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the progress of our forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Philip M. Mahar, 31 398 374, Private First Class, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 near Landerbach, Germany. When a dismounted reconnaissance party came under fire from an enemy ambush, Private Mahar, a machine-gunner, laid down effective counter fire enabling the ambushed party to escape to a position of safety. In the fire fight that followed, Private Mahar was forced to abandon his gun and vehicle because of the concentration of hostile fire directed on his exposed position. Refusing to leave his jeep behind he returned through the heavy fire to the abandoned vehicle and drove it to defilade. Through his outstanding courage and aggressiveness, Private Mahar enabled the patrol to withdraw to safety without casualties. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

John H. Mayfield, 18 083 162, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. During the street fighting in the city of Wurzburg, Private Mayfield's platoon was pinned down by accurate machine gun and sniper fire. Undaunted by the fact that six other men had been driven back while trying to reach a house concealing a sniper, Private Mayfield ran across fifty yards of open terrain under heavy machine gun and small arms fire to reach the house. He then made his way through the building to the sniper's location and killed him with his rifle. Private Mayfield's outstanding courage permitted his platoon to resume their advance into town. Entered military service from Corsicana, Texas.

Chester J. Muck, 39 140 573, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew during the crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Germany, Private Muck participated in seven round trip crossings of the river under heavy machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. Ignoring the heavy fire involved, he continued to volunteer for the mission of carrying infantrymen and ammunition across and bringing wounded and prisoners back until the bridgehead was firmly established. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty contributed to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

Jesus Rodriguez, 38 363 893, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 January 1945 near Sessenheim, France. During the action near Sessenheim, Private Rodriguez left the comparative safety of his foxhole, during an intense mortar and artillery concentration, to go to the aid of a rifleman whose dug-out had caved in on him. After working for over an hour exposed to the intense fire, he successfully freed the man and assisted him to the aid station for treatment. Private Rodriguez's outstanding courage and selfless determination undoubtedly saved his fellow soldier from possibly death or serious injury. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

David J. Rondeau, 31 370 579, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew during the crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Corporal Rondeau participated in six round trip crossings of the river under deadly machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. Disregarding the danger involved and the heavy casualties already sustained, he continually volunteered for the task of carrying infantry men and ammunition to the far shore and bringing the wounded and prisoners back until the mission was

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completed. Through his outstanding courage and determined devotion to duty, Corporal Rondeau made an effective contribution to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

Robert A. Ross, 20 425 139, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945 at Rittersheffen, France. When his anti-tank gun position was attacked by three enemy tanks, Corporal Ross coolly and accurately destroyed the first two tanks with three well placed rounds. When his weapon failed to fire, he remained in position attempting to repair it until wounded by a direct hit on the gun. In spite of his wound, he maintained control and skillfully maneuvered his men safely away from the useless gun. Corporal Ross's exceptional courage and calm leadership was directly responsible for saving the lives of the remainder of his men. Entered military service from Biloxi, Mississippi.

Edgar L. Simpson, 20 828 898, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. While on outpost guard for his anti-tank platoon, Private Simpson observed an enemy bazooka man knock out one of two friendly tanks advancing through the town, and then head for the other tank. He quickly ran to the street, exposing himself to enemy machine gun and rifle fire, and went to the spot where he had seen the enemy soldier. Spotting the enemy, Private Simpson killed him with his carbine. By his courageous action and alertness he saved one of our tanks and its crew from destruction or damage. Entered military service from Hugo, Oklahoma.

Warren J. Slatcher, 42 116 137, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Slatcher participated in numerous crossings of the Main River under heavy machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. Although he had had no previous training on assault boats, he volunteered unhesitatingly, disregarding personal safety and exhaustion, carrying infantrymen and supplies across and bringing wounded and prisoners back until the mission was completed. Private Slatcher's exceptional courage and aggressive determination contributed materially to the establishment of a bridgehead and the ultimate fall of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

William H. Slaughter, 15 016 424, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. As machine gun section sergeant, Sergeant Slaughter organized a patrol to go to the aid of a wounded man a mile in enemy territory. With three others he exposed himself to enemy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire and evacuated the wounded man on an improvised stretcher across ground constantly under fire. Sergeant Slaughter's heroic action was instrumental in saving this man's life. Entered military service from Buckhannon, West Virginia.

George P. Thompson, 38 541 690, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an engineer assault boat crew during the crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Corporal Thompson, in the face of murderous machine gun and flak fire and seeing his comrades killed beside him, continued to man his boat, carrying assault troops to the far shore and bringing wounded and prisoners back. Although it was his first time under intense fire,

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he never hesitated in making the crossings without smoke or concealment until the mission was completed and the bridgehead was firmly established. By his untiring effort and fearless devotion to duty, Corporal Thompson made an effective contribution to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg, thus enabling the Division to continue its relentless pursuit of the enemy. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

John H. Thompson, 36 672 546, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company A, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 near Sessenheim, France. During the withdrawal from Sessenheim, France, Private Thompson and several men remained behind under heavy enemy fire to aid a wounded soldier. Improvising a litter from a blanket, he aided in carrying the man over three thousand yards of open terrain constantly exposed to intense mortar and artillery fire. By his courage and disregard for personal safety, Private Thompson materially contributed to saving the injured man's life. Entered military service from Gurnee, Illinois.

Andrew Vincent, 38 677 765, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Vincent participated in several round trip crossings of the Main River under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. He continually volunteered for further trips despite the mounting casualties. On two occasions he observed the positions of snipers firing on our troops and, with deadly accuracy, killed both of them with his automatic rifle. Private Vincent's courage, alertness, and skill contributed materially in establishing the bridgehead which lead to the capture of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

Adlai C. Walters, 34 678 593, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew during the forced crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Corporal Walters participated in six round trip crossings of the river under heavy machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. Ignoring the heavy fire involved, he continued to volunteer for the mission of carrying infantrymen and ammunition to the far shore and bringing wounded and prisoners back until the bridgehead was firmly established. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty contributed to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

Archibald Walters, 39 585 858, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13-14 January 1945 at Hatten, France. When the tank destroyer guarded by Private Walters and two other men was hit by an enemy shell, killing one crew member and wounding another, the guards and the remainder of the crew took cover in a shell hole. As the enemy fire increased, the tank destroyer crew withdrew, so the three infantrymen started evacuating the wounded man over 1500 yards of open terrain covered by enemy fire. Despite the intense fire and his own personal danger, Private Walters alternated between carrying the wounded man and providing covering fire. His heroic actions saved the wounded man's life in evacuating him from a dangerous area to needed medical aid. Entered military service from Bell, California.

Le Moyne E. Whiting, 37 152 520, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945 near Obersteinbach, Germany. When the approaches to Obersteinbach were blocked by mines and booby traps, Sergeant Whiting volunteered to lead his section in clearing the roads. Despite heavy artillery and mortar fire, he and

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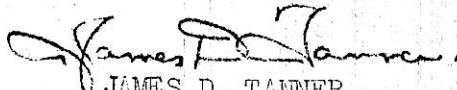
his men rapidly and skillfully neutralized all of the mines and booby traps. Sergeant Whiting's outstanding ability and leadership enabled his battalion and an infantry battalion to capture the town with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Rose Bud, South Dakota.

PERRY D. WOODS, O 550 370, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 at Arnstein, Germany. During the attack on Arnstein, Lieutenant Woods was acting as mortar observer attached to Company E. While crossing an open field near the city, Company E was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Woods advanced under the heavy fire to an exposed position from which he directed mortar fire on the enemy gun positions. By his courageous action and skillful observing, Lieutenant Woods relieved the pressure on Company E, enabling them to continue the advance and successfully attack the town. Entered military service from Milano, Texas.

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