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Section I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR — By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (ND Bul 43, 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 500-46, the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

BY ORDER

FIRST LIEUTENANT PETER F. BURUM, 01332344, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company M, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 29 May 1951 in the vicinity of Ingo, Korea. The 38th Infantry was attacking along the road to Ingo, with the mission of securing that town. At about 1000 hours, the column was halted by the intense amount of mortar, automatic weapons and small arms fire being delivered along the roadway by the enemy. Lieutenant Burum observed that two men had been hit by this fire. Immediately securing a first aid kit, he dashed through the hail of fire and proceeded to the side of the two wounded men. After administering hasty first aid, he picked up one of the men in his arms and, despite the incessant fire landing on the road, carried the man to safety behind a small hill. Then, without hesitation and completely heedless of the personal danger involved, he rushed back over the 100 yards of fire swept roadway to the side of the other wounded soldier. Picking this man up in his arms, he retraced his steps through the never-ending fusillade until he had brought his charge to a place of safety. The gallantry and complete selflessness demonstrated by Lieutenant Burum on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN P. JACOBS, 02026202, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company I, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. At about 1900 hours of that date, Lieutenant Jacobs' platoon had the mission to retake a fortified position located on a high hill which had fallen to the enemy. Making full use of supporting artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Jacobs so deployed and maneuvered his platoon as to accomplish the mission with light losses to his own men while inflicting very heavy casualties on the enemy. Throughout the action, Lieutenant Jacobs remained with the assault squad, leading the attack with complete disregard for his own safety and personally killing four of the enemy. The gallantry and inspiring leadership displayed by Lieutenant Jacobs reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from California.
MASTER SERGEANT HERBERT MARTINEZ, RA3870524, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company C, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 17 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kunmugol, Korea. Sergeant Martinez's platoon was overrun by a numerically superior enemy force and the platoon leader was killed. Sergeant Martinez immediately took charge of the reduced and confused platoon, as well as a part of another friendly company, and organized them into an efficient fighting team, exposing himself deliberately to intense enemy fire while directing their operation. He was an inspiration to the men following him because of his cool and courageous attitude. Through his actions, maximum casualties were inflicted upon the enemy, while friendly casualties were held to a minimum. The gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant Martinez reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Texas.

SERGEANT DELMAR J DYER, RA17170216, (then Corporal), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 25 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kosokul, Korea. Company L was flushing the enemy from high ground when the company was suddenly subjected to small arms fire and an intense mortar barrage by enemy forces entrenched on a high hill, forcing the company to withdraw hurriedly from the area. Sergeant Dyer, with complete disregard for his own safety and totally indifferent to the heavy mortar barrage falling in the area, remained behind to render first aid to the other members of his squad, all of whom had been wounded. He then dragged his comrades to safety, thus saving them from possible death or capture by the enemy. The gallantry and loyal devotion to his comrades displayed by Sergeant Dyer reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Iowa.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY G ACKERET JR, RA23047736, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company H, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 16 May 1951 in the vicinity of Chiktong, Korea. On that date Private Ackeret was a member of the machine gun section of his company. When the enemy attacked the battalion perimeter that night, Private Ackeret noticed a large gap between his position and the units left flanks. He immediately left his well covered position and moved out so he could have a better field of fire. Disregarding his own safety Private Ackeret fully exposed himself to the intense enemy fire, firing his carbine and throwing hand grenades at oncoming enemy and inflicting many casualties upon them. His action served to contain the enemy until most of the troops could accomplish a withdrawal to a better firing position with few casualties. The gallantry displayed by Private Ackeret reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Indiana.
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE J BRAITHWAITE, RA24457891, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company I, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 17 and 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. At about 2300 hours of 17 May 1951, Company I had been attacked by a numerically superior enemy force who soon drove to the main line of resistance and assaulted the company defenses. Private Braithwaite, a 3.5" rocket launcher gunner, left his covered position when his assistant was seriously wounded and, armed only with a pistol and hand grenades, sought enemy infiltrators around his position, killing or wounding a number of them. Although under direct fire from two machine guns and wounded himself, he gave no heed to his own safety, but courageously continued to fire at the enemy until they were driven back and the position was secure. The gallantry and aggressiveness displayed by Private Braithwaite reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GLENN E DUFF, RA19359422, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. On that date Company K was in defensive positions and the enemy had overrun an outpost position forward of its lines. The company counterattacked, and all during the attack, Private Duff, heedless of the intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire, crept up on the enemy positions and threw fragmentation and white phosphorous grenades into them, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing the enemy to evacuate several of the positions. The gallantry and aggressive courage displayed by Private Duff reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from California.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH W FORD, RA1181369, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company I, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 18 May 1951, in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. On that date Private Ford was defending his position against fanatical attacks by the enemy. Although seriously wounded early in the action, Private Ford courageously continued to defend his position with only a pistol and hand grenades. Ignoring his serious and painful wounds, and with the use of only one arm, he continued to fire on the enemy until the attack ceased. His valorous action served to inflict many casualties on the enemy and materially aided in the repulse of the enemy attack. The gallantry and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Private Ford reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Virginia.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN N GELLIS, RA17281274, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. At about 0100 hours of that date, his company...
was counterattacking to seal off an enemy penetration of the defense line. Private Giellis, with complete disregard for his own safety, took a forward position during the assault and, completely ignoring the intense enemy small arms fire, personally led the attack. His inspiring example of courage was one of the main factors responsible for the rapid advance of his squad against the enemy and the success of the counterattack. The gallantry displayed by Private Giellis reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Iowa.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL A KEARNEY, RA37906475, Artillery, United States Army, a member of Headquarters, 2d Infantry Division Artillery, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 30 November 1950 in the vicinity of Kunu-ri, Korea. Private Kearney was riding in a convoy proceeding through an enemy fire block set up on both sides of the road used by our troops. At one point, when the convoy rounded a turn in the road, an enemy machine gun opened fire on the vehicle in which he was riding, halting the column and causing all on the truck to take cover in the ditches nearby. Seeing the seriousness of the situation, Private Kearney voluntarily left his position of cover and in full view of the enemy gunners manned the .50 caliber machine gun which was mounted on the kitchen truck. Though the enemy machine gunner fired continuously at him, Private Kearney displayed great courage by firing heavily at the enemy machine gun, eventually silencing it and permitting his comrades to remount the truck and start the convoy on its way. The gallantry displayed by Private Kearney reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Indiana.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS OTIS H MERRILL, RA1039066, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company I, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. On that date Company I was attacked by the enemy. At about 1500 hours Private Merrill observed some movement in a ditch about 100 yards in front of his position. Immediately and without thought for his own safety, he moved forward using frontal fire to protect himself and investigated the movement. His accurate fire killed three of the enemy who were hiding in the ditch, forced the surrender of eight enemy soldiers and one officer and resulted in the capture of a machine gun. The gallantry and resolute courage demonstrated by Private Merrill reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from New Hampshire.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEVE J METZ, RA1781691, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 27 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. At about 2200 hours of that date Company K was counterattacking to reduce an enemy penetration of the defense line. All during this attack, Private Metz, with complete disregard for his own personal safety and oblivious of the intense enemy small arms, grenade and mortar fire, fiercely assaulted enemy strong points with courage and determination, killing and wounding many of the enemy. His intrepid courage...
and fierce determination in the face of numerical odds largely contributed to the success of the attack. The gallantry displayed by Private Metz reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from North Dakota.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS M MILLER, ER3204577, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company L, 36th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 30 May 1951 at Kosari, Korea. On that date Company L was on a patrol and had been ambushed in a narrow mountain valley by a well concealed and camouflaged enemy force. Private Miller voluntarily manned a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on a truck. Without thought for his own safety and completely exposed to a hail of enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire, he engaged the enemy with heavy fire, covering the withdrawal of his comrades. After the wounded had been loaded on the truck under the cover of his fire, Private Miller backed the truck along the slippery wet mountain road for over two miles to evacuate the wounded. The gallantry displayed by Private Miller reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

PRIVATE RUSSELL V CLAYMILLER, RA6333099, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company B, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 18 May 1951, in the vicinity of Panme-gi-ri, Korea. On that date a strong enemy force attacked the positions of his company and the men of the company retired to establish a perimeter from which to hold off the enemy. While engaging in the withdrawal one man was wounded in both legs and could not reach the new positions. Private Claymiller, though wounded himself, exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to assist the man to safety and also gave aid to several other wounded comrades. The gallantry and loyal devotion to his comrades demonstrated by Private Claymiller reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Section II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER) --- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (V1 Bul 43, 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for gallantry in action is awarded to the following named officer:

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) FRANK E HELSEL, 0485156, Chaplains' Corps, Army of the United States, a member of Headquarters Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 28 May 1951 in the vicinity of Hyon-ni, Korea. On that date Chaplain Helsel was visiting front line units which were preparing to attack an enemy held hill. While Chaplain Helsel was at Heavy Mortar Company's...
position, the enemy began to place intense mortar fire in the immediate area wounding many of the crew members in the nearby mortar positions. Realizing that the wounded needed immediate attention, Chaplain Helsel with complete disregard for his personal safety, boldly and valiantly exposed himself to the deadly enemy mortar fire to attend several wounded men, carrying one seriously wounded man to a place of safety and administering first aid which saved his life. The gallantry and utter disregard for his own safety displayed by Chaplain Helsel reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Section III

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER’S MEDAL --- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul 8, 1926), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Soldier’s Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded the following named enlisted man:

PRIVATE JAMES A WHITENER, RA2506312, Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of Medical Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed heroism on 28 May 1951 in the vicinity of Yangjimal, Korea. A Netherlands soldier attempted to cross a swiftly flowing river to secure assistance for his wounded comrades, but the river was too swift and deep and the soldier soon found himself in danger of drowning. Private Whitener, upon hearing the soldier’s cry for help unhesitantly threw his weapon aside and dived into the water after the drowning soldier who was going down for the third time. Private Whitener expertly “took him in tow and brought him to shore. The prompt and selfless action of Private Whitener in going to the aid of a comrade at great risk of his own life reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

Section IV

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL --- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, WD Bul 3, 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Bronze Star Medal with Letter "V" Device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS HERMAN W POSTON, RAI4314247, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement from 16 to 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. During that period Company K was defending positions on high ground against attacks by hordes of fanatical enemy troops. All during the action, Sergeant Poston carried ammunition from the rear to the front line troops, often moving through enemy artillery and mortar fire to accomplish his missions. Working tirelessly and utterly heedless of the heavy enemy fire which swept the areas which he had to cross time and again, he insured that his comrades on the
line had sufficient ammunition at all times; despite the fact that the ammunition consumption was far above normal during this critical action. His fearless and selfless devotion to duty this contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of the mission of his unit. The heroism demonstrated by Sergeant Poston reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS FLOYD D. RASMUSSEN, RA35205986, Armor, United States Army, a member of Company A, 72d Tank Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 25 April 1951 in the vicinity of Keypong, Korea. On that date his platoon was on patrol behind the enemy lines with the mission of killing as many enemy as possible. Sergeant Rasmussen, upon seeing another tank in a tank patrol throw a track, voluntarily dismounted from his tank and assisted in replacing the track despite intense enemy fire, thus aiding the tank to continue on the patrol and later return to the safety of friendly lines. Sergeant Rasmussen’s heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Washington.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS HERMANN R. SYMCZAK, RA41177908, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company D, 36th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 17 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kummul-gol, Korea. On that date, Sergeant Symczak was serving as a forward observer for a section of 81mm mortars, when he and two of his comrades came under heavy enemy attack. Remaining in his position, Sergeant Symczak sent his two assistants to deliver a message to another unit some distance away, while he continued to observe enemy operations and to direct mortar fire upon them, even though his position was almost surrounded. On the return of his two comrades, Sergeant Symczak personally evacuated a wounded soldier, having to cross several ridges under enemy fire in so doing. Later Sergeant Symczak returned to his section to resume his duties as observer. The heroism and loyal devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant Symczak reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

SERGEANT ARCHIE HOLLOWAY, RA55552581, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. On that date elements of Company K were ordered to attack an enemy penetration of the battalion defense line. Sergeant Holloway, a squad leader, daringly charged the hostile positions with hand grenades, causing many casualties among the enemy. His utter indifference to the intense enemy small arms and grenade fire and his inspiring example of leadership contributed greatly to the success of the attack. The heroism demonstrated by Sergeant Holloway reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Texas.
SERGEANT ELOY MADRID, RA3038433, Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of Medical Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kunmul-gol, Korea. On that date, a strong enemy force attacked and overran the 75mm recoilless rifle platoon of Company D, to which organization Sergeant Madrid was attached, wounding several members of the platoon. Sergeant Madrid, disregarding his own safety, deliberately exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire in order to give aid to the wounded. With the enemy within a few feet of him Sergeant Madrid nevertheless continued giving aid to a seriously wounded comrade. When given orders to withdraw, Sergeant Madrid rejected the orders and remained with the wounded. It was ultimately learned that Sergeant Madrid remained for 36 hours near the platoon position, aiding the wounded, until he was himself wounded and evacuated. His calm, determined attitude in the face of enemy fire and his refusal to leave wounded comrades were responsible for the saving of many lives. The heroism demonstrated by Sergeant Madrid reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Colorado.

CORPORAL BOBBY JACKSON, RA15223587, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company D, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 27 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kunmul-gol, Korea. Corporal Jackson was a squad leader of a machine gun squad in defensive action. When a heavy enemy force succeeded in overrunning the company position, Corporal Jackson led his squad to the crest of a high hill here they set up their machine gun and directed withering fire on the enemy until all friendly troops had withdrawn. Later it became apparent that his position was being flanked on both sides. Corporal Jackson then ordered his men to withdraw while he himself remained behind to destroy all equipment which would be of use to the enemy. In the subsequent course of this action, Corporal Jackson was wounded seriously and was evacuated. The heroism and devotion to duty demonstrated by Corporal Jackson reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

CORPORAL MARION WATSON, RA15274772, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, a member of Company A, 2d Engineer Combat Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 13 and 14 September 1950 in the vicinity of Agok, Korea. Corporal Watson volunteered for a reconnaissance patrol to determine enemy strength and positions. On 13 September 1950 the patrol penetrated three miles behind enemy lines where it established a perimeter defense. In the morning, Corporal Watson joined one of the groups fanning out to probe the enemy held area. Upon approaching high ground all parties contacted strong enemy forces and were forced to withdraw to the perimeter where a fierce firefight ensued. During this engagement Corporal Watson distinguished himself by defending his position with skill and great courage. The enemy suffered many...
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Section I

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CAPTAIN JOHN H KING, 01299755, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Headquarters, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy during the period from 13 to 17 February 1951 in the vicinity of Chipyong-ni, Korea. During that period he was the intelligence officer of an infantry regiment which was completely surrounded by large enemy forces near Chipyong-ni. Day and night, under extremely heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, he remained constantly on duty. Time after time he reconnoitered front line positions in order to keep himself well informed on the situation and one he personally led a small group into a breach in the line to stem the attack of an overwhelmingly large force of enemy. Throughout this period his courage remained indomitable and his confident, determined attitude was a constant source of pride and inspiration to all his men. The actions of Captain King during this period reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Arizona.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND R BROTHERS, 02262317, (then Master Sergeant), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 31 August 1950 in the vicinity of Changnyong, Korea. On the night of that date he was a platoon sergeant of Heavy Mortar Company with the mission of providing mortar fire support to an infantry battalion which was completely surrounded by numerically superior enemy forces. During the night, he controlled and directed the fire of his platoon with devastating effect upon the attacking enemy. Although aware that friendly forward elements had been overrun by hostile forces, and that enemy troops were in the process of surrounding his positions, Lieutenant Brothers remained in position, holding his men at their guns, and continuing to deliver fire upon the enemy. When his area was completely surrounded, he led his men in a withdrawal to safety, during which he personally saw to the evacuation of all the wounded. The gallantry and inspiring leadership displayed by Lieutenant Brothers reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Washington.
FIRST LIEUTENANT LINUS M JUNEAU, 01302979, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company F, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 29 May 1951 near Inje, Korea. On that date he was platoon leader of an infantry platoon which had the mission of attacking a large enemy force which was well entrenched on a hill overlooking the main supply route. As the platoon advanced toward its objective it was subjected to intense enemy small arms and hand grenade fire, which pinned it down and seriously threatened the success of the unit's mission. In spite of the intense enemy fire, Lieutenant Juneau rushed to the foremost element of his unit, encouraging his men and rallying them to continue the attack. His courageous action and outstanding leadership contributed materially to the successful capture of this vital sector of high ground, and was an inspiration to all his men. The gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Juneau reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.Entered the military service from Louisiana.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM F LIGON JR, 02207068, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 30 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kosa-ri, Korea. On that date Company L was on patrol, proceeding along a muddy road to investigate some burning vehicles. Suddenly the company was subjected to heavy enemy fire from well concealed positions along a ridge overlooking the road. Lieutenant Ligon, with complete disregard for his own safety, remained exposed to the withering enemy fire and personally supervised the withdrawal of troops, directing the placing of machine guns. He resolutely gathered the scattered men and organized them into an effective combat unit, placing them in position to deliver fire on the enemy. He then personally manned a machine gun to cover the evacuation of the wounded. The gallantry and inspiring leadership displayed by Lieutenant Ligon reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Arkansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES R MORRIS, 01017197, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company I, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 17 and 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. On those dates his company was being attacked by numerically superior enemy forces. Throughout this critical action, Lieutenant Morris, a platoon leader, with dauntless courage and complete indifference toward the hail of enemy small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire falling on his platoon, constantly moved about the position, directing the defense and controlling the men. His fearless and inspiring leadership so inspired his men that they steadfastly defended their ground. The gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Morris reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

SERGEANT ROY C HERBERT, 411167918, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d
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Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 19 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kunmol-gol, Korea. On that date the mission of his company was to take up positions north of Kunmol-gol. When the enemy, under cover of darkness, succeeded in infiltrating through the friendly lines and surrounding the battalion command post. Sergeant Herbert unhesitatingly exposed himself to the intense enemy fire and went forth to rescue his wounded battalion commander. After evacuating his commander to safety, he again went forward with a jeep armed with a caliber .50 machine gun. His accurate and intense fire neutralized three enemy machine gun emplacements, killing and wounding many of the enemy. At the same time Sergeant Herbert continued to evacuate wounded comrades under the intense enemy fire. His determined and fearless action thus resulted in the saving of the lives of many of his comrades. The gallantry displayed by Sergeant Herbert reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

SERGEANT PAUL E JOHNSTON, RA1537856, (then Corporal), Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of Medical Company, 23rd Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 10 April 1951 in the vicinity of Hwachon, Korea. On that date he was a medical aidman attached to the lead platoon in an infantry unit, while that unit was leading an attack just north of the 38th parallel. In the opening phase of the battle a rifleman in the platoon was stuck in the stomach by enemy machine gun fire. The company executive officer made his way to the injured man, but while endeavoring to move him to safety was in turn struck down by enemy fire. Sergeant Johnston rushed to the spot where the fallen men lay and in spite of the heavy volume of enemy fire directed at him, managed to carry one of the wounded men out of the immediate danger zone. He then made a return trip to assist two other men in evacuating the other wounded men. The gallantry displayed by Sergeant Johnston reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Ohio.

SERGEANT SALVATORE POLITO, RA12116963, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company I, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. On that date Company I was undergoing heavy attacks by a numerically superior enemy force that had already made a penetration of the defensive line. Sergeant Polito, a platoon sergeant, was ordered to lead his platoon in a counterattack. Resolutely taking charge and rushing forward at the head of his platoon, Sergeant Polito succeeded in sealing off the enemy penetration with a minimum amount of casualties among his own men. The inspiring courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Polito reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from New York.
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SERGEANT JACK E WALLACE, RA16263839, Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of Medical Company, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 2 September 1950 in the vicinity of Changnyong, Korea. On that date he was a medical aid man attached to Service Company, 23d Infantry. During a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, he was wounded. In spite of his wounds, Sergeant Wallace left his covered position and went to the aid of the wounded, evacuating them to safety. With complete disregard for his personal safety and under enemy fire, he continued to evacuate the wounded until all were in safe positions. His heroic actions in the face of enemy fire were instrumental in saving the lives of many men. The gallantry displayed by Sergeant Wallace on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Michigan.

CORPORAL ROBERT BORING, ER35088422, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company A, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 29 May 1951 in the vicinity of Inje, Korea. On that date he was a member of an infantry unit which had the mission of attacking a vital sector of enemy-held high ground overlooking the main supply route. As the unit advanced toward its objective it was subjected to intense enemy automatic weapons fire. Immediately Corporal Boring advanced to the foremost point of the friendly positions and from this position fired his automatic weapon upon the enemy until he had successfully silenced the enemy's position, killing or wounding many of the hostile force. His courageous action contributed materially to the success of the attack. The gallantry displayed by Corporal Boring reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BOYCE P HAMLIN, RA14240076, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company H, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kunmul-gol, Korea. On that date Private Hamlin volunteered for a patrol to recover equipment that was lost the previous night. When the patrol reached its destination it was subjected to intense enemy fire. Private Hamlin, disregarding his personal safety, exposed himself to the enemy fire and began loading equipment on the vehicles so it could be taken to the rear. Twice, while loading equipment, Private Hamlin observed wounded comrades lying exposed to enemy fire and assisted them to safety and evacuation. His gallant actions aided materially in saving much valuable equipment and undoubtedly saved the lives of the two wounded soldiers. The gallantry displayed by Private Hamlin reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLEVE D PASCHALL, US53016246, Army Medical Service, Army of the United States, a member of Medical Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kunmul-gol, Korea. On that date
Private Paschall was an aidman attached to the 81mm mortar platoon of Company H. As the platoon advanced slowly up the rugged slope of a hill, it came under intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from a well entrenched enemy force. As the assault continued Private Paschall noticed a comrade severely wounded. Disregarding his personal safety, he left his position of cover and exposed himself to the enemy fire as he rushed to the aid of the man. After administering first aid, he carried the man to a safe position. He again exposed himself to the enemy fire to aid another wounded man to safety. This action by Private enabled the wounded man to be evacuated and contributed materially to saving their lives. The gallantry displayed by Private Paschall reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

Section II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER) --- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43, 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for gallantry in action is awarded to the following named officer:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN V SYMANSKI, O226234J, Infantry, Army of the United States, Commanding Officer 1 Company C, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 19 May 1951 in the vicinity of Hangye, Korea. On that date his unit was holding a vital sector of high ground in a battalion perimeter under savage attack by a numerically superior enemy force. When the enemy succeeded in overrunning a sector of the perimeter, Lieutenant Szymanski's elements led a counterattack. In the battle which ensued, he stationed himself with the foremost elements of his unit and was seriously wounded. In spite of his wound he remained in this position shouting words of encouragement to his men and leading them until the lost ground had been regained. The gallantry and inspiring leadership displayed by Lieutenant Szymanski reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Section III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL --- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II, WD Bul 3, 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Bronze Star Medal with Letter "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

MASTER SERGEANT LUTHER M TOWNSEND, RA18167489, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company D, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 16 May 1951 in the vicinity
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of Kunnol-gol, Korea. On that date the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry was under severe enemy attack. During the attack Sergeant Townsend deliberately exposed himself to enemy fire while moving from gun to gun in his 81mm mortar section, encouraging his men and directing fire. Even after friendly units had withdrawn, Sergeant Townsend kept his section in position until they had exhausted their supply of ammunition before ordering his section to withdraw. Through the tireless efforts and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Townsend, heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and friendly units were covered in their withdrawal. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Townsend reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Arkansas.

SENIOR FIRST CLASS EDWARD J GAIDA, ER42122100, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company D, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 17 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kunnol-gol, Korea. On that date Sergeant Gaida's 75mm recoilless rifle positions came under heavy attack from the enemy. He was with his 1st section at the time of attack and wire communications with his 2d section were destroyed during the initial phase of the attack. Moving on foot, Sergeant Gaida exposed himself to intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire in order to contact his 2d section. Upon reaching those positions, he found that enemy troops had overrun the area and he was met by intense fire. When the enemy attempted to flank his 1st section, Sergeant Gaida returned and placed his men and weapons in positions to repel the expected attack. "His fearless efforts and intense devotion to duty caused heavy casualties to be inflicted upon the enemy and repelled the fanatic assaults on his position. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Gaida reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from New York.

SENIOR FIRST CLASS ARTHUR P BURRELL, RA19345588, Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of Medical Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kunnol-gol, Korea. On that date Sergeant Burrell was attached to a heavy weapons company engaged in a stubborn defense against hostile attacks. Though ordered to withdraw from his position in the course of this action, he courageously remained to give medical aid to a seriously wounded comrade. Sergeant Burrell stayed by the wounded man's side until the man died, attempting to the last to give aid to him. In so doing, Sergeant Burrell exposed himself to enemy fire and after the man died had to pass through a friendly artillery barrage in order to join his unit. In refusing to leave the wounded man as long as he was alive, Sergeant Burrell exhibited selfless devotion to duty and utter disregard for his personal safety. The heroism and devotion to his fallen comrade displayed by Sergeant Burrell reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Arizona.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT R COY JR, RA18319517, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company D, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry
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Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 17 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kumul-gol, Korea. On that date Private Coy and another man were dispatched from their 81mm mortar observation post to contact and deliver a message to another unit some distance away. On arriving at the positions of that unit, they found the area overrun by enemy forces. When they returned to their observation post they found it surrounded by enemy troops. While thus moving through the enemy infested area, Private Coy observed a wounded comrade lying helpless on the ground. Private Coy immediately rushed to his side, administered first aid and carried him to a position in hiding. He then remained with the wounded soldier until a rescue party arrived later and the man was evacuated. The heroism displayed by Private Coy reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Texas.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LARRY L GILLESPIE, ER16307109, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company A, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 17 May 1951 in the vicinity of Parnegi-ri, Korea. On that date, Company A was withdrawing from a high hill and Private Gillespie with other members of his squad was participating in a delaying action against a numerically overwhelming enemy force. Voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire while spotting the most advantageous enemy targets and relaying his observations to his squad leader, for transmission to the artillery forward observer. When the squad was ordered to withdraw from the hill, Private Gillespie again voluntarily remained behind long enough to destroy ammunition and equipment which his company could not carry along. The heroism displayed by Private Gillespie reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Michigan.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM A JENKINS, RAll199317Q, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 20 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kiwajimal, Korea. On that date his unit was withdrawing through other friendly units after having successfully withstood an attack by numerically superior enemy forces. The pioneer and ammunition platoon, in which Private Jenkins was a driver, had removed a large amount of ammunition from a forward ammunition dump. A message from the last company to withdraw revealed that there was still large quantities of ammunition remaining in the dump. Private Jenkins, well aware of the danger involved, volunteered to drive his truck and remove the ammunition to a rear ammunition dump. With complete disregard for his own safety, and under intense enemy fire, Private Jenkins, with a comrade, loaded the truck and drove to the rear ammunition dump. The heroism displayed by Private Jenkins reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SHIGEO J NAKASHIMA, RA29030506, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company A, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry
Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Panmegi-ri, Korea. On that date, his company was forced to withdraw under heavy enemy pressure. Private Nakashima voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety, remained behind to fight a delaying action. Under intense enemy fire he fought brilliantly inflicting many casualties on the enemy until the company had reached and set up their new defensive positions when he rejoined his unit. The heroism displayed by Private Nakashima reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from the Territory of Hawaii.

PRIVATE WESLEY N HAWKINS, RN114013593, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement from 17 to 19 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. During this period Company L was under attack by numerically superior enemy forces who had outflanked the company and threatened to overrun the company's defensive positions. Private Hawkins, with complete indifference to the intense enemy small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire, remained exposed in order to direct his comrades in setting up defensive positions to meet each new threat by the enemy forces. The heroism displayed by Private Hawkins reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Georgia.

Section IV

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER) ——

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II, WD Bul 3, 19/4), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Bronze Star Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) with Letter "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted man:

CAPTAIN STANLEY W SELANDER, 055344, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 12 April 1951 in the vicinity of Hunchon, Korea. On that date the entire regiment was under attack by numerically superior enemy forces and Captain Selander, on several occasions, led groups of men to weak points in the line. By remaining exposed constantly to the heavy enemy fire, he was able to keep abreast of the situation and to recommend the proper tactical actions to be taken. His courageous attitude against almost insurmountable odds was an inspiration to all members of the command, and his constant presence at the most critical points of enemy attack was greatly instrumental in enabling the men to perform their missions. The heroism displayed by Captain Selander reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from California.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD W TILLERY, ER15419371, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d
Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 19 May 1951 in the vicinity of Ch'aml-ni, Korea. On that date Private Tillery was a driver for a wire crew while it was locating a break in the telephone line between the regimental switchboard and the 2d Battalion. He personally undertook the dangerous job of placing wounded comrades in a jeep under heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. He then proceeded to drive through hostile fire, carrying the wounded to the regimental command post and safety. Private Tillery’s heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Indiana.

Section V

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (THIRD BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER) —

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec 2, WD Bul 3, 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Bronze Star Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) with Letter "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

MASTER SERGEANT CHARLES J. McDONALD, RAIL048387, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 14 February 1951 in the vicinity of Chipyong-ni, Korea. On that date the 23d Infantry was completely surrounded by a numerically superior enemy force, and the regimental command post was under extremely heavy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. Although his assigned duties required that he remain in a covered position, Sergeant McDonald displayed a complete disregard for his personal safety by exposing himself to the fire-swept area in order to move the wounded to positions of safety. On several occasions he led reinforcements directly to the front line, and in the face of withering enemy fire, placed them in the most advantageous positions. The heroism displayed by Sergeant McDonald reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Washington.

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