle fire, until he reached his objective. This act, by reestablishing communications and giving fire support to the leading company, was largely responsible for the success of the attack. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Willis Belson, (Wife), R.F.D. #1, Watertown, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM L. BERLINER, (01305713), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 16 December 1944. Lieutenant BERLINER, a platoon leader, on his own initiative determined to eliminate an unseen sniper who had harassed his company and wounded three officers in the battalion. With complete disregard for his own safety, he exposed himself to sniper fire to force the sniper to reveal his position. After being exposed to several rifle shots, he was able

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to locate the concealed sniper and kill him. Lieutenant BERLINER's coolness and quick action, were an inspiration to the men under his command. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. L. Berliner, (Wife), 100 Bennet Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Sergeant JAMES J. BIEBIGHAUSER, (37299746), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Selma Biebighauser, (Mother), 488 Brainerd Avenue, St. Paul 1, Minn.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH I. BOZENSKI, (32046452), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Cecilia Bozenski, (Wife), 1014 Howard Street, Schenectady, N.Y.

Private First Class HAROLD W. BURLEIGH, (32255431), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near the Tagbong River, Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944, at about 1500, his company was one of the units attacking the enemy on the commanding ground north of the Tagbong River. During the attack, the company had advanced to the forward edge of a coconut grove. In order to put mortars into action it was necessary to move them well forward. Private BURLEIGH, a gunner in the first squad, moved forward in support of the First Platoon. In moving, the assistant gunner was wounded. Private BURLEIGH worked his way forward, set up the gun, and fired it by himself, he being the only member left. Under intense fire, he went back to where the wounded squad members had dropped their equipment and collected all the available ammunition. He returned to his gun and successfully knocked out enemy mortar positions. Those who saw his actions now refer to Private BURLEIGH as a "one man mortar squad". His courage, perseverance, and calm actions were a source of inspiration to the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Leo Burleigh, (Brother), 149 E. Main Street, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT S. BURNS, (32256028), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944, Company F, *** Regiment, was committed in an attack to eliminate enemy fire which was being delivered across the front of the Third Battalion. The leading platoon suffered heavy casualties from enemy rifle and automatic weapons fire. When the platoon had deployed, an enemy machine gun opened fire on its right flank. Sergeant BURNS, assistant squad leader, disregarded his own safety and moved to the flank of the platoon. By rifle fire and hand grenades he destroyed the Japanese machine gun and prevented an attempt by the enemy to encircle the platoon. Sergeant BURNS' heroic achievement was an inspiration to the platoon and aided materially in the success of the company in accomplishing its mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Burns, (Mother), Route 2, Mason Road, Fairport, N.Y.

Staff Sergeant ANTHONY J. CECCHINI, (33158193), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Carmelia Cecchini, (Mother), 11 N. Granby Street, Richmond, Va.

Captain THOMAS F. DAVIS, (01578341), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Thomas F. Davis, (Wife), 108 Stonewall Place, Macon, Ga.

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Staff Sergeant JAMES J. DEISS, (33099475), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Valencia, Leyte, P. I., on 18 December 1944. Two volunteers were called for to aid in bringing supplies to a battalion bivouac area in time for the troops to receive rations before leaving for the next objective. Sergeant DEISS and one other man volunteered for this mission. Enroute they came to a house from which the enemy was firing at vehicles and personnel as they passed on the road. Sergeant DEISS and the other man decided to eliminate this hazard. As the other man covered the house from the road Sergeant DEISS advanced upon the house, succeeding in drawing the fire of the occupants, and at the same time caused one enemy to expose themselves, enabling him and the other man to kill them. After the firing had ceased and a check was made they found that three of the enemy had been killed. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. George H. Deiss, (Father), 439 West Indiana Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Private First Class JOSEPH DELGADO, (32243676), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Miss Josephine Delgado, (Sister), 10-30 44th Street, Long Island City, N. Y.

Sergeant WILLIAM C. EASTERLIN, (33168079), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 3 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. B. H. Easterlin, (Mother), 322 Mayland Street, Springfield, Pa.

Private First Class GERHARD F. EGGERT, (3316467), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Mae Eggert, (Wife), 419 Naples Street, San Francisco, Calif.

First Lieutenant JOHN E. FABIAN, (01302920), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. While leading a Volunteer Reconnaissance Patrol, Lieutenant FABIAN maneuvered his men, under intense enemy fire, across three-hundred yards of rice paddies and open ground to within ten yards of the hostile position. On his return trip, after successfully completing his mission, he observed an enemy field piece delivering effective fire on his unit's position. Lieutenant FABIAN, then directed the fire of his patrol on the gun and in the ensuing action killed six Japanese and succeeded in silencing the field piece. Lieutenant FABIAN secured and reported valuable information and by his timely action and courage materially assisted the advance of his combat team. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Fabian, (Mother), Tressler Avenue, Fairchance, Pa.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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Private First Class ALFONSE A. CUZZO, (32315427), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 14 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Josephine Cuzzo, (Mother), 174 Linden Street, Yonkers, N.Y.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK M. CUSTARD, JR., (35176842), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 December 1944. Technician CUSTARD, on outpost duty west of Ormoc, heard motors in the bay and observed lights flashing code to the enemy shore. Realizing the seriousness of the situation Technician CUSTARD left his foxhole and ran to the company command post to inform his commanding officer of the situation. There being no weapons available suitable to sink a ship, Technician CUSTARD then volunteered to go approximately seven-hundred yards down the beach to get an anti-tank gun and lead the crew to a position from which to fire on the ship. In the subsequent action the enemy ship was beached and the enemy prevented from unloading troops and equipment. Technician CUSTARD's courageous performance was an inspiration to all the men of his unit, and his prompt action prevented the unloading of enemy troops and supplies which would have prolonged the campaign. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Frank Custard, (Father), R.D. #2, East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Technical Sergeant LEON M. DIAS, (31096109), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Sergeant DIAS, a platoon sergeant, when ordered to reorganize, prepared his platoon under extremely heavy enemy fire for this move. Then at great risk to his life, he crawled over open terrain so that he might direct each man individually along the most covered route to the area of reorganization. Sergeant DIAS, the last to leave, evacuated his platoon runner who had been seriously wounded to a position of greater safety. Sergeant DIAS' courage, coolness under fire, and loyalty to his fellow soldiers, were in the highest traditions of the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Dias, (Mother), 17 Franklin Street, Ludlow, Mass.

Private KENNETH F. DIETZ, (33163107), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 August 1944, near Yigo, Guam, M.I. On the afternoon of 10 August in the vicinity of caves, there were many casualties still under enemy fire. The Japanese

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were so dug in that it would be impossible to eradicate them before retrieving the wounded. One aid man went forward to try to reach the wounded men and to make an estimate of their number and condition. He was wounded in the attempt. Another aid man went. He dressed the wounds of several men and then was killed. At that time it was decided not to risk further aid men unless they volunteered. Private DIETZ volunteered. Taking all possible advantages of cover and under enemy fire he began his work of dressing the wounds of the men but before he finished he was severely wounded. His bravery so inspired the other men that they remained till dusk and succeeded in removing all the wounded to the battalion area. His act served as an inspiration to the medical men and infantrymen alike. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Kenneth F. Dietz, TN, (Wife), Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Private First Class FRANK J. BARNACK, (34392159), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 2 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Victoria Barnack, (Mother), Box 45, Zolito, I.

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~~Private First Class HARVEY J. FLETCHER, (31803775), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 14 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Thomas Fletcher, (Father), Tollen Timber, Georgia Court, Ia.~~

Private First Class GEORGE R. GIBBS, (34890473), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 2 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Lola A. Gibbs, (Mother), Route #1, Box 225, Marion, N.C.

Private First Class JAMES S. LOTSKO, (33167028), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 2 December 1944, the Third Platoon, Company L, 33rd Regiment, was ordered to attack an enemy position in the vicinity of Buxau. After an advance of three hundred yards the leading element of the platoon came under accurate enemy fire. Private LOTSKO, leading scout, was the first one to come under this fire. While still being fired upon, he crawled to a covered position and gave the locations of enemy positions to the platoon leader. He then effectively knocked out enemy rifle positions, while he was pointing out the enemy to the other scouts. His action aided greatly in enabling the platoon to deploy and fire upon the enemy. Private LOTSKO's exceptional coolness and high courage were of invaluable assistance to the platoon in the accomplishment of its mission. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Thengel, (Sister), Box 501, Clarksville, Pa.

Private First Class WILLIAM MCGUE, JR., (32275026), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. William McGue, (Father), 119 Maple Street, Summit, N.J.

Sergeant ELLIOTT C. McFARLAND, (33167027), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elizabeth McFarland, (Wife), Box #147, Colliers, W. Va.

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Sergeant WILLIAM MARTINEZ, (32363428), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 15 December 1944. Sergeant MARTINEZ, a machine gun squad leader, while in his foxhole at night heard Japanese voices in a ditch that ran parallel to a nearby roadway. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant MARTINEZ left his foxhole, crawled to the ditch, and observed a Japanese patrol of five men. He held his rifle fire until the patrol was within point blank range, then killed all five, preventing the enemy from infiltrating into a position occupied by friendly troops. Sergeant MARTINEZ' gallantry in action, initiative, and courage reflected credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Guadalupe Martinez, (Mother), 31 West 114th Street, New York City, N.Y.

Staff Sergeant FRANK W. MILLIMAN, (5738420), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 30 November 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Grace M. Milliman, (Wife), 38 Perry Avenue, Warsaw, N.Y.

Technical Sergeant JOHN W. MONTILLO, (31103301), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944, Company L, 888th Central Postal Directory, was attacking north along Highway #2, near Libungao. One of the attacking platoons came under intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire from high ground. To its front the platoon leader was killed. Sergeant MONTILLO, Platoon Sergeant, immediately assumed command of the platoon, exposing himself to the enemy fire succeeded in reorganizing it. Time and time again he moved from one rifleman to another in order to place them in more effective firing positions. By his actions and ability to lead his men in the face of dangerous enemy fire, Sergeant MONTILLO's platoon destroyed a Japanese heavy machine gun and inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy. On 17 January 1945, Sergeant MONTILLO was critically wounded while leading his platoon in an attack against a stronger enemy force. His heroic actions were an inspiration to the men of his platoon, and reflected great credit upon himself and his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Lasala, (Mother), 179 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn.

Sergeant CARL E. FREMOSH, (33177434), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Fremosh, (Mother), 5234 Charles Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Private CHARLES E. REYNOLDS, (36740905), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 8 December 1944. In the vicinity of Camp Downes, Private REYNOLDS and other members of a litter squad evacuated a seriously wounded man to the aid station in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Again, on 11 December, in the vicinity of Ormoc, Private REYNOLDS aided in the evacuation of about twenty casualties while surrounding rifleman were held up by intense enemy fire from machine guns, mortars and rifles. During the evacuation Private REYNOLDS' litter squad suffered two casualties, one man wounded and the other killed by enemy fire. He acted with complete disregard for his own safety and served as an inspiration to his fellow-soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. C. E. Reynolds, (Mother), Rockford, Ill.

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Sergeant SAMUEL SAVICH, (32264170), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 8 December 1944, Company E, *** Regiment, led an assault for the commanding ground south of Camp Downes. As the company advanced Sergeant SAVICH, a squad leader, while leading his squad forward encountered determined fire from an enemy prepared position on the crest of a hill. The squad was momentarily halted and a fierce fire fight followed. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant SAVICH boldly entered the fight. He was wounded, losing two fingers. As the company again moved forward Sergeant SAVICH, disregarding his wounds, continued to lead his men forward. During the advance he found a Browning Automatic Rifle. With this weapon he spearheaded his squad's assault into the enemy position. Only after he had been ordered to report to the Battalion Aid Station by his platoon leader did Sergeant SAVICH relinquish command of his squad. His actions in the face of heavy enemy fire were a credit to himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Milan Savich, (Father), Home Dairy Farms, Marlton, N.J.

Private First Class CHARLES F. SCHMIDT, (32295069), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 21 December 1944 at about 1500, Company E, *** Regiment, was one of the assaulting companies in an attack for the high ground north of the Tagbong River. Private SCHMIDT, a Browning Automatic Rifleman in the Second Platoon, was on the extreme left of the company front. Although under heavy enemy fire, the advance was steady but slow. While making a short movement forward, Private SCHMIDT saw an enemy machine gun in position to fire across the company front. Alone and unassisted he worked his way toward the flank of the Japanese weapon. Successful in this maneuver, he opened fire on the position until he thought he had killed all of the crew. To make certain, and to finish the job, he rushed in closer and threw hand grenades into the position. Later it was found that Private SCHMIDT had killed five of the enemy and destroyed a light machine gun. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. E. Schmidt, (Mother), 7744 74th Street, Glendale, L.I., N.Y.

Private First Class CHARLES A. STINNETT, (33158039), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Elizabeth K. Stinnett, (Wife), Lynchburg, Virginia.

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HEADQUARTERS 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #77, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
15 February 1945.BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Area: 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Private ELWIN J. BEIDLER, (33176286), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 18 December 1944. Private BEIDLER, an ammunition handler, while on patrol near Ormoc observed dug in enemy soldiers. He opened fire, killing one of them. The patrol killed four others. That same afternoon, Private BEIDLER guided another patrol to this spot. When the patrol leader approached a dugout he was fired on at point blank range. Private BEIDLER quickly threw a grenade into the dugout. The patrol was again fired upon. Private BEIDLER fired his machine gun while other members threw more grenades. His machine gun jammed, and an enemy officer opened fire on Private BEIDLER with a pistol, but the patrol leader shot the pistol from his hand. Private BEIDLER, with complete disregard for his own safety remained out in front. His outstanding courage was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Blanche D. Beidler, (Mother), 614 7th Avenue, Williamsport, Pa.

Technician Fifth Grade TRAVIS L. BLAND, (38477572), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. During a particularly heavy engagement with the enemy it became impossible to evacuate the wounded by litter in the face of accurate small arms fire and several aid men had been killed or wounded attempting to do so. Technician BLAND, with complete disregard for his own life, voluntarily proceeded in his amphibious tractor to a point in front of friendly lines, dismounted, and loaded several wounded men into it. In the course of this evacuation he killed a number of the enemy who were threatening the safety of the wounded. Under the protection of Technician BLAND's tractor, other wounded men were evacuated and friendly troops were able to maneuver to more suitable terrain. His heroic action resulted in the saving of a number of lives and was an inspiration to all who witnessed it. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mozelle Bland, (Wife), Route 1, James, Texas.

Private GEORGE F. BUTTS, (33139124), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 12 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Cora Butts, (Mother), 47 Randolph Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Private First Class ARTHUR P. COLEMAN, (12061586), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 8 December to 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Walter Coleman, (Brother), 215-37 43rd Avenue, Bayside, L.I., New York.

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Private First Class JOHN G. CVERCHEK, JR., (33167915), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 20 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. John Cverchek, (Father), 610 S. 3rd Avenue, Patton, Pa.

Sergeant PETER A. D'AMICO, (32255995), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M. I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Eleanor D'Amico, (Wife), 611 Moore Street, Albion, N. Y.

Technician Fifth Grade GERARD DUNHAM, (12079206), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 10 December 1944. Technician DUNHAM was point man of a twelve-man patrol on a reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Patag. The patrol came under fire from a position occupied by the enemy in estimated company strength. Technician DUNHAM laid down return fire, killing five of the enemy, and facilitating the withdrawal of the small patrol with only minor casualties. Technician DUNHAM's clear thinking, aggressiveness, and complete disregard for his own safety on this occasion were a source of inspiration to the members of his patrol. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Caroline Dunham, (Mother), Hobart, N. Y.

Private First Class EDWARD F. GUENZER, (33177063), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 14 December 1944. Private GUENZER, a rifleman, while participating in an attack on a strongly defended enemy position, observed a comrade forward of the front lines fall to the ground, wounded. Private GUENZER, in full view of the enemy, and with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed forward. He picked the soldier up in his arms and carried him to cover and safety in the rear of the front line. He then applied first aid treatment, assured the evacuation of the casualty and resumed his place in the firing line. Private GUENZER's fearless and heroic action resulted in the saving of his comrade's life. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Louis J. Guenzler, (Father), 1539 S. 26th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Staff Sergeant MAURICE O. LAMB, (33158148), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 31 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Maurice Lamb, (Father), Clearwater Park, Covington, Va.

Private HARRY MIALIK, (32367375), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 16 December 1944. Private MIALIK, a cook, acted as a litter squad leader, evacuating casualties from the Battalion Aid Station to the Collecting Company. Private MIALIK was evacuating the wounded of the first battalion at the road junction north of Ormoc. Casualties were heavy and the front line men had been unable to advance for some time. Without hesitation, Private MIALIK led his squad forward in the face of heavy fire and evacuated the fallen from their forward positions. He made repeated trips, and his own fearlessness was an inspiration to his squad. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Mialik, (Mother), 820 Washington Street, New Castle, Del.

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Private MARION J. MURPHY, (33786723), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 11 December 1944. At approximately 1100, Private MURPHY advanced under heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire to administer first aid to wounded men. A company was attacking across a rice paddy against enemy positions which were located on slightly higher ground. The enemy was throwing such a volume of machine gun and rifle fire that it temporarily halted the advance of the company. Private MURPHY, under withering fire from the enemy courageously and without thought for his personal safety moved from one wounded man to another, administering first aid. This action inspired the men of the company and reflected credit upon himself and the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Edward A. Murphy, (Father), 2814 South Alden Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Private First Class ALBERT L. PUCINO, (2225255), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 14 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Miss Grace Pucino, (Sister), 162 W. Parmenter Street, Newburgh, N. Y.

Private First Class MICHAEL A. RUSSO, (12061744), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. In the face of extremely heavy enemy fire, Private RUSSO went forward to a wounded comrade, and after rendering first aid, succeeded in carrying the casualty over his shoulder a distance of approximately five-hundred yards to the Battalion Aid Station. His action was accomplished even though a medical aid man had just been killed in a futile effort to reach the wounded soldier. Private RUSSO's heroic act reflected great credit on himself and was an inspiration to the officers and men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Ella Russo, (Mother), 285 Mott Street, New York, New York.

Sergeant WALTER K. STEVENS, (13059561), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M. I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. W. L. Stevens, (Mother), Karns City, Pa.

First Lieutenant WYLIE W. SULLIVAN, (01302902), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 17 December 1944. A heavy machine gun platoon commanded by Lieutenant SULLIVAN was supporting a rifle company in an attack on Catmon. When the rifle company was held up by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Lieutenant SULLIVAN crawled forward several hundred yards through this fire to an observation point from where he could locate enemy targets and select positions for his platoon. He then moved his platoon up and so effectively brought fire upon the enemy that they were forced to withdraw, leaving many of their dead. Lieutenant SULLIVAN's attention to duty, disregard for his personal welfare, and heroic action were an inspiration to all the men in his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. E. S. Collins, Jr., (Sister), 1847 N. Broad Street, Selma, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD F. SWEENEY, (12060943), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Sergeant SWEENEY was in command of a rifle squad of the support platoon of his company. The squad was ordered to move into and reinforce the line of another platoon whose strength was dwindling in a heavy fire fight. Shortly after Sergeant SWEENEY's squad had established itself on the

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line, the enemy's attack increased in intensity and the platoon was ordered to move. Sergeant SWEENEY's squad was designated to cover the movement. The effective fire of Sergeant SWEENEY's squad killed thirteen enemy and wounded many more. His outstanding leadership in this skillful coverage not only accounted for the safe change of position of the platoon but also brought about the complete movement of his own squad with only two minor casualties. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna Torpey, (Mother), 64 Oakland Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

Technician Fifth Grade SIDNEY TACONIS, (32255400), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jessie Taconis, (Mother), 21 Woodstock Road, Rochester, New York.

Private First Class ARTHUR W. THOMPSON, (32529983), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Winfield Thompson, (Brother), 9 Damsen Street, Garden City, Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. WILKINSON, (32263932), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. At 1700, on 7 December 1944, while his unit was preparing a defense for the night in the vicinity of the Banganbon River, seven enemy aircraft attacked the position by bombing and strafing. Sergeant WILKINSON, a reconnaissance sergeant, without regard for his own safety immediately manned a .50 caliber machine gun which was mounted on top of the ground and in plain view of the enemy planes. Sergeant WILKINSON held his fire until one enemy plane peeled off and headed for him. When the plane was within one-hundred yards of his position and coming head on, Sergeant WILKINSON opened fire. He brought down the plane and was instrumental in breaking up the attack. Sergeant WILKINSON's coolness and courage while under fire were an inspiration to the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marie Wilkinson, (Mother), 2719 North Judson Street Philadelphia, Pa.

Private First Class J. T. WOODY, (34335191), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Jim R. Woody, (Mother), New Hope, Alabama.

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Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES L. BOGGS, (30460638), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 15 December 1944. Many wounded of Company F, *** Regiment were under enemy small arms and mortar fire. It was impossible to evacuate them by litter. At least one aid man had been seriously wounded in an attempt at evacuation. Technician BOGGS, accompanied by a tractor crew and a medical aid man left the protection of his tractor and went through a Japanese occupied rice field against enemy small arms and mortar fire and bursting hand grenades and successfully evacuated twenty-seven dead and wounded American soldiers. After completion of the evacuation, Technician BOGGS, with others, delivered ammunition to the same point for the relief of the Infantry troops who were halted. Technician BOGGS' actions were partially responsible for the saving of many lives, and his courage and bravery were an inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Nellie M. Boggs, (Mother), Tamaha, Okla.

Private First Class ANDREW J. CURRIE, (32296311), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. On 24 December 1944, the Third Platoon of Company L, *** Regiment, was sent out on a patrol in the vicinity of Libungao. After patrolling eight-hundred yards of the assigned sector the platoon was halted in order to allow the scouts to reconnoiter a trail. As Private CURRIE, Scout, approached the trail he was fired upon by a Japanese soldier in tall grass nearby. He returned the enemy fire, killing the Japanese. Private CURRIE then discovered a squad of Japanese in the same tall grass. While under fire he relayed this information to the patrol leader, who was enabled to take the necessary steps to destroy the enemy. Meanwhile, Private CURRIE and the scouts were directing accurate fire at the enemy. The enemy position was reported and effective artillery fire brought to bear on it. Private CURRIE's alertness and high courage contributed immeasurably to the success of the patrol and were an inspiration to the men of his unit. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. James A. Currie, (Father), 969 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sergeant CHARLES R. EMERY, (33053823), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Sarah Stewart, (Mother), 4 Hamilton Street, Fieldston, N.J.

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Corporal CECIL FORNEY, (38506512), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 18 December 1944. Many wounded enlisted men of an infantry company were under enemy fire. It was impossible to evacuate them by litters and several aid men had been killed and wounded in attempting to do so. Corporal FORNEY fearlessly advanced beyond the line of the regiment in his amphibious tractor, against constant enemy fire and then, despite the danger, left his tractor in order to gather in the wounded. During the action Corporal FORNEY was responsible for killing a number of the enemy. Many enlisted men who had been halted for hours by enemy fire were able to move successfully under the protection of Corporal FORNEY's tractor. His heroic action was responsible for the saving of many lives, and his bravery and courage were an inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Bessie S. Forney, (Mother), General Delivery, Capps, Arkansas.

Private First Class JOSIAH R. HOWARD, (31087083), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 2 December 1944. A platoon was committed to action near Burauen, against very intense and accurate enemy rifle fire. This fire was coming from concealed positions in a coconut grove. The leading elements of this platoon were held up and several casualties occurred. Private HOWARD volunteered to go forward to retrieve a light machine gun which had been dropped by a wounded man. In recovering the gun he was constantly under heavy fire. Private HOWARD's courageous action and disregard for personal safety were an inspiration to the entire company. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Annie Draper, (Mother), 34 Garfield Avenue, Revere, Mass.

Private First Class ALFRED J. KALTENBACK, (32232922), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 18 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Katherine Kaltenback, (Mother), 11 Edgewood Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT C. KOHORST, (32255748), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 16 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. C. H. Kohorst, (Mother), R.F.D. #2, Corfu, N.Y.

Private First Class SOLOMON MEDOW, (36861409), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., on 11 December 1944. Private MEDOW advanced, in a squad of twelve men, across the Antialao River in the face of devastating cross-machine gun and mass rifle fire from enemy pillboxes. This position, later proved to be the strongest in the Yamashita Line. Private MEDOW pushed forward, penetrating about two-hundred yards, held his position, and killed three of the enemy. The order was given to move so that more artillery and mortar fire could be used against this position. This maneuver was made under heavy enemy fire. Private MEDOW held his position covering the movement of his comrades until he was ordered to join his unit. His action was an inspiration to the men with whom he served and reflected credit upon himself and the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Nathan Medow, (Brother), 2229 Calvert, Detroit, Mich.

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Staff Sergeant STEPHEN MEROWSKY, (32081255), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Merowsky, (Mother), 1297 North Washington, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Private OSCAR MORAN, (38458416), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Martin Moran, (Mother), 1514 Monterrey Avenue, Laredo, Texas.

Private JEMEL R. MULLICAN, (15045116), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Villaba, Leyte, P.I., on 15 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Eloise Mulligan, (wife), 356 14th Avenue, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Private ELTON L. RODEN, (38519291), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 22 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. I. N. Malsworth, (Mother), Route 1, Box 136, Jonesboro, La.

Private First Class CHARLES H. ROSE, (32367462), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. Private ROSE, an aid man, saw another aid man killed while attending casualties. Private ROSE, without regard for his own safety, under heavy and accurate enemy rifle fire went forward to continue the work left unfinished by the death of his fellow aid man. His quick and willing response to the call of those who had been wounded was responsible for saving several lives, and his display of courage and devotion to duty was a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Margaret Rose, (Mother), Marshallton, Delaware.

Sergeant WALTER G. SCHERER, (32231635), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M.I., from 21 July to 9 August 1944, and on Leyte, P.I., from 7 December to 25 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Walter G. Scherer, (Wife), 33 Tomkins Street, Staten Island, N.Y.

Private First Class GEORGE C. SLAUGHTER, JR., (33653408), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., 9 December 1944. Private SLAUGHTER, an ambulance driver, had the duty of evacuating casualties from the Battalion Aid Station back to the rear. Two ambulances advanced to meet litter bearers carrying casualties. As the casualties approached, the ambulances and litter bearers were fired upon by an enemy machine gun. The litter bearers retreated to their station and the ambulance drivers reported back to their Company. The Commanding Officer then called for volunteers and Private SLAUGHTER went up to the point where the ambulances had been fired on. He picked up the casualties and evacuated them. His bravery was an inspiration to the men of his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Dora V. Slaughter, (Wife), Lowesville, Va.

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Private JOHN H. SODERMAN, (32232749), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Anna E. Soderman, (Mother), Mount Pleasant Road, East Irvington, N.Y.

Private JAMES VALLOSLIA, (33279517), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 14 December 1944. Private VALLOSLIA, an automatic rifleman, observed an enemy pillbox whose crew was preparing to deliver machine gun fire upon his squad which had by-passed the Japanese position. Unhesitatingly, Private VALLOSLIA attacked the pillbox alone, crawling approximately fifty yards to within grenade throwing distance of his objective. Taking careful aim, Private VALLOSLIA hurled a grenade through the extremely small aperture. He then advanced upon the pillbox and placing effective fire into it killed five of the enemy. Private VALLOSLIA's courage was an inspiration to the men of his squad and materially aided its advance. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Vallosia, (Mother), Route 1, Vandergrift, Pa.

Private First Class MERTON S. WYMAN, (32850255), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P.I., on 24 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Maud Wyman, (Mother), 215 West Domenick Street, Rome, N.Y.

By command of Major General BRUCE:

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant ANTON H. BERG, (39303283), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., from 9 December to 11 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Anton H. Berg, (Father), Route #2, Woodburn, Oregon.

Private First Class HAROLD T. BEVIS, (34023918), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 21 December 1944. In the vicinity of Libungao, Company I, *** Infantry, encountered heavy enemy fire. During the course of the fire fight, every man in a light machine gun squad was wounded. When the company was ordered to move fifty yards so that artillery could be placed on the enemy position, one of the machine guns was left unattended in an open field. Private BEVIS voluntarily exposed himself, crossed through open terrain under heavy fire, and retrieved the gun. His courage and complete disregard for his personal safety were instrumental in keeping both machine guns intact in the company for further use against the enemy. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. George T. Bevis, (Father), Box 14, Bascom, Florida.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. CATENACCI, (32262617), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ipil, Leyte, P. I., on 8 December 1944. Sergeant CATENACCI was advancing with a squad in an assault upon a ridge. Enemy machine gun fire, which killed his squad leader, was coming from this vicinity. Sergeant CATENACCI unhesitatingly crawled forward toward the Japanese machine gun emplacement and managed to get close enough to throw a grenade. This silenced the enemy gun. Upon investigation, three dead Japanese were discovered. He then took charge of the squad and moved it forward to an adjacent area where he and another man accounted for six more enemy and drove fifteen others from the ridge. Due to his immediate action and courage Sergeant CATENACCI prevented delay in securing the objective. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Rose Catenacci, (Mother), 282 North 8th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class ALEXANDER FINKELSTEIN, (33176078), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Private FINKELSTEIN, a rifleman, despite heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire volunteered to assist in evacuation of casualties when it appeared that the enemy fire would further endanger the lives of several seriously wounded. In the face of this heavy fire he crossed forty yards of open ground to a point near the enemy lines and brought back the wounded. This action was repeated several times until the mission was completed. At no time was he free from enemy fire. The voluntary and heroic performance of Private FINKELSTEIN was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mollie Finkelstein, (Mother), 58-14 Montrose Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Private First Class JAMES R. HUMPHRIES, (33156178), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Valencia, Leyte, P. I., on 18 December 1944. Private HUMPHRIES was automatic rifleman of one of the assault platoons of Company I, *** Regiment. When the platoon became engaged in a fire fight with several of the enemy dug in under a shack, Private HUMPHRIES and one other man crawled through heavy fire until they were on the flank of the enemy. Private HUMPHRIES then placed accurate fire on the Japanese position, enabling the man with him to knock out the position with a grenade. His courage, devotion to duty, and initiative in this action were a source of inspiration to the men of his unit and enabled his platoon to advance through a well defended area without a casualty. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. V. V. Humphries, (Mother), Covington, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant RALPH C. La PORTE, (36518255), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M. I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Pauline La Porte, (Wife), 5569 Selwyn, Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY E. MICHA, (32257998), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M. I., from 23 July to 12 August 1944, and on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 24 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary Michka, (Mother), 356 Varick Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private First Class GEORGE F. MILLER, (12061179), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palompon, Leyte, P. I., on the night of 17 January 1945. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Martha Jean Miller, (Wife), Route 12, Box 169, Phoenix, Arizona.

Technical Sergeant STEPHEN D. MOCK, (611489), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 14 December 1944. While his platoon was attacking a heavily fortified enemy strongpoint, Sergeant MOCK's platoon leader was wounded. He immediately took charge of his platoon and issued orders to deploy and attack the position. Sergeant MOCK personally led his men forward and smashed the enemy. While directing his platoon he continually exposed himself to accurate sniper fire. He was seriously wounded in this action. His performance and outstanding leadership assisted materially in the success of the attack. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Stephen Mock, (Father), 94 Danforth Avenue, Pittsfield, Mass.

Private First Class AXEL E. MOLIN, (32260661), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Private MOLIN, an automatic rifleman, while under heavy enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire volunteered to go forward of the front lines to evacuate casualties. Still under heavy fire, he moved toward the enemy lines and carried several wounded across more than forty yards of open ground to safety. His total disregard for his own safety and his heroic action were directly responsible for saving the lives of several seriously wounded. After making certain that all wounded had been evacuated, he returned to his squad and aided in pressing the attack. The outstanding work of Private MOLIN was an inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Marie E. Molin, (Mother), 111 East 24th Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

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Technician Fifth Grade JAMES M. PICKENS, (38344310), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Many wounded of Company F, *** Regiment were under enemy small arms and mortar fire. It was impossible to evacuate them by litter. At least one aid man had been seriously wounded in an attempt at evacuation. Technician PICKENS, with others, left the protection of his tractor and went through a Japanese occupied rice field against enemy small arms and mortar fire and bursting hand grenades, and successfully evacuated twenty-seven dead and wounded American soldiers. After completion of the evacuation, Technician PICKENS delivered ammunition to the same point for the relief of the Infantry troops who were halted. Technician PICKENS' actions were partially responsible for the saving of many American lives, and his courage and bravery were an inspiration to all who saw him. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Odene F. Pickens, (Wife), Amarillo, Texas.

Private First Class STANLEY RUSIN, (32251528), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Veronica Rusin, (Mother), 103 14th Avenue, N. Tonawanda, N. Y.

Technician Third Grade ANGELO L. SAPORITI, (31087040), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Matagob, Leyte, P. I., on 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Fernith Saporiti, (Wife), c/o Mrs. W. W. Isaacson, St. John, Ariz.

Corporal SIGMUND F. STEFANSKI, (32263213), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Abijao, Leyte, P. I., on 14 January 1945. Corporal STEFANSKI was a member of a forward observers party. When the leader of the party was wounded, Corporal STEFANSKI took command. He led the group forward until, in crossing a meadow, they came under heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Corporal STEFANSKI directed the group to cover, set up his radio, and brought down artillery fire on the enemy. During this action, he was wounded in the head, but ignoring his wound and the intense enemy fire, he continued in command. Shortly thereafter he was wounded again but continued to direct his party until he was evacuated. Corporal STEFANSKI's prompt assumption of command and his forgetfulness of self were in the highest traditions of the military service. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Katherine Stefanski, (Mother), 550 Piagett Avenue, Apt. P-19, Clifton, N. J.

Technical Sergeant JAMES J. TAGLIAFERRO, (32232027), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Guam, M. I., from 23 July to 10 August 1944, and on Leyte, P. I., from 7 December to 21 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. James J. Tagliaferro, (Wife), 499 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Private First Class ODDIS T. TUBBS, (34583576), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Linnie Tubbs, (Mother), Route 1, Lawley, Alabama.

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Sergeant GEORGE J. VANE, (32256061), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. Sergeant VANE, section leader in a heavy machine gun company, alone and under heavy fire, covered his section during a tactical maneuver against an enemy attack. The withering fire he directed against the enemy was instrumental in the smashing of the Japanese columns. Sergeant VANE's perseverance and fearlessness in the face of the enemy reflected great credit upon himself and his organization. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. John S. Vane, (Mother), Town Line Road, Macedon, N. Y.

Private First Class BOYD C. VASS, (33158131), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ormoc, Leyte, P. I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Jesse Vass, (Father), 147 West 8th Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN WALTER, (31038098), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I., on 13 and 15 December 1944. Technician WALTER, a squad leader in the litter platoon, had the duties of evacuating casualties from the Battalion Aid Station back to the Collecting Station. Technician WALTER was attached to the Second Battalion Aid Station when they were in position north of Ormoc. Casualties were heavy and Technician WALTER led his squad time after time up to the front lines and evacuated casualties under intense enemy fire. His leadership and courage were an inspiration to his squad. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Eleanor S. Walter, (Mother), 30 Ellicott Street, Needham, Mass.

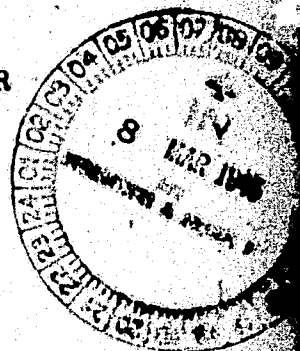
Technician Fifth Grade CARL ZUCK, (12061839), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P. I. On 7 December 1944, after a Battalion Landing Team made an amphibious assault, coming ashore in the vicinity of the Bangonbon River, a flight of enemy aircraft bombed and strafed friendly troops. A nearby soldier quickly manned and commenced firing a .50 caliber machine gun from the tripod position. The gun was on the ground, exposed to enemy fire, and in an unstable position. Technician ZUCK, Armorer Artificer, on his own initiative sprang from the protection of his foxhole, in full view of the approaching strafing pilot. Despite the danger, he laid himself across the mount and so steadied the gun that effective fire was placed on the enemy plane which was destroyed and credited to his company. Technician ZUCK's quick thinking, coolness while under enemy fire, and courageous actions were an inspiration to the men of his company. HOME ADDRESS: Mr. Joseph Zuck, (Father), 7 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, New York, New York.

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SECTION

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) I
 AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER).- 1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Corporal ROBERT M. HARRIS by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section I, General Orders No. 34, dated 4 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Corporal ROBERT M. HARRIS, (34396310), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ormoc, Leyte, P.I., on 13 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Mary E. Harris, (Mother), 8020 2nd Court N. Birmingham, Ala.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Chaplain (Captain) JAMES E. TAYLOR by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 39, dated 7 September 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas, 1944. The citation is as follows:

Chaplain (Captain) JAMES E. TAYLOR, (047305), Chaplain's Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, P.I., from 26 November to 23 December 1944. HOME ADDRESS: Mrs. Louise D. Taylor, (Wife), 363 Spring Street, Zelenople, Pa.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.-By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. No. 3, W.D., 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular No. 32, Headquarters Pacific Ocean Areas 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 77th Infantry Division, to the following-named military personnel:

Sergeant ELTON C. CAMPBELL, (31067772), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy

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