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APO 248 US ARMYGENERAL ORDERS  
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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 RUSSELL M CAMPBELL**, RA13373859, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "C", 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 26 September 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, Korea. On that date, Private CAMPBELL was serving as an automatic rifleman with the 23d Infantry Regiment "Raider Platoon" whose mission was to make contact with the enemy behind their lines, attack their positions and take a prisoner. As the friendly unit neared their objective, they were suddenly subjected to a devastating hail of grenade, automatic weapons and small arms fire. In order to better his line of fire, Private CAMPBELL made a deliberate assault on the hostile emplacements, exposing himself to direct enemy observation and fire. Although wounded in the arm, he continued to deliver a withering stream of fire on the enemy, refusing to leave his position until the remainder of his unit had withdrawn to a place of comparative safety. Through Private CAMPBELL's courageous stand, his unit was able to make the withdrawal with a minimum of casualties and his personal bravery served as an inspiration to his comrades. The acts of heroism displayed by Private CAMPBELL reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Virginia.

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLAYTON M HUCKINS**, RA11201736, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 26 September 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Private HUCKINS was a member of a pioneer squad with the mission of constructing tactical wire around the perimeter of a friendly outpost position commonly known as "PORK CHOP". While engaged in this work, the squad was constantly exposed to accurate enemy mortar and small arms fire. During the course of the mission, Private HUCKINS was painfully wounded, but refused evacuation and continued his hazardous work under extremely dangerous conditions until the work was successfully completed. The courageous spirit and heroic actions displayed by Private HUCKINS served as an inspiration to all who observed him and were directly responsible for the successful completion of the mission. The heroism in action displayed by Private HUCKINS reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from New Hampshire.

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD E MEADOWS**, RA15437490, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "B", 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 27 September 1952, in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Private MEADOWS was serving as an automatic rifleman with the 23d Infantry Regiment "Raider Platoon" whose mission was to attack enemy positions and take a prisoner. During the attack, Private MEADOWS gave support fire for the attacking elements, laying down a crippling line of fire into the enemy positions until his weapon was knocked from his hands and impaired by an enemy grenade. He then proceeded to a point where a wounded comrade lay, secured his weapon and joined in the attack as he was no longer in a position to give support fire for fear of hitting a member of his own unit. When orders were given to withdraw, Private MEADOWS went back to the place where his wounded comrade lay, lifted him and carried him through an intense hail of enemy fire to an evacuation point. Due to his heroic actions, the life of a comrade was saved and the friendly unit was enabled to complete its mission successfully. The outstanding bravery displayed by Private MEADOWS reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Kentucky.

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PRIVATE FRANK A RICCI, US51098310, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "C", 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 1 August 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Private RICCI was serving as a rocket launcher gunner with an Infantry unit engaged in an attack on a vital enemy held position. Private RICCI, from his supporting position, saw that it was impossible for his unit to advance unless a vital enemy emplacement was destroyed. Taking his rocket launcher to a position where a direct line of fire could be placed upon the enemy strong point, he found that his weapon would not fire. Private RICCI, with complete disregard for personal safety, remained in his exposed position firing his rifle at the hostile forces, inflicting numerous casualties upon them. When his assistant returned with another rocket launcher, he placed a direct hit upon the enemy emplacement, destroying it and killing the crew. His courageous actions made it possible for the friendly unit to advance and secure their objective. The heroism and consummate devotion to duty displayed by Private RICCI reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Connecticut.

#### 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 500-45, the Bronze Star Medal (First Bronze 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALFRED C NELSON, O2056120, Armor, United States Army, Company "B", 72d Tank Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 10 May 1952 and 11 May 1952 in the vicinity of Ku-dong, North Korea. On those dates his company was assigned the mission of supporting a friendly Infantry unit and destroying enemy positions to the immediate front by direct fire. When one of his platoon positions on Hill 758 was placed under such an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage as to prevent it from effectively performing its mission, Lieutenant NELSON personally reconnoitered and selected an advantageous firing position from which friendly tanks could place the enemy artillery and mortar positions under fire. As soon as he arrived on the position he was subjected to enemy small arms and mortar fire. Despite the constant accurate enemy fire, Lieutenant NELSON, with complete disregard for personal safety, continued to expose himself in order to better control and accelerate the establishment of the new position. As a result of his outstanding leadership the tanks were able to assume their new positions much sooner than anticipated and effectively destroy the enemy emplacements. This relieved the pressure on the tank platoon on Hill 758 and brought about the destruction of many enemy strategic strong points. Lieutenant NELSON's heroic actions and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Michigan.

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Section I

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) 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 officer:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT W GARRETT, O23971, Infantry, United States Army, Headquarters, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 22 July 1952 to 1 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from New York.

Section II

AWARD OF THE COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT--By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious achievement during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANTHONY J TENCZA, O1297274, (then Major), Infantry, United States Army, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 2 March 1952 to 1 April 1952. Entered the Federal service from New Jersey.

Section III

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD E POINTER, O959478, Infantry, United States Army, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 5 April 1952 to 18 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from Missouri.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE JAMES E TURNER, W2149311, United States Army, Headquarters, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 12 January 1952 to 15 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from North Carolina.

SERGEANT ROBERT L STEEL, RA22191326, Signal Corps, United States Army, 2d Signal Company, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 26 October 1951 to 23 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from District of Columbia.

Section IV

AWARD OF THE COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT (FIRST BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (First Oak-Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE CARL K CALVERT, W2143346, United States Army, Headquarters Battery, 12th Field Artillery Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 30 April 1952 to 30 September 1952. Entered the Federal service from California.

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Section V

AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 8809 (sec III, WD Bul 17, 1941), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-65, the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity is awarded to the following-named enlisted man, 2d Quartermaster Company, 2d Infantry Division, for the period 11 January 1949 to 10 January 1952:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EUGENE M GRAY RA15288488

Section VI

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS--So much of Section I (AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL), General Orders 376, this headquarters, 1952, as pertains to CAPTAIN THOMAS J BAILEY, 0813642, Infantry, Company "K", 38th Infantry Regiment, as reads "Company "K", 38th Infantry Regiment" is amended to read "Headquarters, 2d Infantry Division".

Section VII

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS--So much of Section I (AWARD OF THE COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT), General Orders 138, this headquarters, 1952, as pertains to CAPTAIN VENTURA M BARATA, 01169417, Artillery, Headquarters, 2d Infantry Division, as reads "AWARD OF THE COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT" is amended to read "AWARD OF THE COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT (FIRST BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)".

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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 during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named enlisted men:

PLAQUE SERGEANT EDWARD H BAXTER, RA19363724, Infantry, United States Army, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 17 July 1952 to 17 August 1952. Entered the Federal service from California.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ODIS J CAGE, US54019185, Infantry United States Army, Company "F", 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 17 July 1952 to 19 July 1952. Entered the Federal service from Texas.

## 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 officers and enlisted men:

MAJOR LOFTON H ALLEY, 0410026, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, 2d Quartermaster Company, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 6 April 1952 to 30 September 1952. Entered the Federal service from Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT OLIV G RAKER, 02037380, Artillery, United States Army, Battery "D", (then Headquarters Battery), 82d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP), 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 1 May 1952 to 31 August 1952. Entered the Federal service from Kansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN D STEWART, 0935951, Armor, United States Army, Battery "D", (then Headquarters Battery), 82d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP), 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 1 May 1952 to 31 August 1952. Entered the Federal service from Minnesota.

PLAQUE SERGEANT ARTHUR C MOORE, RA33429447, Infantry, United States Army, Company "G", 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 4 April 1952 to 6 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from Pennsylvania.

SERGEANT PAUL C SPANN, US52151816, Artillery, United States Army, Headquarters Battery, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 1 June 1952 to 20 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from Ohio.

SERGEANT JAMES W ZIMMERMAN, US53030172, Artillery, United States Army, Headquarters Battery, 12th Field Artillery Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 9 January 1952 to 24 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from North Carolina.

CORPORAL ISADOR HAMPTON, US55157946, Infantry, United States Army, Company "E", 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 18 July 1952 to 22 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from Michigan.

CORPORAL SAMUEL JOHNSON, US54003706, Signal Corps, United States Army, 2d Signal Company, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 6 May 1951 to 1 February 1952. Entered the Federal service from Louisiana.

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Section III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (FIRST BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9410, 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) 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 officer:

CAPTAIN WALTER J SEGDA, O388693, Medical Corps, United States Army, Headquarters, 2d Medical Battalion, (then Medical Company, 23d Infantry Regiment), 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 8 April 1952 to 29 September 1952. Entered the Federal service from Pennsylvania.

Section IV

AWARD OF THE COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT--By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious achievement during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

MAJOR ERNEST J HAGER, O1285579, Infantry, United States Army, Headquarters, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 2 February 1952 to 24 March 1952. Entered the Federal service from Ohio.

Section V

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

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE ROBERT D CALDWELL, W2003737, United States Army, Service Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 1 January 1952 to 23 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from District of Columbia.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE JACK L GOODEN, W2006915, United States Army, Headquarters Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, in Korea, from 28 April 1952 to 23 October 1952. Entered the Federal service from Alabama.

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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:

SERGEANT CONSTANTINE W JERMAC, RA33232681, a member of Battery "A", 82d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP), 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 20 September 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Sergeant JERMAC was commanding a Half-Track that was providing direct support fire for Company "A", 38th Infantry Regiment. During this fire mission, his track became subjected to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Sergeant JERMAC, completely disregarding personal safety, climbed atop a bunker near his track and continued to direct the fire of his guns from this exposed position. At that time an exploding artillery shell demolished a jeep and knocked him from the bunker. Undaunted by such close disaster, he immediately returned to his position and continued to direct fire upon the enemy. The uninterrupted supporting fire provided by his accurate adjustments, aided greatly in the success of the mission. Sergeant JERMAC's heroism and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Pennsylvania.

CORPORAL NARNEL D ARBON, US56051557, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 24, 25, and 26 September 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On those dates, Corporal ARBON was acting as squad leader of a pioneer squad with the mission of constructing tactical barbed wire entanglements around the perimeter of an exposed friendly outpost position commonly known as "FORK CHOP". The squad was repeatedly exposed to enemy mortar and small arms fire while engaged in their work. Choosing an exposed position, Corporal ARBON, with complete disregard for personal safety, continued to direct his men. His dauntless courage so inspired his men that the mission was successfully completed under the most difficult combat conditions, and with a minimum of casualties. The heroism in action displayed by Corporal ARBON reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the Federal service from Utah.

CORPORAL MICHAEL LEPORE, US51132981, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "C", 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroism in action on 1 August 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Corporal LEPORE was serving with an Infantry unit whose mission was to give supporting fire for friendly forces as they attacked the well fortified enemy emplacements on Hill 266, "OLD BALDY". As the friendly unit moved into the attack and slowly made their way up the forward slope of the hill, they were suddenly subjected to a devastating line of enemy machine gun fire from a strategically placed position on their left flank. Realizing the importance of the success of the attack which now could advance no further, Corporal LEPORE and another member of his unit secured a rocket launcher and ammunition and proceeded to cross the intensely shelled area to a position where they could fire upon the enemy strong point. Upon reaching their position, they discovered the launcher was defective and would not fire. Without regard for personal safety, Corporal LEPORE then recrossed the hazardous terrain, fully exposing himself to enemy observation and fire, acquired another launcher and returned to his selected position. With the second weapon he scored a direct hit on the enemy emplacement killing its occupants and destroying the machine gun. Through Corporal LEPORE's heroic conduct and coolness under fire, the friendly elements were able to continue their attack and successfully complete their mission. The heroism in action displayed by Corporal LEPORE reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from New Jersey.



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CORPORAL O J MC DOWELL, RA18331861, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "E", 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroism in action on 12 September 1952 in the vicinity of Chobak'kol, North Korea. On that date Corporal MC DOWELL was a member of a fifteen man raiding patrol whose mission was to probe enemy positions and capture prisoners. After crossing one-half mile of swamp land, he and three other members of the assault element detached themselves from the patrol and crawled 300 yards up the steep slope of Hill 200 to the enemy positions. Upon reaching the objective they were discovered and suddenly subjected to a devastating hail of enemy automatic weapons fire. When an attacking group of the enemy threatened the patrol with complete annihilation, Corporal MC DOWELL, with complete disregard for personal safety and though suffering from the concussion of exploding enemy demolitions, leaped to his feet and sprayed the foe with withering bursts of fire, killing an estimated five of the enemy and routing the remainder. His inspiring display of courage enabled his comrades to complete their mission successfully, and to rejoin the remainder of their patrol safely. The outstanding heroism displayed by Corporal MC DOWELL reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Arkansas.

CORPORAL HARRY E PICKRAL JR, US52065883, Army Medical Service, United States Army, a member of Medical Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 11 October 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Corporal PICKRAL was the Medical Aidman attached to the 3d Platoon of Company "G" as it departed on a special mission. While advancing toward their objective, the company was halted by a numerically superior hostile force that inflicted heavy casualties upon the friendly unit through intense mortar and small arms fire. Corporal PICKRAL, with complete disregard for personal safety, proceeded to evacuate these casualties under extreme difficulties and in the face of the devastating enemy fire. He continually moved over the fire swept terrain in order to accomplish the expeditious and successful evacuation of all casualties to the safety of friendly lines. This inspiring action contributed greatly to the morale and spirit of the unit, and saved the lives of several men. The heroic achievement displayed by Corporal PICKRAL reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Virginia.

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## Section I

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B BENEDETTI, O2004130, Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery "O", 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2d Infantry Division distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 18 September 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Lieutenant BENEDETTI was in charge of a forward observer party attached to Company K, 38th Infantry Regiment. This unit had the assigned mission of holding Hill 266, "OLD BALDY", which, at the time, was under heavy enemy attack. During the ensuing conflict the Commanding Officer of Company "K", was mortally wounded. With complete disregard for personal safety, Lieutenant BENEDETTI traversed a distance of approximately 100 yards in the face of heavy enemy fire to where the wounded officer was lying and proceeded to evacuate him. Realizing the unit would rapidly become disorganized without a leader, he immediately assumed command, organized the remaining members of the company and formulated a plan of defense. Realizing the need for defensive artillery fire, he once again risked his life to ascend the hill to his observation post and summoned artillery support. His courageous deeds and quick-thinking actions were instrumental in the successful accomplishment of the unit's mission, and reduced casualties to a minimum. Lieutenant BENEDETTI's courageous actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT (CHAPLAIN) JAMES M JOHNSTON, O997587, Chaplains Corps, United States Army, a member of Headquarters, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 13 August 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Chaplain JOHNSTON assisted greatly in the organization of a search party to locate friendly wounded troops who, during their return from an assault on the enemy, had lost their way. He carried badly needed medical supplies, and with complete disregard for personal safety, exposed himself to intense enemy small arms fire to reach the wounded men. He helped to organize the evacuation of the wounded from the area, and often personally helped to remove the more seriously injured to positions of relative safety. This, along with the spiritual uplift he provided for the men, aided greatly in the success of the mission. The heroism in action displayed by Chaplain JOHNSTON reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from West Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL S SHORR, O65779, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "E", 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by outstanding heroism on 3 October 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date Lieutenant SHORR was in command of an outpost manned by approximately 50 men. At about 0830 hours, the small band was subjected to an intense barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire. Soon after the barrage began, a bunker near Lieutenant SHORR received a direct hit and he heard a wounded man inside calling for help. With complete disregard for personal safety, he dashed through the devastating enemy barrage and removed the wounded man to a place of comparative safety. Realizing the hostile fire was an obvious preparation for an enemy attack and with the increasing number of casualties, some of his men commenced to be confused and demoralized. Sensing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant SHORR moved from man to man calming them and moving them to vantage points from where they could repel an attack. Through his efforts they succeeded

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in holding their position and the lives of many comrades were saved. The outstanding courage displayed by Lieutenant SHORR reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JEROME MEDOFF, O2200242, Artillery, United States Army, a member of Battery "C", 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 21 July 1952 near Chorwon, North Korea. On that date Lieutenant MEDOFF, was serving as Forward Observer attached to Company "K", 23d Infantry Regiment, which was assigned the mission of capturing and holding Hill 266, more commonly known as "OLD BALDY". During the attack and while under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant MEDOFF directed effective close artillery support in order to minimize the enemy small arms fire. Although wounded by mortar fragments during that action, he continued to adjust the artillery fire until his radio was destroyed. Moving about the fire swept terrain, he used any means of communication he found available and continued to provide the Infantry with accurate artillery support throughout the day. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant MEDOFF reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from New York.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ROBERT J THOMPSON, RA12298696, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "D", 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 7 September 1952 in the vicinity of Kyonjo, North Korea. On that date, Sergeant THOMPSON was leading a volunteer patrol of six men in a night reconnaissance of a series of hills, believed to be in enemy hands. Upon reaching the west base of the third hill, the lead scout opened fire upon a concealed enemy machine gun position. Sergeant THOMPSON, with complete disregard for personal safety, led his men in the destruction of the enemy emplacement, personally killing five of the enemy by his accurate use of grenades. They were then engaged by a platoon-sized group of enemy that directed an overwhelming curtain of small arms and automatic weapons fire upon them, forcing a withdrawal. Ordering his men to disengage, Sergeant THOMPSON remained in his exposed position, returning the enemy fire until his comrades had organized an ambush which succeeded in killing at least six more of the foe. The skillful leadership and inspiring courage displayed by Sergeant THOMPSON contributed greatly to the patrol's success and inflicted many casualties upon the enemy without loss to his own group. The heroic actions displayed by Sergeant THOMPSON reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from New York.

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## Staff Assignment

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEY L SMITH, 035044, Signal Corps, 2d Signal Company, is announced as Division Signal Officer vice MAJOR HERALD E HAYWOOD, 0488289, Signal Corps.

2. MAJOR HERALD E HAYWOOD, 0488289, Signal Corps, Headquarters 2d Infantry Division, is announced as Division Civil Affairs Officer vice LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEY L SMITH, 035044, Signal Corps.

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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 (WD 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 enlisted men:

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ISAAC D STOTLER JR, US52095154, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "H", 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by outstanding gallantry in action on 20 September 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date Private STOTLER was serving as Squad Leader of a machine gun squad which had been attached to the assault elements of Company "G" for a night attack on Hill 266, "OLD BALDY". At approximately 2200 hours on the night of 20 September 1952, Private STOTLER fearlessly led his men up the steep slope toward the objective through a tremendous barrage of enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. Upon reaching the crest of the hill, he quickly chose a position for his gun to be mounted, and then moved to the right of the position to deliver flank protection. Caught in a vicious cross-fire from enemy machine gun emplacements and a severe mortar and artillery barrage, he was hit three successive times by fragments from enemy hand grenades. Although badly wounded, he refused medical attention and urged his machine gun crew to continue their fire upon the enemy, while he steadfastly delivered effective protecting fire from his flank position. Shortly thereafter, during the noise and confusion of battle, he was lost from view. His heroic actions prevented the enemy from over-running the friendly machine gun position and aided immeasurably in the success of the mission. Private STOTLER's heroic sacrifice and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from West Virginia.

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PRIVATE BOBBY J LATHAM, RA14403965, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "E", 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 18 July 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date Private LATHAM was serving as a rifleman with an Infantry unit engaged in a counterattack on an enemy held hill. In the course of the ensuing action, Private LATHAM was wounded by an enemy mortar round causing him to lose his weapon. With complete disregard for personal safety and thinking only of the success of his unit's mission, he left his place of comparative safety, took up an enemy burp-gun and made a deliberate one-man assault on the hostile emplacements. Charging through a devastating hail of enemy mortar and small arms fire, he continued to pour a withering line of fire into the enemy emplacements, inflicting numerous casualties upon the hostile forces. He continued the assault until he reached the top of the hill where he was mortally wounded by fragments from an enemy mortar round. Inspired by his gallant actions, the friendly unit renewed its attack and succeeded in securing the objective. Private LATHAM's outstanding courage and wilful self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from North Carolina.

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PRIVATE WILLIAM MC CARTNEY, RA13440548, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "F", 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 26 and 27 September 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On those dates, Private MC CARTNEY was serving as rifleman with the 23d Infantry Regiment "Raider Platoon" whose mission was to make contact with the enemy behind their lines and take a prisoner. As the friendly unit neared its objective, they were suddenly subjected to a devastating hail of enemy grenade and automatic weapons fire, seriously impairing the successful completion of their assigned mission. During the ensuing vicious fire fight, Private MC CARTNEY personally accounted for at least seven of the approximately forty enemy that were killed. When the platoon was given orders to withdraw for regrouping, Private MC CARTNEY, with complete disregard for personal safety, moved about the fire swept terrain

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helping to evacuate the wounded. During that action, he was seriously wounded, but through sheer courage and determination, continued his self appointed duties of comforting the wounded. The outstanding heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Private MC CARTNEY was responsible for the saving of several of his comrades' lives and was instrumental in the successful completion of the mission. Private MC CARTNEY's valor and self-sacrifice reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Pennsylvania.

PRIVATE ROBERT R SCHATZ, US55194297, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "E", 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 21 July 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Private SCHATZ was a member of a squad sized ambush patrol that was returning to friendly lines. Suddenly the patrol was confronted by a numerically superior enemy unit and forced to take up defensive positions. At that time, Private SCHATZ and several other members of the patrol were painfully wounded by the hostile small arms fire. The patrol leader, seeing that it was impossible for all members of the patrol to get through to the friendly lines, ordered all who were able, to fight their way free and bring reinforcements. Private SCHATZ, choosing to remain and give covering fire for his comrades, deliberately exposed himself to withering small arms fire in order to draw the enemy fire to himself, thus enabling his comrades to make good their escape. When last seen, Private SCHATZ was courageously standing amid intense small arms fire, using enemy weapons to return fire upon them. In the performance of that heroic deed, he made the supreme sacrifice, giving his life for the safety of his comrades and the successful completion of the mission. The outstanding gallantry, devotion to duty, and self-sacrifice displayed by Private SCHATZ reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from South Dakota.

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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 (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 officers:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM S JORDAN, 0524062, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "B", 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by gallantry in action from 11 October 1951 to 13 October 1951 in the vicinity of Sum-myon, North Korea. During that period, Captain JORDAN was in command of an Infantry company whose mission was to attack and secure a vital enemy held position on Hill 851. As the friendly unit neared its Line of Departure, Captain JORDAN observed that an attack by a determined numerically superior hostile force was being launched against the right flank. This initial enemy assault was successful in cutting off a portion of the troops from the main body. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Captain JORDAN, with complete disregard for personal safety, moved out into the fire swept area in order to direct the unit and repulse the enemy. His own unit then moved toward their objective, but after advancing approximately 30 yards was momentarily halted, due to the intense enemy mortar and artillery fire, and given orders to dig in and hold. Constantly exposing himself to direct enemy observation and fire, Captain JORDAN moved from position to position, contacting other friendly units and coordinating their movements. He then led elements of all the friendly units in a final assault on the heavily fortified enemy held hill and successfully secured the objective. The gallantry in action and consummate devotion to duty displayed by Captain JORDAN reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the Federal service from California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT J HAYES METZGER, 059340, Infantry, United States Army, Commanding Officer of Company "C", 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry in action on 1 August 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date, Lieutenant METZGER's company was engaged in an attack on a ridge-line leading to Hill 266, "OLD BALDY". Upon receiving a radio message from the Battalion Commander informing him that his left flank was unable to make physical contact due to enemy machine gun emplacements between the two units, Lieutenant METZGER and members of his command voluntarily moved out under direct enemy fire in an attempt to reach them. Although being painfully wounded, he refused medical attention and fought desperately, killing ten of the enemy before reaching the supporting unit. Lieutenant METZGER remained in this position directing the friendly unit's fire until given a direct order by his Battalion Commander to evacuate himself for medical attention. Through his courageous actions the company was able to gain contact with the adjacent unit and successfully secure the strategic objective. Lieutenant METZGER's outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Ohio.

## 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 men:

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS BILLIE B MARLIN, RA14218514, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "G", 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 11 October 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date Sergeant MARLIN, serving as Platoon Sergeant of the 2d Platoon of Company "G", took command when his platoon leader became casualty, and continued with the mission of attacking the enemy position.

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When the attack was halted by heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, he continued to direct the actions of his platoon while they engaged the superior hostile force in a fire fight. When ordered to withdraw his platoon, he organized a perimeter defense to enable the successful evacuation of casualties. With complete disregard for personal safety and while still under heavy enemy fire, he personally checked the area to make certain that all casualties had been evacuated before starting an orderly withdrawal. Sergeant MARLIN displayed all the qualities of an outstanding leader and inspired his men to such an extent as to enable his platoon to accomplish a difficult mission in a superior manner. The heroism in action displayed by Sergeant MARLIN reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Tennessee.

SERGEANT MELVIN K FORARE, RA 27355675, Artillery, United States Army a member of Headquarters Battery, 82d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP), 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 8 August 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. On that date Sergeant FORARE, serving as assistant driver of an M-39 armored vehicle was engaged in the evacuation of members of the 23d Infantry Regiment who had been wounded during an operation on Hill 266, "OLD BALDY". During that period the enemy was concentrating heavy fire throughout the valley making it impossible to maneuver the vehicle without exposing the wounded and crew to enemy fire. In spite of the heavy shell fire that was landing in the immediate vicinity, Sergeant FORARE, without thought for personal safety, leaped from the vehicle and proceeded to direct the driver over the difficult terrain. While so engaged Sergeant FORARE was hit several times by shell fragments, but remained at his job until the wounded had been removed from the danger area. His heroic actions and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from Minnesota.

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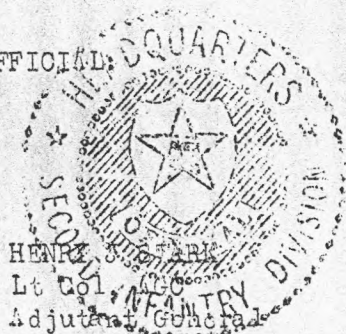
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (FIRST BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II, WD Bul 3, 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Bronze Star Medal (First 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 officer:

MAJOR GEORGE ORI, 01309008, Infantry, United States Army, Executive Officer of the 2d Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement during the period 20 to 22 September 1952 in the vicinity of Chorwon, North Korea. During that period Major ORI acted as Commanding Officer of elements of two battalions on Hill 266, "OLD BALDY", which were in possession of the hill after a fierce struggle with the determined hostile forces. Despite a deadly hail of enemy artillery and mortar shells on the hill, Major ORI fearlessly exposed himself, directing and supervising many necessary operations in preparation for an expected counter-attack by the enemy. Although nearly exhausted by his many sleepless hours of activity, he valiantly continued his efforts, and soon established a very secure line of defense. His inspiring display of courage and superb leadership enabled the officers and men under him to complete their mission of securing Hill 266 with a minimum of casualties. Major ORI's courageous and inspiring actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the Federal service from New York.

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