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Section I

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 for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on the date indicated is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

CORPORAL HAROLD J. DAVIS, ERL8285379, Infantry, Army of the United States, Company I, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, on 18 March 1951. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

Section II

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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period indicated is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

SERGEANT GUADALUPE JURADO, RAL7264149, Artillery, United States Army, Headquarters Battery, 82d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self Propelled), 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 16 August 1950 to 8 November 1950. Entered the military service from Kansas.

CORPORAL HENRY N. ACEE, RAL3188446, Infantry, United States Army, Headquarters Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 19 August 1950 to 10 July 1951. Entered the military service from Virginia.

CORPORAL RICHARD E. HARGER, RAG6000010, Infantry, United States Army, Company B, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 26 November 1950 to 8 December 1950. Entered the military service from Washington.

CORPORAL JOSE I. ROMERO, RAL8255340, Infantry, United States Army, Headquarters Company, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 19 August 1950 to 10 July 1951. Entered the military service from New Mexico.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD G. COLE, RHL6517419, Artillery, Army of the United States, Headquarters Battery, 82d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self Propelled), 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 17 May 1951 to 30 May 1951. Entered the military service from Michigan.
GO No 317, Hq 2d Inf Div, APO 248, 20 July 1951 (cont)

Section III

AWARD OF THE COMMEMORATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT—By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of AR 600-45, the Commemoration Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service during the period indicated is awarded to the following named enlisted men:


Section IV

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS—So much of Section I (Award of the Bronze Star Medal), General Orders 301, Hq 2d Inf Div, 16 July 1951, as pertains to Warrant Officer Junior Grade Audrey R. Walters, W2141659, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, as reads "Award of the Bronze Star Medal," is amended to read "Award of the Bronze Star Medal (First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)."

Section V

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS—So much of Section II (Award of the Bronze Star Medal), General Orders 238, Hq 2d Inf Div, 29 June 1951, as pertains to Sergeant First Class William D. Goodwin, ER19175359, Company B, 23d Infantry Regiment, as reads "Award of the Bronze Star Medal (First Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)," is amended to read "Award of the Bronze Star Medal."

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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 (40 Bul 43, 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded posthumously to the following named officer:

SECOND LIEUTENANT EDMUND J LILLY III, 062657, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company B, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action from 31 August 1950 to 3 September 1950 in the vicinity of Yongson, Korea. On that date, as a rifle platoon leader, Lieutenant Lilly and his platoon were defending the high ground along the Naktong River when an overwhelming horde of fanatical enemy launched their greatest assault against the positions held by our forces. The initial enemy attack came at 2300 on 31 August 1950. During the intense automatic weapons fire and grenade explosions Lieutenant Lilly walked among his men encouraging them to greater efforts in their valiant defense against insurmountable odds. Realizing his position was untenable he gathered the remaining men about him and moved them to a piece of commanding ground overlooking the river. This small heroic group was soon completely surrounded by the enemy. Ammunition and water were exhausted and supplies had to be air dropped. The enemy launched vicious attacks against his platoon night and day for three days but could not force this valiant group so ably led by Lieutenant Lilly from their position. Days later when the position was finally retaken by friendly forces, the enemy dead were littered and piled two and three deep in front of the platoon's position. Lieutenant Lilly and all of his men had been killed by the relentless enemy pressure but through his refusal to give ground before tremendous odds he permitted the 9th Infantry Regiment the precious hours necessary to regroup and form a new defense line. Lieutenant Lilly's gallantry and leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military Service from North Carolina.

Section II

REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS—General Orders Number 246, Hq 2d Inf Div, APO 248, 1951, pertaining to the posthumous award of the Silver Star to Second Lieutenant Edmund J Lilly III, 062657, 9th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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Section I  

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:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EARL J. BURGESS, 3813193108, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement during the period 16 through 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pannagi-ri, Korea. During that period his unit was fighting off an enemy offensive. Constantly under heavy fire for 65 consecutive hours, Private Burgess, a radio operator, courageously remained at his post maintaining radio communications between battalion headquarters and the line companies. In several instances he voluntarily exposed himself to intense enemy fire to maintain these communications. Through his efforts the Battalion Commander was able to place his troops in strategic positions and keep casualties at a minimum. The heroism in action and loyal devotion to duty demonstrated by Private Burgess reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Texas.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES E. HAGAN, JR, RA129382273, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement from 16 through 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kunmul-gol, Korea. During that period the entire battalion was under heavy attack. Private Hagan, a radio operator, maintained perfect radio communications with the line companies. He made many emergency repairs while under intense enemy small arms fire. Through his efforts the battalion commander was able to maneuver his units to best advantage and inflict heavy casualties upon the enemy. Private Hagan was one of the last to leave his post after being ordered to do so by the battalion commander. The heroism in action and loyal devotion to duty demonstrated by Private Hagan reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Oregon.

Section II  

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 43, 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:
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JORDON N BREDLOVE, RA34714349, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 17 and 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. When an automatic rifleman, ran out of ammunition during a night attack by a fanatical enemy force, Private Breedlove, with complete disregard for his own safety, made his way through a hail of enemy small arms and machine gun fire to secure more ammunition for the automatic rifle. He then retraced his steps through the heavy enemy fire with a load of ammunition. His actions materially aided his company in beating off the furious enemy attacks. The heroism in action displayed by Private Breedlove reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

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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:

CORPORAL HOWARD R. HUGHES, RA6314240, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company B, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 12 February 1951 in the vicinity of Hoengsong, Korea. On that date his battalion was fighting its way out of a hostile ambush. Corporal Hughes voluntarily left his place in a column and dashed up a hill from which a pillbox was inflicting heavy fire upon friendly troops. Together with one comrade, he destroyed the enemy position and then proceeded to disperse a group of the enemy, killing many of them with weapons he found along the way. The heroism in action demonstrated by Corporal Hughes reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Indiana.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEROY J. ADAMS, RA3335471, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company C, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 2 June 1951 in the vicinity of Inje, Korea. On that day his company had attacked Hill 461. After the hill had been secured, Private Adams, a wireman, began laying a telephone line from the company headquarters to one of the platoons. Suddenly the enemy launched a fanatical counterattack. Realizing the need for the communication line he was installing, Private Adams exposed himself to the intense enemy fire to complete his mission. Only after the line was installed did he take cover from the hostile fire. Private Adams' selfless devotion to duty and courage under intense hostile fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD J. HOPP, RA5870099, Army Medical Service, Clearing Company, 2d Medical Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 7 January 1951 in the vicinity of Wonju, Korea. During this period the town of Wonju was under attack by a large group of enemy soldiers who had infiltrated our lines. The attack occurred during the hours of darkness and enemy positions and strength were not known. The enemy advanced upon a convoy of 2d Medical Battalion trucks returning from the mission of transporting 9th Infantry Regiment personnel to a front line position, fired upon them and dispersed the men. They passed through the...
convoy into the town of Wonju, engaged in a firefight, and several hours later fought a withdrawing action, again through the convoy. During the interval of several hours, enemy troops were always in the immediate vicinity of the convoy. Private Hupp, a driver in the convoy, with complete disregard for his personal safety, remained with the vehicles after they had been abandoned and assisted in loading the wounded into his vehicle and then drove them to safety. Though he was subjected to enemy fire throughout the operation, his courage under fire was an inspiration to all, and he undoubtedly was instrumental in saving many lives and preventing his vehicle from falling into enemy hands. His action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Ohio.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (3D Bul 43, 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded posthumously to the following named officer:

SECOND LIEUTENANT MURRAY L PAYNE, 01688548, Armor, Army of the United States, a member of the 2d Reconnaissance Company, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 14 February 1951 in the vicinity of Chum-ni, Korea. On that date the 2d Reconnaissance Company with Company L, 9th Infantry Regiment had the mission of establishing blocking positions at a road junction at Chum-ni. The perimeter was attacked by approximately 1000 enemy armed with small arms, automatic weapons, and mortars. Lieutenant Payne continuously exposed himself to intense hostile fire to direct the fire of his platoon. When the leader of the rifle unit on his left was wounded, Lieutenant Payne, with complete disregard for his personal safety, assumed an exposed position in order to control the adjacent rifle unit as well as his own platoon. As a result both units laid down very effective firepower which accounted for numerous enemy casualties. During the withdrawal which followed, Lieutenant Payne volunteered to maintain a rear guard action while the remainder of the unit moved out. His courageous action at this time successfully held off the enemy until most of the company escaped. Though critically wounded he refused to be evacuated until his men were safe. As a result Lieutenant Payne was captured and killed by the enemy. The gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Payne reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Ohio.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (3D Bul 43, 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JOHN A WERTZ, RA35378678, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 6 September 1950 in the vicinity of Sibi-ri, Korea. On that date Sergeant Wertz accompanied a rifle company in an attack upon a steep hill in order to dislodge a numerically superior concentration of enemy troops from a stronghold at the top of the hill. Advancing over open and very steep ground and in the face of intense heavy small arms, grenade and mortar fire, the attacking unit suffered heavy casualties. Seeing that the aid men present were unable to remove the many wounded, Sergeant Wertz, with total disregard for his own safety, moved up from a reserve position
through a hail of fire to assist in the removal of the wounded. In the course of a three hour action, Sergeant Wertz made several trips up and down the hill. His heroic act was responsible for the recovery of many of his comrades and their evacuation for immediate medical aid. The gallantry in action displayed by Sergeant Wertz reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Ohio.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RICHARD G WHITAKER, EN6178490, Armor, United States Army, a member of the 2d Reconnaissance Company, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action on 14 February 1951 in the vicinity of Chaum-ni, Korea. He was a Scout Section Leader for the 2d Reconnaissance Company. With an attached rifle company, the 2d Reconnaissance Company established a perimeter around the town. The perimeter was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force. Sergeant Whitaker, having placed his men in position, made several trips through intense mortar, small arms and machine gun fire to carry ammunition to his men. Seeing one of his machine guns overrun, Sergeant Whitaker, armed with a carbine and hand grenades, singlehandedly attacked the enemy. His accurate fire forced the enemy to withdraw. He then recovered the machine gun and manned it himself, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. When orders were received to withdraw, Sergeant Whitaker exposed himself repeatedly, moving from position to position notifying his men to move quickly. He then assisted in loading the wounded onto vehicles. The gallantry displayed by Sergeant Whitaker reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

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Section I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9619, 4 February 1944 (sec 11, WD Bull 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:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FREDRICK W GRAVES, US583019147, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company B, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 2 June 1951 in the vicinity of Inje, Korea. On that date friendly elements had attacked a fanatical enemy force on Hill 451, a key terrain feature. The enemy launched a savage counterattack which drove the friendly troops from the hill. Company B was then ordered to recapture the objective. Private Graves, an automatic rifleman, delivered deadly accurate fire as he advanced with the assault elements. With complete disregard for the intense hostile fire, he completely exposed himself to deliver a maximum of fire on the enemy forces. His fire pinned down the enemy and enabled his comrades to advance with a minimum of casualties and to inflict many casualties upon the enemy. Then, continuing to expose himself to the enemy fire, Private Graves remained in a standing position for over two hours while directing a devastating volume of fire on the enemy below the hill. Private Graves' actions resulted not only in the taking of the objective but in allowing the company time to set up an effective defense perimeter to repulse further enemy attacks. The devotion to duty, determination, and heroic actions displayed by Private Graves reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES L GOODWIN, RA27545966, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company E, 36th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 30 April 1951 in the vicinity of Umidong, Korea. On that date his company was in defensive positions on high ground warding off heavy enemy assaults. During the height of battle, Private Goodwin observed that an officer of the adjacent company had been wounded. Private Goodwin crossed an opening in full view of the enemy in order to reach the wounded officer. He again exposed himself as he dragged the officer to a covered position, from where he and a comrade carried the wounded man to an aid station. The heroism in action displayed by Private Goodwin reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the service from Missouri.
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES R. HAYCRAFT, RALS4Z2393, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company C, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 2 June 1951 in the vicinity of Inje, Korea. On that day his company had attacked Hill 451. After the hill had been secured, Private Haycraft, a wireman, began laying a telephone line from the company headquarters to one of the Platoons. Suddenly the enemy launched a fanatical counterattack. Realizing the need for the communication line he was installing, Private Haycraft exposed himself to the intense enemy fire to complete his mission. Only after the line was installed did he take cover from the hostile fire. Private Haycraft's selfless devotion to duty and courage under intense hostile fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Kentucky.

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CORPORAL HERBERT E. FOWLER, RA14342950, (then Private First Class), Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of Medical Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 2 June 1951 in the vicinity of Inje, Korea. On that date he was attached as a medical aid man to a rifle company attacking Hill 451. The fanatical enemy savagely resisted the attack and inflicted moderate casualties on the attacking force. During this action Corporal Fowler repeatedly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire to treat and evacuate wounded men. Corporal Fowler personally carried 29 wounded men to safety below the ridge and administered first aid. He then organized litter parties and directed the evacuation of the wounded to the Aid Station. Corporal Fowler's selfless devotion to duty and to his comrades reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Georgia.

CORPORAL JOHN A. GIBSON, ER13826122, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Tank Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 27 May 1951 in the vicinity of Hyeon-ai, Korea. On that date Tank Company was furnishing direct fire support for a battalion of infantry in an attack. In the course of the action one of the tanks was hit by a mortar shell and set on fire. Corporal Gibson, a crew member of another tank immediately leaped to the ground with a fire extinguisher, rushed to the burning vehicle, and put out the fire although the entire area was under heavy mortar and small arms fire. The heroism demonstrated by Corporal Gibson reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Maryland.

CORPORAL FRED O. GILLILAND, ER17642822, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Tank Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 25 May 1951 in the vicinity of Midal-tong, Korea. On that date Tank Company was furnishing direct fire support for a battalion of infantry in an attack. As the tanks advanced, they suddenly came under intense mortar, anti-tank and automatic weapons fire. One mortar shell struck one of the tank guns, disabling it and wounding several of the crew members, including the driver. Corporal Gilliland, a crew member of the tank behind, unhesitatingly leaped from his tank in the face of the heavy fire, mounted the disabled tank, and drove it to the rear. Later
be returned to his own tank and resumed his place in the fighting. The
heroism demonstrated by Corporal Gilliland reflects great credit upon himself
and the military service. Entered the military service from Missouri.

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Section I

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 opera-
tions against an enemy of the United States is awarded to the following
named enlisted men:

SERGEANT WILLIAM E MARTINSON, E6570025, (then Corporal) Infantry, Army
of the United States, a member of Tank Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d
Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 28 May 1951
in the vicinity of Hyon-ri, Korea. On that date Tank Company was furnishing
direct fire support for a battalion of infantry in an attack. While advancing
upon the enemy, one of the tanks threw a track. Sergeant Martinson, a mechanic
in the maintenance section, immediately volunteered to go out and repair the
track. Moving heedlessly under the heavy fire of the enemy, Sergeant Martinson
expertly repaired the track, thus enabling the tank to go into action again.
The heroism in action demonstrated by Sergeant Martinson reflects great credit
upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from
Colorado.

CORPORAL EDWARD E PETERSON, RAL6866335, Infantry, United States Army,
a member of Company I, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division dis-
tinguished himself by heroic achievement on 30 November 1950 in the vicinity
of Kunu-ri, Korea. On that date his company was running a roadblock in an
attempt to escape encirclement by the enemy. In the course of the action,
Corporal Peterson, completely ignoring the intense enemy fire directed at him,
recovered and repaired two vehicles which he and a comrade drove through the
roadblock. He continued through the roadblock, once halting to pick up a
wounded soldier and several times halting to encourage other drivers who had
taken cover against the intense enemy fire, persuading them to drive the
vehicles through the roadblock. He brought nine men and two wounded comrades
through the roadblock, and inspired several other drivers to make the hazardous
journey. The heroism in action displayed by Corporal Peterson reflects great
credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from
Wisconsin.

Section II

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, 1944), 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 enlisted man:
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS PAUL J WHEELER, ER035466936, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company B, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 2 June 1951 in the vicinity of Inje, Korea. On that date his company was moving forward in an attack. Sergeant Wheeler was following the company, leading a carrying party with ammunition and supplies. During the forward movement the enemy subjected both the attack elements and the rear elements to an intense barrage of artillery and mortar fire. Sergeant Wheeler led his party safely through a heavy barrage of mortar fire and was continuing forward when the enemy directed a heavy concentration of artillery fire on the area. Many of the carrying party were dazed and injured. Sergeant Wheeler, with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to the intense hostile fire to carry the injured to a protected place below the crest of the hill. After administering first aid, he again exposed himself to the enemy fire while he made his way to an aid station for help. The devotion to duty, leadership, and courageous actions displayed by Sergeant Wheeler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Maryland.

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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 FRANCIS J. HANLON, RA33594963, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Tank Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 28 May 1951 in the vicinity of Hyon-ni, Korea. On that date Tank Company was furnishing direct fire support for a battalion of infantry in an attack. In the course of the action the lead tank was struck by anti-tank fire which disabled the tank and caused it to block the road completely. Aware of the urgent necessity to keep the tanks moving, Sergeant Hanlon, a tank commander, dismounted from his tank and made a reconnaissance of the road on foot under intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. He then guided the tanks into the river bed and led them forward past the roadblock, and continued the advance upon the enemy. The heroism in action demonstrated by Sergeant Hanlon reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

SERGEANT ANTHONY B. HERBERT, RA13260331, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company E, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 15 March 1951 in the vicinity of Yulsil-li, Korea. On that date Sergeant Herbert's platoon had the mission of securing enemy-occupied high ground. As the platoon advanced toward the objective, a numerically superior enemy force temporarily halted them and compelled them to fall back in order to reorganize. Sergeant Herbert, noticing a wounded comrade who could not walk, unhesitantly exposed himself to the intense enemy fire and rushed to the aid of the wounded man. After administering first aid, Sergeant Herbert carried the wounded man to the safety of a sheltered area. The heroism in action demonstrated by Sergeant Herbert reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Pennsylvania.

Section II

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, 1944) 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 enlisted men:
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SERGEANT STANLEY G JONES, RA3347354, Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of Medical Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 2 June 1951 in the vicinity of Inje, Korea. On that date he was attached as aidman to a rifle company attacking enemy positions on Hill 568. Several casualties resulted from the intense hostile fire. While tending these casualties Sergeant Jones was wounded. Despite his painful wound, he refused to be evacuated but continued tending other wounded. Only when all the wounded had been cared for did he allow himself to be evacuated for medical treatment. Sergeant Jones' devotion to duty and to his comrades reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Oregon.

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Section I

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 to the following named enlisted man:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALONZO W BROWN, RA13351114, Artillery, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Battery, 505d Field Artillery Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 7 July 1951 near Unji, Korea. On that date he and some comrades were washing and bathing at a river which was deep in some places and had a swift current. One of his comrades was standing on a rock just below the surface when he lost his balance and fell into the river. He was carried out into deeper parts of the river by the fast-moving current. Seeing that the soldier was in a helpless condition, Private Brown, without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own safety, plunged into the rushing river and swam to the place where he first saw the drowning man. Bringing the drowning soldier to the surface, he carried him to the shore where he applied artificial respiration. As a result of his heroic and determined action, he saved the drowning man. The heroism displayed by Private Brown reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

Section II

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 5, 1944), 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES H TYREE, O1055404, Artillery, Battery B, 82d Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 28 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kwangtan-ni, Korea. In the morning hours of that date he was moving with a battery of antiaircraft firing vehicles when a call came requesting fire from his vehicles on a hill where the enemy had mortars and small arms emplacements from which he was firing upon the artillery units in the valley. He moved two firing vehicles forward to a more advantageous position. With complete disregard for his own safety, he moved into a position that was subject to direct small arms fire so that he could better direct the fire of his weapons. Through his actions the vehicles were able to destroy the enemy pill boxes and to kill 23 enemy, thereby reducing the threat to the field artillery positions in the valley below. The heroism demonstrated by Lieutenant Tyree reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Georgia.

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MASTER SERGEANT BROWN E M WARE, ER14256159, (then Sergeant First Class), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company C, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 20 May 1951 in the vicinity of Sonson, Korea. On that date he was First Sergeant of his company and was preparing to leave the battalion command post to contact his organization on administrative matters. Informed that the company was under attack and needed ammunition, he led a carrying party forward to the company position. Although fired upon by enemy snipers, he brought the party through without a casualty. Arriving at the company position, he exposed himself to the heavy hostile automatic weapons and small arms fire to distribute the much needed ammunition to the men. Only when each man was supplied did he revert to his normal duties. Sergeant Ware's devotion to duty, initiative and courage reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR—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 for gallantry in action is awarded to the following named warrant officer and enlisted men:

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE WARREN E BECKWITH, WE144403, (then Master Sergeant) United States Army, Headquarters, 2d Infantry Division Artillery, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 30 November 1950 near Kunu-ri, Korea. On that date Warrant Officer Beckwith, was riding with comrades in a truck that was part of the 2d Infantry Division column proceeding southward through an almost continuous enemy minefield about five miles in length. Destroyed vehicles, burning material, and wounded and dead necessitated frequent halts and firefight at close range. Most of the comrades of Warrant Officer Beckwith took cover at each halt as directed. Warrant Officer Beckwith refused to take cover, but insisted on firing observed carbine shots at the nearby enemy. At one point, as he and his associates were about to mount the rear of the truck in which they were riding, the enemy rushed very close to his vehicle. As the Sergeant Major was getting up over the tailgate of the truck, he was hit by a rifle or machine gun bullet which punctured both his legs above the knees. Warrant Officer Beckwith immediately fired a deadly hail of shots at the enemy while directing other men in getting the wounded men into the truck. The actions of Warrant Officer Beckwith in exposing himself deliberately to pour aimed fire at the enemy in close proximity, while at same time getting a wounded comrade into a truck and rendering first aid, reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from New York.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS PHILIP L HUBBEL, RAL827926, Infantry, United States Army, member of Headquarters Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action on 26 May 1951 in the vicinity of Inje, Korea. Sergeant Hubbel was leading his squad in front of a tank column to clear the road of mines when the enemy suddenly opened with heavy small arms and machine gun fire. While others were forced to take cover, Sergeant Hubbel exposed himself and courageously proceeded well beyond the foremost tank element, removing mines until he fell wounded. His fearless action enabled the tanks to resume the advance and overrun the enemy positions. The gallantry displayed by Sergeant Hubbel reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Louisiana.
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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT GALLARDO, O2862267, (then Sergeant First Class), Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company E, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 15 September 1950 in the vicinity of Yongsan, Korea. On that day the 9th Infantry Regiment was counterattacking a well-entrenched enemy force on the hills near the Naktong River. Company E was the assault company and had the job of securing Hill 201. As the leading platoons of Company E neared the hill they came under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Immediately Lieutenant Gallardo, a platoon leader, assumed command of the two lead platoons and encouraged them onward through deadly enemy fire in the assault on the hill. He was always in the lead elements of his unit while attacking three separate enemy positions with grenades and bayonets. Lieutenant Gallardo personally killed eight enemy with his accurate rifle fire. After the third attack he organized his platoons half way up the hill to wait for a supply of ammunition; but because of coming darkness he ordered his men to fix bayonets and to assault the summit of the hill. Upon nearing the top of the hill, the assaulting platoons were subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire. Lieutenant Gallardo, realizing the seriousness of the situation, ordered his men to withdraw to the base of the hill. With complete disregard for his personal safety he charged the enemy positions on the summit of the hill, and with accurate grenade and rifle fire covered the withdrawal of his platoons. Only after he was completely out of ammunition and grenades did he withdraw to his platoons position. Lieutenant Gallardo's complete devotion to duty, outstanding courage, and gallantry reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from New York.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec 24, 69 Stat 5, 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:

CORPORAL RAYMOND F SELIG, E57509730, Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Company E, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 14 March 1951 in the vicinity of Tulsi-11, Korea. On that date Corporal Selig’s platoon had the mission of securing a vital hill from a well-entrenched and numerically superior enemy force. Advancing toward the objective, the platoon was suddenly pinned down by intense enemy fire. Corporal Selig, a member of the 60mm mortar section, exposed himself to the intense fire in order to set up his mortar. Holding this exposed position he fired round after round of mortar fire into the enemy positions, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. As a result of his action, the platoon was able to resume the advance and secure the objective. The heroism in action displayed by Corporal Selig reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Michigan.

CORPORAL LOUIS G SWANSON, RA2206011, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company F, 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 his company had the mission of relieving another unit. Upon nearing the objective the company was ambushed by a numerically superior enemy force and compelled to withdraw to better positions. During the sudden ambush several comrades were seriously wounded. Corporal Swanson unhesitatingly dashed back through the intense enemy fire to the aid of his comrades. In two daring trips he succeeded in carrying the wounded to safety. The heroism in action displayed by Corporal Swanson reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from North Dakota.

CORPORAL WILSON J TAYLOR, RA34650910, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Tank Company 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 28 May 1951 in the vicinity of Hyon-ni, Korea. On that date Tank Company was furnishing direct fire support for an infantry battalion. In the course of the action, Corporal Taylor, a tank crew member, observed friendly elements on the far side of a river in need of a litter to evacuate one of their wounded. Though the immediate area was under heavy enemy fire at the time, he unhesitatingly dismounted, removed a litter from his tank,
and swam across the river. Still under intense fire, he then swam back to
rejoin his tank and continued with the attack. The heroism in action dem­
onstrated by Corporal Taylor reflects great credit upon himself and the
military service. Entered the military service from South Carolina.

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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:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BILL S MADDOX, US54001261, (then Private), Army Medical
Service, Army of the United States, a member of Medical Company, 38th Infantry
Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on
17 and 18 May 1951 in the vicinity of Pungchon-ni, Korea. Attached as an aids
man to a rifle company during fierce attacks by numerically superior enemy
forces, Private Maddox braved intense enemy small arms, automatic weapons,
mortar and machine gun fire to care for the wounded. Though not expected or
required to fight, he willingly joined in the battle, fighting fiercely with
his individual weapon and throwing grenades. The heroism in action and out-
standing devotion to duty demonstrated by Private Maddox reflect great credit
upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service form
Arkansas.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FREDERICK J RISSMILLER, RA32907099, Infantry, United
States Army, a member of Company F, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Divi-
sion, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 27 May 1951 in the vicin­
ity of Amsudong, Korea. On that date Private Rissmiller was a member of the
point squad of his company advancing upon an enemy-occupied hill in order to
clear the path of the advance. The enemy suddenly brought heavy fire upon the
squad from a well concealed pillbox position. Without regard for his own
safety, Private Rissmiller volunteered to leave his covered position and ad-

vance with a comrade in an attempt to silence the hostile gun. As they crawled
from their positions and were ready to open fire, the weapon of Private
Rissmiller’s comrade failed to fire. Immediately Private Rissmiller poured
a murderous hail of fire into the enemy position, killing two of the enemy and
wounding a third. His determination and courage in silencing the opposition
enabled the squad to resume the advance without incurring any casualties.
The heroism in action displayed by Private Rissmiller reflects great credit
upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from
New York.

PRIVATE GEORGE G SULLIVAN, RA1201743, Infantry, United States Army, a
member of Tank Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distin-
guished himself by heroic achievement on 28 May 1951 in the vicinity of Hyon-ni,
Korea. On that date Tank Company was furnishing direct fire support for the
3d Battalion of the 58th Infantry Regiment. Private Sullivan, a bow gunner
of one of the tanks, saw a wounded comrade lying helpless on the
ground. Disregarding the intense enemy mortar and small arms fire silencing the immediate
area, he unhesitatingly dismounted, ran to the wounded man and carried him to the tank. Covering his wounded comrade with his own body, he placed him inside the tank where he administered aid to him until medical aid arrived later. The heroism in action demonstrated by Private Sullivan reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Massachusetts.

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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 "M" 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 WILLIS R McIVER, RA16305319, (then Corporal), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company I, 58th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 7 January 1951, in the vicinity of Won'ga, Korea. On that date Sergeant McIver, serving as a company runner while his company was under attack, observed the enemy approaching along a ditch and threatening the mortar section of the company. He immediately dashed through intense enemy fire and, locating a 57mm recoilless rifle squad, led it to a firing position from which he directed fire on the enemy. He then assumed command of an infantry squad whose leader had been killed by enemy fire, reorganized the squad, and led it in an attack on the enemy. This attack repelled the enemy and saved the left flank of the company from being overran. The heroism in action demonstrated by Sergeant McIver reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Wisconsin.

SERGEANT JAMES S SMITH, RA13338071; Infantry, United States Army, a member of Tank Company, 58th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 27 and 28 May 1951 in the vicinity of Kyon-ri, Korea. On that date Tank Company was furnishing direct fire support for a battalion of infantry in an attack. Sergeant Smith, a tank commander, was given the mission of evacuating the wounded with his tank. He courageously carried out his task, with complete disregard for the heavy enemy fire sweeping the area. After placing the wounded inside the tank where they would be safe, Sergeant Smith rode the outside of his tank in order to insure space for additional casualties. The heroism in action demonstrated by Sergeant Smith reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

SERGEANT JOHN P VESSELS, RA39297702, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, a member of Headquarters and Service Company (then Company B), 2d Engineer Combat Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 28 November 1950 in the vicinity of Kugang-dong, Korea. After fighting for seven continuous hours, the night before against overwhelming numbers of enemy, Company B was forced to withdraw. Because of the intense enemy small arms fire the company was forced to leave behind several seriously wounded men.
hidden in corn shocks. While the company was reorganizing, Sergeant Vessels volunteered to join a patrol in an attempt to relocate and rescue the wounded men from enemy territory. Although the area was under enemy small arms fire from the hill just above, he waded the ice-covered Chonghon River three times in broad daylight and assisted in locating and carrying three wounded men across the river. Later he drove them to a medical aid station. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Vessels reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from California.

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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 600-45, the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RICHARD P SWITALA, RA1630521, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company G, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action on 2 September 1950 in the vicinity of Yongsan, Korea. On that date his company, with tank support, was attacking the enemy-held town of Yongsan in an attempt to secure it and three nearby strategic hills. During the attack his Platoon Leader was blinded by the muzzle blast of one of the tanks. Sergeant Switala, a squad leader, immediately assumed command of the platoon, rallied the men and led them forward. As a result of his actions the town was captured with a minimum of casualties. Gathering together men separated from their own companies, Sergeant Switala merged them with his own men and began the assault of the three hills. Vicious enemy machine gun fire pinned down the platoon. Sergeant Switala, with complete disregard for his personal safety, completely exposed himself to deliver deadly accurate rifle fire into the enemy position, thereby silencing the weapon. Ordering his men to encircle the hill, he directed the continued assault on the objective so effectively that friendly casualties were kept to a minimum while numerous casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Sergeant Switala's devotion to duty, leadership, initiative and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Michigan.

PRIVATE JOHN W PIERCE, EX57503702, Army Medical Service, Army of the United States, a member of the 2d Medical Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 14 February 1951 in the vicinity of Chaum-ni, Korea. On that date the 2d Reconnaissance Company and Company L, 9th Infantry Regiment had the mission of establishing blocking positions at a road junction. The perimeter was attacked by approximately 1000 enemy armed with small arms, automatic weapons, and mortars. Private Pierce, a medical aidman attached to the 2d Reconnaissance Company, left his position of comparative safety to administer first aid to several wounded men who were on an outpost outside of the perimeter. Under intense hostile fire he treated the wounded and urged the slightly wounded to assist the critically wounded. Private Pierce organized a loading party of slightly wounded men and directed the loading of the wounded onto the vehicles. During
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the withdrawal he drove a jeep loaded with wounded through two miles of intense fire from enemy positions on both sides of the road until the jeep was disabled by enemy action. Stopping another jeep he loaded the living wounded on it, thus saving many lives. The calmness, courage, and gallantry displayed by Private Pierce reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Michigan.

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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 to the following named enlisted man:

SERGEANT HOUSTON D SNOWDEN, ER13232645, Army Medical Service, Army of the United States, a member of Medical Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 26 May 1951 in the vicinity of Hangyo, Korea. On that date he was attached as a medical aidman to Company F, 9th Infantry Regiment. The company was setting up a bivouac area when a loud explosion occurred nearby. Sergeant Snowden immediately ran in that direction. Informed that a soldier had wandered into a mine field and had been injured by an exploding mine, Sergeant Snowden, with complete disregard for his own safety, ran quickly into the center of the mined area to apply first aid to the injured man. His prompt action undoubtedly saved the man's life. Sergeant Snowden then organized a litter team, led them into the danger area, and supervised the evacuation of the injured comrade. Sergeant Snowden's heroic actions, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from West Virginia.

Section II

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 man:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN B KURNAVA, RA13219617, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company F, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 24 May 1951 in the vicinity of Puch-Ohyn, Korea. On that date his company was attacking well-fortified enemy positions. The assault elements were pinned down by a heavy concentration of enemy fire and several casualties resulted. Immediately and without any thought of personal safety, Private Kurnava exposed himself to the hostile fire to move the wounded men to a place of safety. His heroic actions so inspired his comrades that they renewed their attack and completely routed the enemy.

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AWARD OF THE BRONNER'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 to the following named enlisted man:

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