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I. 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 the following:

James G. Collins, 34 980 490, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945, near Hatten, France. While defending our main line of resistance near Hatten, France, Private Collins fearlessly exposed himself to intense artillery fire to determine the reason for the silence of the telephone wire connected with the listening post in front of our lines. Although wounded by artillery fragments, he continued on his mission until he had located a break in the line. Repairing the wire, he started to return to his post when he was mortally wounded by a sudden and intense concentration of enemy artillery fire. By his outstanding courage and heroism, Private Collins maintained vital communications during an extremely critical period of the campaign. Name and address of nearest relative: Kate K. Collins, Route 1, Stillmore, Georgia. Entered military service from Stillmore, Georgia.

Marion J. Cox, 35 129 912, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. During the bitter house-to-house fighting in Wurzburg, Germany, Private Cox was sent on a mission of laying communication lines to his company's forward positions in preparation for an attack on a German-held hill. Braving the deadly sniper fire covering the area, he accomplished his mission and was returning to his company with six prisoners of war when he was mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. Through his heroic self-sacrifice, Private Cox contributed immeasurably to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Margaret J. Cox (Mother), Ripley, Ohio. Entered military service from Ripley, Ohio.

Alex Goldstein, 36 983 751, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the Hardt Mountains, France. When an enemy patrol attacked the left flank of his platoon, Private Goldstein unhesitatingly proceeded to the location to assist in repelling the enemy. Observing the Germans, he opened fire with his carbine, directing a steady stream of fire at them until his comrades could seek cover and better positions. Although wounded early in the fierce exchange of fire, he continued to expose himself until he was fatally wounded by the intense concentrations. Private Goldstein's exceptional courage and heroic self-sacrifice prevented his fellow soldiers from suffering additional casualties and enabled them to repulse the enemy patrol. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Rebecca Goldstein (Mother), 3411 W. 13th Place, Chicago, Illinois. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Omer B. Olson, 17 001 724, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 April 1945, near Rain, Germany. Approaching the battalion objective which his

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platoon was to take and hold, Sergeant Olson fearlessly proceeded across an open field and into heavy woods in order to locate the enemy. Discovering the positions, he was returning to deploy his men when the enemy opened fire with machine guns. Although fatally wounded, he whirled and engaged the enemy with his submachine gun until his men could take cover and return the fire. Sergeant Olson's exceptional courage and unflinching determination saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Louisa A. Olson (Mother), 1404 S. 7th Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Entered military service from LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Barney H. Parrish, 15 047 049, Private First Class, Infantry, Antitank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action 25 January 1945, at Schweighausen, France. When his squad was surrounded by attacking enemy troops in Schweighausen, France, Private Parrish unhesitatingly volunteered to lead his comrades through the ring of enemy forces. Fearlessly braving the intense hail of bullets, he advanced against the hidden forces, firing as he moved. Though suddenly and mortally wounded by a burst of machine gun fire, he raised himself from the ground and continued to fire his submachine gun, covering the remainder of his squad as they broke through the enemy. Private Parrish's indomitable courage and selfless determination enabled his comrades to successfully escape from their precarious position. Name and address of nearest relative: Mr. Van F. Parrish (Father), 223 S. Main Street, Buresville, Kentucky. Entered military service from Buresville, Kentucky.

Burt E. Taylor, 35 067 045, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the Hardt Mountains, France. During the general offensive through the Hardt Mountains, Private Taylor was supporting the advance of rifle troops with fire from his heavy machine gun. Observing the positions of enemy troops who were inflicting heavy casualties on our forces, he fearlessly braved the enemy barrage to reach a spot from which he could direct fire on the emplacements. Completely exposing himself, he set up his gun and started firing, completely silencing the enemy positions. Shortly after, a sudden mortar concentration fell on his position, fatally wounding him. Private Taylor's heroic self-sacrifice and unswerving devotion to duty prevented many casualties and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. LaVerna A. Taylor (Mother), 16512, Elsienna Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Glenn J. Taylor, 37 247 294, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the Hardt Mountains, France. During the general offensive through the Hardt Mountains, Private Taylor was supporting the advance of rifle troops with fire from his heavy machine gun. Observing the positions of enemy troops who were inflicting heavy casualties on our forces, he fearlessly braved the deadly barrage to reach a spot from which he could direct fire on the emplacements. Completely exposing himself, he set up his gun and started firing, completely silencing the enemy position. Shortly after, a sudden mortar concentration fell on his position, fatally wounding him. Private Taylor's heroic self-sacrifice and unswerving devotion to duty prevented many casualties and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Name and address of nearest relative: Mr. Benjamin D. Taylor (Father), 717 S. Garfield, Chanute, Kansas. Entered military service from Chanute, Kansas.

RICHARD E. VENSEL, 01 298 465, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 January 1945, near Neuberg, France. During the fanatical enemy attack against our positions along the Moder River, Lieutenant Vensel led his platoon forward to re-establish an outpost

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line of resistance. Braving the withering barrage of the enemy onslaught, he was advancing toward his objective when he was mortally wounded by a hail of machine gun fire. Through his heroic self-sacrifice, Lieutenant Vensel contributed immeasurably to the successful defense of Alsace. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Richard E. Vensel (Wife), 1216 E. Bronson Street, South Bend, Indiana. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

II. 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:

George H. Burton, Jr., 39 128 461, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, near Fay de Bretagne, France. While his unit was in the vicinity of Fay de Bretagne, France, Private Burton volunteered to destroy a vital railroad line deep within enemy territory. Carrying sixteen pounds of explosive, he advanced across a heavily mined field under enemy machine gun and rifle fire to the location previously designated. There, under direct enemy observation, he placed two charges of high explosive and set the fuses, completely destroying the important stretch of track. Private Burton's outstanding courage and unswerving determination eliminated a strategic enemy transportation line. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Frank R. Friedrich, 35 921 622, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 January 1945, at Schweighausen, France. During the fierce fighting for Schweighausen, France, Private Friedrich displayed great courage while evacuating a seriously wounded infantryman. Fearlessly exposing himself to intense machine gun and small arms fire, he advanced to the building in which the wounded man lay. Assisting a medical aid man to administer first aid, he then promptly evacuated the injured man to the rear for emergency treatment. Private Friedrich's courageous action and unswerving devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the life of his wounded comrade. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

William A. Jobson, Jr., 38 628 140, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. When his platoon was pinned down by direct 88mm and small arms fire, Sergeant Jobson voluntarily crawled across 200 yards of open terrain to attempt to neutralize the enemy position. Advancing through the rubble filled streets, he fired two rifle grenades into the gun emplacement, silencing the weapon and killing five of the crew and surrounding riflemen. Then, although wounded in the leg, he assisted his comrades in taking numerous prisoners from other positions in the area. Sergeant Jobson's courageous and aggressive determination played an important role in the successful advance of our forces through Wurzburg, Germany. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Floyd D. McAbee, 34 813 214, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945, near Drusenheim, France. When an overwhelming enemy force launched an all-out attack against Drusenheim, France, Sergeant McAbee volunteered to take up a position in an open field in the face of the onslaught in order to direct mortar fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he tenaciously held his post for six hours while exposed to deadly machine gun and small arms fire, personally killing four Germans who advanced to within twenty yards of his position. Through his heroic courage and accurate fire direction, Sergeant McAbee accounted for over fifty enemy killed, thus halting the

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attack against our positions. Entered military service from Godsdon, Alabama.

William S. Ramsey, 33 433 280, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, near Fishbach, Germany. When the advance of our forces near Fishbach, Germany was halted by an enemy machine gun position, Sergeant Ramsey and two other men were assigned the mission of eliminating the gun emplacement. Creeping unobserved to within a few yards of the position, he fired a bazooka round and scored a direct hit upon the gun, killing two of the crew. He then charged the emplacement, killing three more of the enemy with hand grenades and forcing the remainder to surrender. By Sergeant Ramsey's exceptional courage and determination, the machine gun nest was completely neutralized with no casualties to our men. Entered military service from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Paul Ray, 37 639 620, Sergeant, Infantry, Company F, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 April 1945, near Dachau, Germany. When his company was held up by stiff enemy resistance near Dachau, Germany, Sergeant Ray, with complete disregard for his personal safety, advanced to neutralize one of the enemy strongholds. Under covering fire from his squad, he fearlessly braved the intense hail of enemy fire, armed with only his rifle and hand grenades. Firing as he advanced, he dashed close to the enemy position and threw several hand grenades among the Germans, killing the enemy gunners. Sergeant Ray's prompt and courageous action in the face of superior odds played a major role in enabling his company to continue its advance. Entered military service from Broseoy, Missouri.

Arnold A. Sanders, 42 063 245, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. During the fighting through the fire-swept streets of Wurzburg, Germany, Private Sanders voluntarily exposed himself to locate and repair breaks in the communication lines to his mortar section. Fearlessly braving intense artillery and sniper fire for over an hour, he checked and repaired the severed wires. By his exceptional courage and unswerving determination, Private Sanders enabled his section to continue to direct accurate and devastating fire upon the enemy positions in the city. Entered military service from New York, New York.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:--... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

GEORGE P. BEARD JR., 02 025 551, Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Service Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, 5 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. Entered military service from Culpeper, Virginia.

Robert G. Sides, Private First Class, 34 364 815, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 42nd Division, 9 January 1945, at Rittershofen, France.

By command of Major General Collins:

EDWIN RUSTBERG,
Lt. Col., General Staff Corps,
Actg. Chief of Staff

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