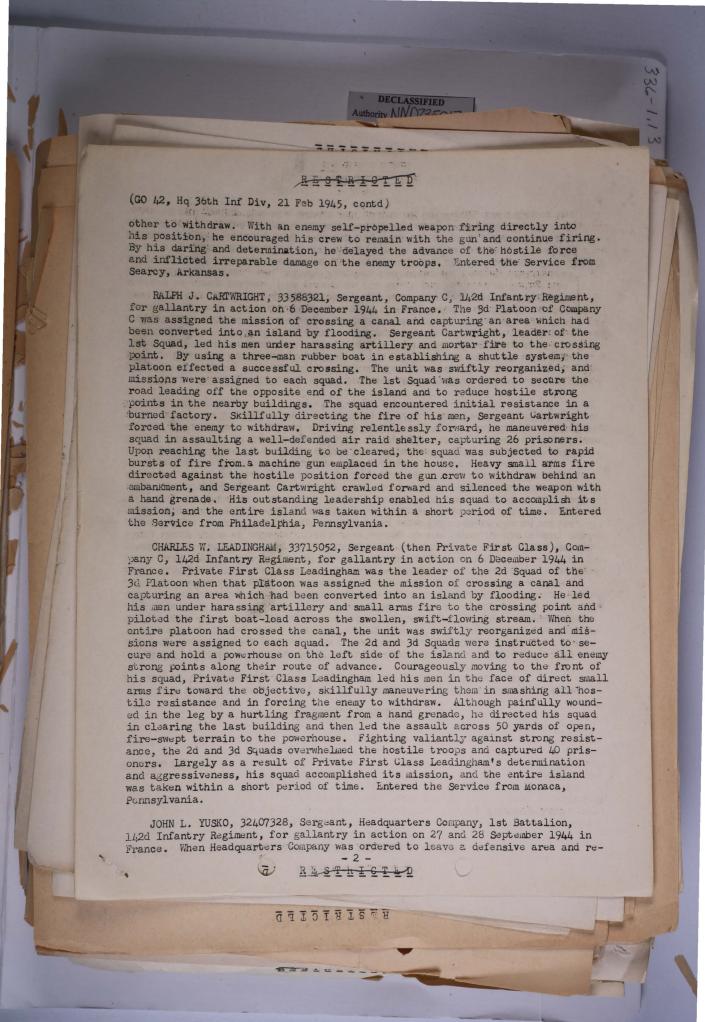
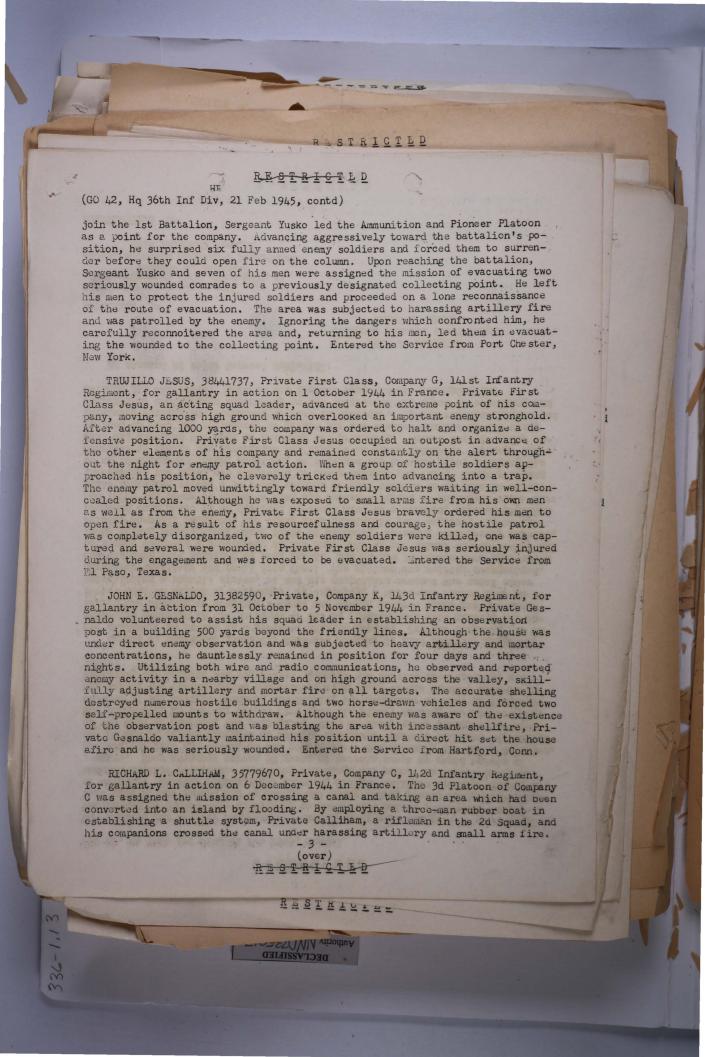
RMSTRICTED HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION AG RECORDS SEC. APO #36, U. S. Army .. 21 February 1945 GENERAL ORDERS AWARD OF SILVER STAR Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action: ROY E. NELSON, 36752493, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company C was assigned the mission of crossing a canal and capturing an area which had been converted into an island by flooding. Sergeant Nelson, leader of the 3d Squad, led his men under harassing artillery and small arms. fire to the crossing point and directed his squad in shuttling a three-man rubber boat across the canal. When the entire platoon had crossed the swollen, swift-flowing stream, the unit was swiftly reorganized and missions were assigned to each squad. The 2d and 3d Squads were instructed to secure and hold a powerhouse on the left side of the island and to reduce all enemy strong points along their route of advance. Valiantly moving to the front of his squad, Sergeant Nelson led his men through direct small arms fire toward the objective, skillfully maneuvering them in smashing all hostile resistance and in forcing the enemy to withdraw. As he and his men advanced across 50 yards of open terrain in an assault on the powerhouse, the enemy began sweeping the area with rapid bursts of machine gun fire. Swiftly placing his automatic rifle team in an advantageous position to furnish fire support, he valiantly led his men through the hostile fire to the objective. Simultaneously charging the powerhouse, the 2d and 3d Squads overwhelmed the hostile troops, capturing one officer and 39 enlisted men. Sergeant Nelson's daring, aggressive leadership enabled his squad to attain its objective in a minimum of time. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois. LUIE M. PLUMMER, 38297536, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 August 1944 in France. The antitank platoon of the 3d Battalion was part of a task force assigned the mission of establishing a road block along the enemy's route of withdrawal. After seizing four houses near the main highway, the platoon, supported by several riflemen, was subjected to a series of hostile tank and infantry attacks. When friendly troops on the right flank of the platoon withdrew from the seemingly untenable area, the antitank positions were completely exposed to enemy action. The gunner on the No. 1 gun was killed during the first hostile thrust, and Private Plummer, the assistant gunner, immediately took his place and kept the weapon in action. During the 14 hours of fighting, he made frequent trips under heavy enemy fire to his gun position, firing on hostile targets whenever they were spotted. On one occasion, when two tanks charged his position, Private Plummer fearlessly manned the gun and, at a distance of 150 yards, scored a direct hit on one of the tanks, then forced the 2 5 FEB 1945 - 7 -(over) RESTRICTED RESTRICLE Authority AIMONSSE





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The platoon was swiftly reorganized, and missions were assigned to each squad. The 2d and 3d Squads were instructed to secure, and hold a powerhouse on the left side of the island and to reduce all enemy strong points along their route of advance. Driving relentlessly forward, Private Calliham and his comrades smashed hostile resistance in nearby buildings and pushed on toward their objective. They advanced across 50 yards of terrain swept by rapid bursts of machine gun fire and assaulted the powerhouse. Overwhelming the enemy defenses, the 2d and 3d Squads captured 40 hostile soldiers. Private Calliham was assigned the task of guarding the prisoners. When an enemy group attempted to free the prisoners, he swiftly opened fire with his rifle, killing one and wounding another of the hostile soldiers and forcing the remainder to flee in disorder. His daring and determination contributed materially to his squad's success in attaining and holding its objective. Entered the Service from Greenup, Kentucky.

DANIEL C. CAMPBELL, 33885577, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. Private Campbell was an automatic rifleman in the 3d Squad of the 3d Platoon when that platoon was assigned the mission of crossing a canal and taking an area which had been converted into an island by flooding. By employing a three-man rubber boat in establishing a shuttle system, he and his companions crossed the canal under harassing artillery and small arms fire. The platoon was swiftly reorganized, and missions were assigned to each squad. The 2d and 3d Squads were instructed to secure and hold a powerhouse on the left side of the island and to reduce all enemy strong points along their route of advance. Pressing dauntlessly forward, Private Campbell furnished his squad with invaluable fire support. As he approached each house to be cleared, he would move to a forward, exposed position and force the enemy to withdraw with his accurate bursts of automatic rifle fire. While advancing across a 50 yards stretch of open terrain in an assault on the powerhouse, the squad was subjected to heavy machine gun fire. Swiftly moving to an advantageous firing position, he returned the hostile fire, enabling his comrades to charge the powerhouse and capture 40 enemy soldiers. Private Campbell was assigned the task of guarding the prisoners. When a hostile group attempted to free the prisoners, he killed one and wounded another of the enemy soldiers, forcing the remainder to flee in disorder. By his resourcefulness and courage, he contributed materially to the success of his squad in attaining and holding its objective. Entered the Service from Monaca, Pennsylvania.

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