

SECTION VIII - Officers and men who have distinguished themselves in action:

- a. Epping Urback, France.
  - b. Earl S. Webb, 34 988 196, Sergeant, Infantry.
  - c. For heroic achievement in France on 19 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 19 December 1944 at Epping Urback, France, Sgt Webb, serving as Browning Automatic Rifleman, displayed outstanding ability and courage when one of the platoons of his company, moving up to relieve a platoon occupying high ground, encountered a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and machine gun fire which temporarily retarded its advance. Sensing the danger involved if the enemy were successful in preventing the movement, Sgt Webb, from an exposed position and with utter disregard for his own safety, fired upon the enemy emplacements. With intrepid actions resulted in silencing the enemy positions and enabled the relief platoon to move forward. The bravery, determination, and sincere devotion to duty shown by Sgt Webb exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.
  - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. Ringel, Luxembourg.
  - b. Frank Soltysiak, 33 279 199, Sergeant, Infantry.
  - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 28 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the enemy counterattack in the vicinity of Ringel, Luxembourg, on 28 December 1944 Sgt Soltysiak serving as Assistant Squad Leader, distinguished himself in repelling the enemy. As the intensity of the battle increased the Browning Automatic Rifleman became wounded and, realizing the seriousness caused by loss in fire power, Sgt Soltysiak left his foxhole, retrieved the automatic rifle, and though subjected to intense enemy fire, skillfully operated the weapon, killing six and wounding many more enemy soldiers. His courageous counterattack was largely responsible in relieving the threat of a successful enemy counterattack. The courage, resourcefulness and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Soltysiak are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
  - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. Chemery, France.
  - b. John F. Morgan, 33 305 058, First Sergeant, Infantry.
  - c. For heroic achievement in France on 17 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Chemery, France, by an infantry company in which 1st Sgt Morgan was serving the terrain favored the enemy with excellent observation and afforded little cover or protection to the attacking forces. Due to the pressing need for officer leadership elsewhere, 1st Sgt Morgan assumed command of a platoon and led it across the open terrain. His display of courage and valor before the enemy so inspired his men that they went into the attack with such aggressiveness and ferocity that they were enabled to attain their objective with a minimum of casualties. The bravery, aggressive leadership and sincere devotion to duty displayed by 1st Sgt Morgan exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
  - d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. Dahl, Luxembourg.
  - b. Vito A. Pugliese, 32 960 026, Private, Infantry.
  - c. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 6 - 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 - 8 January 1945, Pvt Pugliese distinguished himself in performing his duties as ammunition bearer of an infantry company in a courageous manner. His coolness under fire and disregard for personal safety have been an inspiration to the men serving with him. By his aggressive spirit and determination he has greatly contributed to the success of his company in combat. The bravery, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Pugliese are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.
  - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
- a. Dahl, Luxembourg.
  - b. Hugh J. Fullerton, 32 690 444, Sergeant, Infantry.
  - c. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 6 - 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 - 8 January 1945 Sgt Fullerton distinguished himself in performing his duties as a light machine gun squad leader in a courageous manner. His coolness under fire and disregard for personal safety have been an inspiration to the men serving with him. Demonstrating outstanding ability as a leader he has, by his aggressive spirit and determination, contributed materially to the success of his company in combat. The bravery, initiative and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Fullerton exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.
  - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
- a. Suisse, France.
  - b. John W. Beebe, 33 348 140, Technical Sergeant, Infantry.
  - c. For heroic achievement in France on 14 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the attack on Suisse France on 14 November 1944 T Sgt Beebe, serving as mortar platoon sergeant, was faced with the problem of getting his men across an unfordable stream. The only possible means by which the stream could be crossed was over a footbridge that proved to be interdicted by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Realizing the importance of the platoon to the attack, T Sgt Beebe, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, stood at the bridge site and skillfully directed the infiltration of the platoon. Because of his meticulous and aggressive leadership the crossing was made without the loss of a single man. The courage, initiative and constant devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Beebe exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered service from Pennsylvania.
  - d. The Bronze Star Medal.