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42D INFANTRY DIVISION

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to:

ALVIN B. SQUIRES, O1 323 347, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "B", 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near Reipertswiller, France, when his company was pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire while attacking Hill 301, Lieutenant Squires left his position behind the 2d Platoon and in the face of enemy fire, charged up the hill shouting for his men to follow him. Inspired by his courageous leadership, in which he personally knocked out one of the enemy positions, the company advanced and took its objective. Entered military service from West Plains, Missouri.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

KERMIT D. ANDERSON, O2 010 787, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "K", 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 19 March 1945, at Ludwigswinkel, Germany, while leading his platoon in supporting the bridgehead, Lieutenant Anderson found the 1st Platoon of his company disorganized. Taking command of both platoons, he placed them in position and then made his way under heavy mortar and small arms fire from one foxhole to another organizing the men. He continuously exposed himself to enemy fire to locate enemy machine gun nests so that the tanks supporting his platoon could fire upon them. When one of his men was wounded, Lieutenant Anderson administered first aid and carried the wounded man to safety through intense enemy small arms and mortar fire. Entered military service from Holdrege, Nebraska.

JOHN CHUK, O2 006 214, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "I", 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 12 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France, Lieutenant Chuk led a combat patrol of thirty-nine men under constant mortar and small arms fire,

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directing them so skillfully that they inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy. Discovering after the patrol withdrew that two of the men were missing, Lieutenant Chuk returned to the enemy territory under heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire and brought the wounded men back to his own lines. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

James E. Johnson, 20 904 634, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "B", 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near Reipertswiller, France when one of his men located a mortar position over the top of a hill, while his company was setting up security positions for the night after having taken Hills 301, 335, and 346, Sergeant Johnson fired two rounds at the position from a rocket launcher, driving out two Germans who were killed by one of the BAR men of his company. Armed only with a pistol and a hand grenade, he then ran down the hill toward the mortar emplacement. Throwing a hand grenade at the position, Sergeant Johnson drove out a German officer and two enlisted men, one of whom was killed and the officer and the other man captured. His courageous act was responsible for the destruction of the mortar and other weapons at the position, the killing of three Germans, and the capture of a German officer and an enlisted man. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Benjamin M. Peters, Jr., 39 707 779, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 3 March 1945, near Wimmenau, France, Sergeant Peters led a two-man patrol that traversed enemy territory through heavily-mined positions to a point 2500 yards behind their lines. On the way they passed one five-man enemy patrol and after hiding in the woods for an hour to avoid another ten-man patrol continued their reconnaissance and located an enemy ammunition dump. Then, leaving the other man to observe enemy activity in the area, Sergeant Peters went on alone for another mile to a point where he could closely observe the enemy-held town of Untermuhlthal and the adjoining area and roads. After noting the type and volume of traffic and rejoining the other man, they worked their way back to our lines passing through a ten-man enemy patrol armed with automatic weapons that was searching the woods. By his courage, skill, and alertness, Sergeant Peters obtained detailed information of the strength, location, and activity of the enemy over a wide area, which proved of great value in the formulation of our plans. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Robert L. Wachtler, 32 929 488, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 20 March 1945, at Ludwigswinkel, Germany, while serving as company aid man, Private Wachtler rushed out from behind the protection of a tank and, running more than thirty yards under severe mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, administered first aid to a wounded man. After

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evacuating the man, Private Wachtler ran a similar distance and gave first aid to another soldier. Although shot at continuously by enemy machine guns and small arms, he would not leave the injured men until he had evacuated them and sent them back to the aid station. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

HENRY L. LUONGO, O-16 583, Colonel, Infantry, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 1 April 1945 to 6 April 1945, inclusive. Colonel Luongo commanded the 222d Infantry Regiment during the advance of the Division through the Wertheim-Wurzburg area in Germany. Under his aggressive leadership, his regiment attacked and cleared Wertheim, captured Remlingen and Helmstadt, and then crossing the Main River in assault boats spearheaded the drive upon the city of Wurzburg. Constantly with his assault battalions, Colonel Luongo supervised their execution of each phase of the attack. His skillful planning, untiring activity, and superior professional ability were responsible for the successful completion of the missions of his regiment and contributed greatly to the accomplishments of the Division. Entered military service from Maryland.

Francis L. Tence, 17 034 713, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "F", 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, Private Tence was a member of a patrol whose mission was to establish listening posts in a woods north of Schweighausen, France. To locate the position of enemy troops he was sent with two other men across 400 yards of open terrain. Upon entering the woods they encountered an enemy patrol upon which Private Tence opened fire with his sub-machine gun inflicting casualties. After withdrawing with one of the men to the edge of the woods and finding that the third man had not withdrawn, Private Tence returned to the woods alone to find him. Again running into the enemy patrol, he fired his sub-machine gun until he exhausted his ammunition when he again withdrew and gave a loud whistle which was a pre-arranged signal and which immediately drew enemy fire, exposing the enemy positions to the rest of the patrol. His skill and courage fixed the location of the enemy troops and prevented his patrol from being trapped in the woods. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

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Paul E. Siegrist, 36 671 886, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945, near Koenigsbruck, France, Private Siegrist was a member of a combat patrol which encountered a strongly dug-in enemy position. Greatly outnumbered, the patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy small arms fire and the cross-fire of three enemy machine guns. Private Siegrist who was well out in front with two other men voluntarily remained in his exposed position firing his BAR to cover the withdrawal of the main body of the patrol until they reached safety. His courageous act was largely responsible for the safe withdrawal of the patrol. During a subsequent action in which he displayed the same high degree of courage and devotion to duty Private Siegrist was fatally wounded. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Florence Siegrist (Mother), 908 13th Street, Highland, Illinois. Entered military service from Highland, Illinois.

V. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Alex R. Carrington, 35 782 707, Private, Infantry, Company "G", 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 24 February 1945, near Wingen, France, Private Carrington was a member of a combat patrol that became engaged in a fire fight as it was participating in an attack upon enemy entrenchments. When a German armed with an automatic weapon stepped from a foxhole ten yards behind the patrol leader and aimed at him and another man with him as they were reloading their rifles, Private Carrington unhesitatingly moved into a position exposed to enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire and, firing from the hip, instantly killed the German. Although coming into contact with the enemy for the first time, his prompt and skillful action saved the lives of two men and contributed greatly to the success of the patrol's mission. Entered military service from Charters, Kentucky.

GEORGE A. CARVER, O-19 122, Lieutenant Colonel, Artillery, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 13 March 1945 to 23 March 1945, inclusive. Colonel Carver commanded the 542d Field Artillery Battalion in support of the Division in its attack upon the Siegfried Line and its subsequent exploitation of the breakthrough. In spite of the difficult terrain, he placed his batteries in positions from which they were able to furnish continuous support to the infantry regiments. The fire from his howitzers in close support of our troops at Barenthal, France, was so accurate as to neutralize the enemy and stop a German counterattack. At Neunhoffen, France, his battalion also materially assisted in breaking up an attack by enemy tanks. Colonel Carver's superior leadership, professional ability, and untiring supervision were largely responsible for the successful accomplishments of his battalion. Entered military service from Rome, Georgia.

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RALPH B. COFFIN, O 309 442, Lieutenant Colonel, Artillery, Headquarters, 42d Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service in action during the period 24 December 1944 to 1 February 1945 and the period 13 March 1945 to 22 March 1945, inclusive. During the period 24 December 1944 - 1 February 1945 Colonel Coffin acted as Artillery Officer of Task Force Linden, which had the mission of defending the Gombsheim, Herlisheim, Hatten, Rittershoffen sector without organic or attached artillery. By his skillful planning of fires and efficient liaison with VI Corps Artillery, Colonel Coffin obtained highly effective artillery support for our infantry in spite of the difficulties encountered by reason of the dispersion of our forces over a wide area and the overwhelming strength of the enemy. As S-3, 42d Infantry Division Artillery during the period 13 March 1945 to 22 March 1945, Colonel Coffin carefully planned and coordinated the fires of the Division Artillery which supported the attack through the Hardt Mountains and the breakthrough of the Siegfried Line. His untiring efforts and superior professional knowledge were largely responsible for the effective fire plans used during the attack and the coordination and supervision of the execution of such plans. Entered military service from Hutchinson, Kansas.

WILLIAM G. GASKINS, O 556 797, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters 3rd Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 18 February 1945, near Althorn, France, Lieutenant Gaskins led a patrol in front of the main line of resistance to reconnoiter the area and capture prisoners. After locating a concertina-and-barbed wire fence which he carefully observed, he maneuvered the patrol to within fifteen feet of a foxhole into which a grenade was tossed. When the three Germans escaping from the foxhole had been killed, the patrol rushed the hole finding another German with a machine gun and about twenty grenades. Upon his refusal to surrender, Lieutenant Gaskins and his scout pulled the German out of the hole by his collar, threw him over the barbed wire fence, and dragged him back to our lines under the fire of three enemy machine guns. Placing a BAR man in position to cover the withdrawal, Lieutenant Gaskins led the patrol back without a single casualty, bringing with him the first prisoner to be captured by the Division, since its commitment as such. Entered military service from Nowata, Oklahoma.

Amedeo Gazzigli, 32 334 261, Private First Class, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action. On 17 January 1945, Private Gazzigli was directed to drive one of two trucks loaded with ammunition for a platoon of tanks which, with a company of the 242d Infantry Regiment had captured the town of Sessenheim, France, and were in great need of a resupply. Driving one of the trucks in total darkness over an exposed road under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he and the other men located the tanks and, in spite of heavy enemy fire and active patrol action, helped unload and stow the ammunition on the tanks, supplying them at a most critical time. Entered military service from Port Chester, New York.

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Donald J. Harr, 37 312 716, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion for heroic achievement in action. On 17 January 1945, Corporal Harr was directed to drive one of two trucks loaded with ammunition for a platoon of tanks which, with a company of 242d Infantry Regiment had captured the town of Sessenheim, France, and were in great need of a resupply. Driving one of the trucks in total darkness over an exposed road under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he and the other men located the tanks and, in spite of heavy enemy fire and active patrol action, helped unload and stow the ammunition on the tanks, supplying them at a most critical time. Entered military service from Jamestown, North Dakota.

John Z. Hartonchik, 20 200 748, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action. On 17 January 1945, Private Hartonchik was directed to take two truck-loads of ammunition to a platoon of tanks, which, with a company of the 242d Infantry Regiment, had captured the town of Sessenheim, France, and were in great need of a resupply. Directing the movement of the trucks in total darkness over an exposed road under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he and the other men located the tanks and, in spite of heavy enemy fire and active patrol action, helped unload and stow the ammunition on the tanks, supplying them at a most critical time. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Robert L. King, 38 669 011, Sergeant (then Private), Infantry, Company "G", 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945, near Koenigsbruck, France, Private King was a member of a combat patrol which encountered a strongly dug-in enemy position. Greatly outnumbered the patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy small arms fire and the cross-fire of three enemy machine guns. Private King, who was well out in front with two other men, voluntarily remained in his exposed position to cover the withdrawal of the main body of the patrol. He then moved back a short way and took up another exposed position from which he covered the withdrawal of the other two men, remaining in this position until all other members of the patrol had reached safety. His courageous act contributed greatly to the safe withdrawal of the patrol. Entered military service from Rison, Arkansas.

Walter Koval, 6 805 178, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 2 March 1945, near Wimmenau, France, Private Koval was wounded in the shoulder while a member of a combat patrol, which became pinned down by enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Learning that the remainder of the patrol had withdrawn, leaving six other men and

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himself exposed to enemy fire with no covered avenue of withdrawal available, Private Koval took command and, in spite of his wounds, formulated a plan of escape. Pointing out the route to be followed, he directed all the remaining members of the patrol simultaneously to throw white phosphorous grenades, which provided a smoke screen under cover of which the men made their way back to our lines. His initiative and aggressive leadership were responsible for the safe return of six other members of the patrol. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Hayward F. Kuhl, 35 204 149, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "E", 212d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, at Kaltenhouse, France, Sergeant Kuhl was manning his machine gun alone, because his squad had suffered heavy casualties, when the enemy attacked and penetrated our lines. Repeatedly exposing himself to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire to change positions and obtain ammunition, he loaded and fired the gun without assistance for more than four hours. His courageous actions provided material encouragement to the riflemen with him and his well placed fire caused numerous enemy casualties, provided the support necessary to enable our troops to maintain their defensive positions, and contributed materially to the capture of forty-five Germans. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

Richard W. Marcellus, 35 553 094, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "B", 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Uhlwiler, France, when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire which inflicted heavy casualties, Private Marcellus observed several wounded men attempting to reach cover to escape searching enemy fire. Setting up his BAR along the road on the forward slope of a hill where he was exposed to intense enemy machine gun fire, he brought effective fire to bear upon the enemy, silencing an enemy machine gun, causing several enemy casualties, and enabling the wounded men to be brought to safety. Entered military service from Defiance, Ohio.

EDWARD F. NIBLOCK, O 343 032, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 3rd Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 18 March 1945, inclusive. Colonel Niblock commanded the 3rd Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment during the attack on the enemy in the Hardt Mountains. Leading his battalion over poorly marked roads and trails, he broke through the enemy opposition on the line of Hills 402, 334, and 421, spearheading the regimental column toward its objective. Moving up steep hills and crossing difficult terrain in the face of enemy forces, his battalion reached the regimental objective and was the first battalion of the regiment to enter Germany. His skillful and able leadership was largely responsible for the successful accomplishment of the mission of the battalion. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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Koenard Norman, 32 493 820, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945, near Koenigsbruck, France, Private Norman was a member of a combat patrol which encountered a strongly dug-in enemy position. Greatly outnumbered, the patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy small arms fire and the cross-fire of three enemy machine guns. Private Norman, who was well out in front with two other men, voluntarily remained in his exposed position to cover the withdrawal of the main body of the patrol until they reached safety. Then, crawling back under the intense enemy fire, he took up another position from which he covered the withdrawal of the other two men. His courageous act contributed greatly to the safe withdrawal of the patrol. Entered military service from Rome, New York.

DONALD R. PIERCE, O-583 626, Major Field Artillery, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 13 March 1945 to 22 March 1945, inclusive. Major Pierce commanded the 232d Field Artillery Battalion during the attack upon the Siegfried Line and the subsequent breakthrough. Although he had been in command for only a short period of time and was faced with the task of employing his battalion in extremely difficult mountainous terrain, by his untiring efforts and superior professional knowledge he was able to keep his battalion in supporting range of the rapidly advancing infantry and to deliver accurate and effective fire. The success of the battalion in aiding the attack of the Division was largely due to the outstanding leadership and ability of Major Pierce. Entered military service from Lakeland, Florida.

Atanacio H. Quiroga, 59 598 391, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 3 March 1945, near Vimmonau, France, Private Quiroga was a member of a two-man patrol that traversed enemy territory through heavily-mined positions to a point 2500 yards behind their lines. On the way they passed one five-man enemy patrol and, after hiding in the woods for an hour to avoid another ten-man patrol, continued their reconnaissance and located an enemy ammunition dump. Private Quiroga then remained on post alone while the other man went on to another point where he could observe an enemy held town. When this man returned, they worked their way back to our lines, passing through a ten-man enemy patrol armed with automatic weapons that was searching the woods. By his courage, skill, and alertness, Private Quiroga helped to obtain detailed information of the strength, location, and activity of the enemy over a wide area, which proved of great value in the formulation of our plans. Entered military service from Pomona, California.

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WALTER J. RANKIN, O-024 455, Major, Field Artillery, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 13 March 1945 to 22 March 1945, inclusive. As commanding officer, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, Major Rankin so successfully employed his battalion during the attack upon and breaching of the Siegfried Line that it was able to render direct support of one of the attacking infantry regiments in a superior manner. His thorough reconnaissance was responsible for the location of his battery positions in unusually difficult terrain. The skillful organization of the preparation fired in the initial phases of the attack on the Siegfried Line and the accuracy and effectiveness of the fires of the battalion throughout the entire attack were largely due to Major Rankin's untiring efforts, outstanding leadership, and professional ability. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

ROBERT G. SHERRARD, JR., O-19 922, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 42nd Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 6 March 1945 to 6 April 1945, inclusive. Colonel Sherrard served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of the Division during the preparation for and attack through the Hardt Mountains and the breaching of the Siegfried Line as well as the subsequent operations east of the Rhine. Although the rugged mountainous terrain and heavily armed fortifications of the German defensive lines presented many extremely difficult problems of planning, Colonel Sherrard so effectively prepared each phase of the operations that the execution by the troops was greatly facilitated and the objectives reached with a minimum of casualties. During the movement of the Division across the Rhine, the attack in the Main River sector, and the capture of the City of Wurzburg, Colonel Sherrard again drafted the plans for the employment of the Division and attached troops with extraordinary skill and thoroughness. His superior professional ability, attention to details and infinite diligence were important factors in the attainment of the Division's objectives.

IRVING R. SHORT, O2 006 207, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action during the period 15 March 1945 to 22 March 1945. Lieutenant Short led the Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon in the breakthrough of the Hardt Mountains and the breaching of the Siegfried Line. Operating far in advance of the main body, under intense fire from enemy artillery, mortar, small arms, and automatic weapons fire, he constantly sought out enemy locations and guided the troops to them by the most expeditious route. Fighting his way through hidden enemy emplacements, sniper positions, mine fields and booby traps on 18 March, he led his men across the border into Germany and his platoon was the first Allied unit in the regimental sector to invade German soil. In spite of the hazardous nature of their duties and the difficult terrain over which they had to advance, Lieutenant Short so skillfully led his platoon that the entire operation was completed without a single casualty. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

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DONALD W. SWIHART, O 240 322, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 42d Infantry Division, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 14 March 1945 to 6 April 1945, inclusive. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, during the attack through the Hardt Mountains and the breaching of the Siegfried Line, Major Swihart's skillful supervision and planning were largely responsible for the flow of adequate supplies to the Division, in spite of the difficulties presented by the mountainous terrain and the unusual requirements called for by the tactical situation. Although the rapid movement of the Division across the Rhine, the drive to the east in the Main River sector, and the attack on the City of Wurzburg, created new and additional problems of supply and transportation, made more difficult by the lengthening of the distances to the source of supplies and the shortage of available trucks, his diligence, thoroughness, and outstanding ability brought about a high degree of proficiency in the co-ordination of the supply agencies and the maintenance of an efficient supply system. Entered military service from Indiana.

DONALD C. TIMBERLAKE, O 363 779, Captain, C.A.C., Headquarters Battery, 431st Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), for meritorious service in action during the period 1 June 1944 to 5 April 1945, inclusive. As Battalion Motor Transportation Officer since 1 June 1944, Captain Timberlake exercised supervision over 123 motorized vehicles, 64 mobile gun mounts, and 42 trailers, many of which have been in combat for 32 months. Encouraging initiative among his mechanics and drivers and emphasizing systematic inspections and preventative maintenance he avoided higher echelon repair work and kept the number of deadlined vehicles to a minimum in spite of the scarcity of parts and lack of time for repairs. His efficient supervision of vehicle maintenance and operation enabled him to furnish the transportation required by the frequent and rapid movements of the battalion through the difficult terrain of the Vosages and Hardt Mountains and to provide anti-aircraft protection wherever required. Entered military service from Ellerson, Virginia.

Howard P. Tonkin, 35 882 043, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I", 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Davendorf, France, when a sudden burst of fire from the woods ahead caused a number of casualties among members of his combat patrol as they were crossing an open clearing, Private Tonkin voluntarily went forward to assist another man to bring in one of the wounded. Crawling out under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire into the open area, he and the other uninjured man proceeded to drag the wounded soldier towards cover when the other man was also hit and wounded. Taking first one and then the other, Private Tonkin succeeded in dragging both men to cover under enemy observation and severe fire. Entered military service from Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

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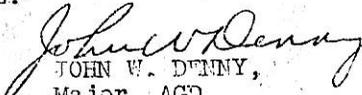
Erwin G. Wardzinski, 36 979 042, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On the night of 20-21 January 1945 near Dautendorf, France, when wire communications between his company and its platoons were destroyed by enemy artillery fire, Private Wardzinski twice carried important messages from his platoon to the company command post, a distance of more than 1500 yards. Travelling across open terrain under intense artillery and mortar fire and avoiding enemy patrols working behind our lines, he brought back valuable information and maintained vital communications. Entered military service from Dearborn, Michigan.

Arthur C. Wynn, 6 266 951, Master Sergeant, Artillery, Headquarters, 22d Infantry Division Artillery, for meritorious service in action during the period 24 December 1944 to 1 February 1945 and 13 March 1945 to 22 March 1945, inclusive. During the period 24 December 1944 to 1 February 1945, Sergeant Wynn acted as Operations Sergeant of the Artillery Section of Task Force Linden, which had the mission of defending the Gamsheir, Herlisheir, Hatten, Rittershoffen sector without organic or attached artillery. When the Germans attacked in great strength and succeeded in establishing the Gamsheir bridgehead, Sergeant Wynn was of exceptional assistance in the preparation of fire plans which were fired by VI Corps Artillery. As Operation Sergeant, 2d Infantry Division Artillery during the period 13 March 1945 to 22 March 1945, Sergeant Wynn assisted in the planning and co-ordination of the fires of the Division Artillery, which supported the attack through the Hardt Mountains and the breakthrough of the Siegfried Line. Frequently called upon to perform the duties usually assigned to an officer, his ability and untiring effort kept the command post and fire direction center functioning effectively and contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Division Artillery. Entered military service from Argyle, Texas.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

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