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I --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43 WD 1918) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action is awarded the following named Officer.

WALLACE R CHEVES, O 362 598, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Regimental Headquarters, 274th Infantry. On 6 January 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves commanded a battalion in an attack on Wingo, France. Handicapped by treacherous terrain and tired weary troops who had been without rest for 60 hours, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves by his initiative and perseverance had his battalion ready for the attack. Operating from his Observation Post which was constantly riddled by machine gun fire, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves, although sick and refusing to be evacuated, made sound tactical decisions which were of prime importance during the attack. Company F, disorganized due to the loss of their officers, Lieutenant Colonel Cheves personally exposed himself to enemy fire to reorganize the Company and repel a heavy enemy counter attack. By his quick action he saved the battalion from a breakthrough, severe casualties, and becoming isolated. The courageous determination and unswerving devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Anderson, South Carolina.

II --- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement, not involving participation in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States from 21 to 27 February 1945, is awarded the following named individuals of Company H, 274th Infantry.

WILLIAM E BELDEN, 35 822 271, Private First Class. Entered military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

RICHARD W HIRD, 31 467 238, Private First Class, Entered military service from Morrisville, Vermont.

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HAROLD W KLINE, 37 517 031, Staff Sergeant. Entered military service from Kanopolis, Kansas.

GEORGE G LUTTRELL, 35 782 836, Private. Entered military service from Fireco, West Virginia.

FRED O MORGAN JR, 36 680 352, Sergeant, Entered military service from Jerseyville, Illinois.

HYMAN SCHORR, 32 641 993, Private First Class. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

HERMAN L TRIER, 33 745 764, Staff Sergeant, Entered military service from Washington D C.

ALEXANDER VARGO, 36 878 574, Private First Class. Entered military service from River Rouge Michigan.

During the course of the heavy fighting to wrest Spicheren Heights, France, from strongly resisting troops, these men, comprising the second platoon, were isolated by a successful enemy counterattack. For seven days the enemy tried incessantly to capture the important position held by these men, but with grim determination each counterattack was repelled by pistol, machine gun and rifle fire. Throughout this period, the platoon carried on with less than half normal strength, under adverse weather and terrain conditions. Their courageous actions denied the enemy an important position and gave the second battalion necessary time for consolidation and reorganization.

FRANK C SRP, 35 521 443, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, on 6 March 1945. When a rifle company's advance through heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire near Styring Wendel, France, was held up by intense machine gun and small arms fire, heavy casualties were being sustained. When a litter squad was hesitating about entering the fire swept area to evacuate a seriously wounded comrade, Private First Class Srp, although wounded by a white phosphorous shell, inspired three other members of his squad to follow him on to the battlefield. Working well in advance of his men under the withering fire, he led his litter team to the man and successfully effected his evacuation. His gallant action in all probability saved the man's life. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

III--- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the president, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement, not involving participation in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 21 to 27 February 1945, is awarded the following named individuals of Company H, 274th Infantry,

TROY V BROCKLESBY, 35 632 529, Private First Class, Entered military service from Crestline, Ohio.

WENDELL CROSBY, 34 858 255, Private First Class, Entered military service from Cottageville, South Carolina

ALDO FONTANINI, 36 308 489, Corporal. Entered military service from Ankeny, Iowa.

GUY W HINES, 6 934 372, Private First Class. Entered military service from Manila, Arkansas.

GUY LEWIS JR. 35 803 733, Private First Class. Entered military service from Allock, Kentucky.

LOUIS L LUSSIER, 31 467 181, Private First Class. Entered military service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

ALEX C. JOHNSON, 36 768 855, Sergeant. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DAN D JOHNSON, 34 947 767, Private First Class. Entered military service from Pensacola, Florida.

JOSEPH F KRALOVICH, 39 017 295, Private First Class. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

WILLIAM E MACKEY, 35 240 425, Private First Class. Entered military service Shelby, Ohio.

ROBERT S MILLER, 6 856 681, Sergeant, Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

CHARLES B NEWSOM, 01 175 260, First Lieutenant. Entered military service from Worthington, Indiana.

THOMAS L PATTERSON, 6 289 840, Technical Sergeant, Entered military service from Corvallis, Oregon.

JOHN E RASMUSSEN, 12 004 636, Private First Class. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

ARNOLD E SHERRICK, 35 223 323, Private First Class. Entered military service from Crooksville, Ohio.

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KENNETH J LEACH, 35 225 169, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 to 3 March 1945, near Saarbrucken, Germany. When an infantry company, attacking to determine the strength of enemy defenses on the Siegfried Line sustained many casualties from heavy enemy mortar fire and grazing machine gun fire, Private First Class Leach courageously continued his medical aid duties. Although a target for enemy rifleman, who ignored his Red Cross markings, and suffering from an earlier wound, he remained exposed to the withering enemy fire to give first aid and encouragement to 19 casualties and to evacuate three dead. His gallant action and tireless devotion to the welfare of his comrades exemplifies the highest standards of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

HARVEY B LUCAS JR, 12 167 037, Private First Class (then Private) Company K 274th Infantry, on 3 March 1945. Private First Class Lucas, during his platoon's advance toward Styring Wendel, France, maintained vital contact with his company despite fire from enemy small arms, machine guns, mortar and artillery. Although frequently knocked down by the concussion of exploding shells, which were inflicting heavy casualties within the platoon, he repeatedly carried messages to the company headquarters. His courageous action under severe hazards were instrumental in the final success of his platoon's mission. Entered military service from Lombard, Illinois.

IV --- REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 97, this headquarters, dated 12 August 1945, as reads "LIEUTENANT COLONEL ELIAS C TOWNSEND, O 336 074, General Staff Corps, relieved from detail to the General Staff Corps with Troops and as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, 70th Infantry Division effective 15 August 1945, is revoked.

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