

SECTION X - Officers and emn who have distinguished themselves in action:

- a. Goesdorf, Luxembourg.
 - b. Louis L. Erfourth, 36 457 087, Private, Medical Detachment.
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a sharp encounter near Goesdorf, Luxembourg, on 7 January 1945, an infantry company was forced to withdraw to a defensive position and to leave many wounded in a field exposed to enemy small arms fire. Even though all attempts to reach these men had been thwarted by intense crossfire from hostile machine guns, Pvt Erfourth a litter bearer, with the members of his squad, voluntarily attempted to reach the injured men. Undaunted by being driven back on the first attempt, Pvt Erfourth advanced to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Pvt Erfourth's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. Dhal, Luxembourg.
 - b. Daniel J. DeStefano, 12 050 709, Corporal, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After liberating Dahl, Luxembourg, two infantry battalions repulsed repeated enemy attempts to recapture the town. On 8 January 1945, during an extremely severe attack Cpl DeStefano, an automatic rifleman, distinguished by the courageous and aggressive manner in which he used his skill to repel the enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he moved from position to position to combat each fierce enemy thrust by ably performing his duties as an automatic rifleman. Cpl DeStefano's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. Dahl, Luxembourg.
 - b. Joe DeArment, 39 472 430, Private First Class, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After liberating Dahl, Luxembourg, two infantry battalions repulsed repeated enemy attempts to recapture the town. On 8 January 1945, during an extremely severe attack, Pfc DeArment, a scout, distinguished himself by the courageous and aggressive manner in which he used his skill to repel the enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he moved from position to position to combat each fierce enemy thrust by ably performing his duties as a scout. Pfc DeArment's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wahington.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. Craincourt, France.
- b. Sam F. Wyatt, 33 225 898, Private First Class, Infantry.
- c. For gallantry in action in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, after a limited attack into and a planned withdrawal from Craincourt, France, Pfc Wyatt, an automatic rifleman, voluntarily remained in enemy territory to harass the enemy throughout the night. The following morning his company again attacked the town, while Pfc Wyatt gave invaluable aid by attacking the enemy from the rear and so confusing them that the town was seized with few casualties to the attackers. Pfc Wyatt's courage, aggressiveness, and initiative exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.
- d. The Silver Star Medal.

- a. Frettelung, France.
- b. Fay A. Wirth, Jr., 16 106 180, Corporal, Infantry.
- c. For gallantry in action in France on 25 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the attack on Frettelung, France, on 25 November 1944, Cpl Wirth, acting as liaison between a rifle company and his own heavy weapons company, discovered an emplaced 88mm gun fully manned which was preparing to fire on an American platoon. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Cpl Wirth opened fire on the crew, killed one and putting the remainder to rout. His courageous and aggressive action destroyed a strong enemy position and saved many lives, and is commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.
- d. The Silver Star Medal.

- a. Merzig, Luxembourg.
- b. Will A. Waters, 34 002 327, Private First Class, Infantry.
- c. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 December 1944 near Merzig, Luxembourg, Pfc Waters, an automatic rifleman, observed an enemy platoon attacking on the flank of the rifle squad to which he was attached. As the enemy had taken advantage of a covered route of approach, they were in defilade only one hundred yards from his position. Disregarding the danger, Pfc Waters charged over the crest of the hill firing effectively into the enemy ranks and putting them to rout. His courage and aggressiveness are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.
- d. The Silver Star Medal.

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

- a. Aiderscheid, Luxembourg.
 - b. Elbert L. Roach, 35 694 910, Private First Class, Medical Detachment.
 - c. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 23 - 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 23 - 24 December 1944, Pfc Roach distinguished himself in performing his duties as a medical aid man in a courageous manner. Serving with forward elements of the infantry, he has consistently demonstrated coolness under fire and disregard for his personal safety. On numerous occasions, Pfc Roach, despite intense enemy fire, has succeeded in rendering vitally needed first aid and in evacuating wounded men from front line positions. The bravery, technical skill, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Roach exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
- a. Goesdorf, Luxembourg.
 - b. Joseph Pshock, 35 313 296, Private First Class, Medical Detachment.
 - c. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a sharp encounter near Goesdorf, Luxembourg on 7 January 1945, an infantry company was forced to withdraw to a defensive position and to leave many wounded in a field exposed to enemy small arms fire. Even though all attempts to reach these men had been thwarted by intense crossfire from hostile machine guns, Pfc Pshock, a litter bearer, with the members of his squad, voluntarily attempted to reach the injured men. Undaunted by being driven back on the first attempt, Pfc Pshock advanced to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Pfc Pshock's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
- a. Dahl, Luxembourg.
 - b. Otto Maresh, 35 929 040, Private, Infantry,
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After liberating Dahl, Luxembourg, two infantry battalions repulsed repeated enemy attempts to recapture the town. On 8 January 1945 during an extremely severe attack, Pvt Maresh, a rifleman distinguished himself by the courageous and aggressive manner in which he used his skill to repel the enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he moved from position to position to combat each fierce enemy thrust by ably performing his duties as a rifleman. Pvt Maresh's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
 - b. James. W. Atnip, 35 483 653, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944 during an enemy counterattack against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, lines of communications were severed by artillery fire, making it impossible to direct mortar fire against the enemy. S Sgt Atnip, mortar squad leader, and two companions organized an arm and hand signal relay system across open ground exposed to enemy fire. Through this system the mortars were able to destroy two tanks, five halftracks, and an untold number of infantrymen. S Sgt Atnip's courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. St Avoild, France.
 - b. Garland E. Ackelson, 37 679 053, Private First Class, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic service in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 after an infantry battalion had taken its objective near St Avoild, France, there were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not accomplish this task before nightfall, Pfc Ackelson, an ammunition bearer, and several other soldiers volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. Pfc Ackelson's courage, initiative and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. Merzig, Luxembourg.
 - b. Rudolph E. Rodriguez, 37 362 378, Private First Class, Medical Corps.
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 December 1944, near Merzig, Luxembourg, Pfc Rodriguez, a medical aid man, advanced with a rifle platoon which was temporarily halted by enemy machine gun fire. Observing that five men had been wounded and were lying in an exposed position, Pfc Rodriguez, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved from comparative safety to aid these men. Finding only one man alive he was in the act of rendering first aid when mortally wounded by enemy fire. Pfc Rodriguez's courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal, Posthumously.

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- a. St Avold, France.
 - b. Leslie M. Jones, 38 471 407, Private First Class.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 after operations against an enemy of the United States near St Avold, France, there were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not accomplish this task before nightfall, Pfc Jones, an ammunition bearer, and several other soldiers volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. Pfc Jones' courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. Dahl, Luxembourg.
 - b. Oscar E. Cromer, 7 006 876, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After liberating Dahl, Luxembourg, two infantry battalions repulsed repeated enemy attempts to recapture the town. On 8 January 1945 during an extremely severe attack S Sgt Cromer a squad leader, distinguished himself by the courageous and aggressive manner in which he used his skill to repel the enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he moved from position to position to combat each fierce enemy thrust by ably performing his duties as a squad leader. S Sgt Cromer's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. St Avold, France.
 - b. William Chacona, 32 828 827, Private First Class, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944, after an infantry battalion had taken its objective near St Avold, France. There were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not accomplish this task before nightfall, Pfc Chacona, an ammunition bearer, and several other soldiers volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. Pfc Chacona's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
- b. Charles H. Westfall, 35 630 091, Corporal, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, on 23 December 1944 Cpl Westfall, serving as first gunner, calmly and efficiently fired his mortar in support of rifle troops despite the intense artillery which fell about the position. Although working steadily for long periods, he and the other gunners in the platoon fired over two thousand rounds so effectively that the enemy were driven off. Cpl Westfall's courage, efficiency, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
- b. John W. Wickersheim, 36 784 734, Sergeant, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944 during an enemy counterattack against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, lines of communication were severed by artillery fire, making it impossible to direct fire against the enemy. Sgt Wickersheim, assistant mortar squad leader, and two companions organized an armed and hand signal relay system across open ground exposed to enemy fire. Through this system the mortars were able to destroy two tanks, five halftracks and an untold number of infantrymen. Sgt Wickersheim's courage, resourcefulness and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
- b. Tony Kudrna, 37 677 749, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 S Sgt Kudrna, serving as first gunner, calmly and efficiently fired his mortar in support of rifle troops despite the intense artillery which fell about the position. Although working steadily for long periods, he and the other gunners in the platoon fired over two thousand rounds so effectively that the enemy were driven off. S Sgt Kudrna's courage, efficiency and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. Normee, France.
 - b. WILLIAM L. OWEN JR O 328 291, Captain, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 31 August 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 31 August 1944 in the vicinity of Normee, France, the Division Administrative Center, located well forward in the zone of advance, was attacked by an enemy patrol of approximately forty men. Capt Owen, a Regimental Personnel Officer, then serving as Security Officer, upon hearing the firing, organized reinforcements and led them to the attack. After building up a protective line of resistance, he ordered his men to hold their fire while, with another officer, he advanced into the open calling the enemy to surrender. One officer and another soldier surrendered to Capt Owen and the balance of the enemy patrol was routed so completely that they threw away their weapons in hasty retreat, twenty five surrendering. The aggressive leadership, courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Capt Owen are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed force of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. St Avold, France.
 - b. Jerry C. Richie, 38 479 108, Private First Class, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 after an infantry battalion had taken its objective near St Avold, France, there were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not be evacuated before nightfall, Pfc Richie, an ammunition bearer, and several other soldiers, volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of the casualties. Pfc Richie's courage, initiative, and devotion are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. Dahl, Luxembourg.
 - b. George Tokar, 33 936 704, Private First Class, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After liberating Dahl, Luxembourg, two infantry battalions repulsed repeated enemy attempts to recapture the town. On 8 January 1945 during an extremely severe attack Pfc Tokar, an automatic rifleman, distinguished himself by the courageous and aggressive manner in which he used his skill to repel the enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he moved from position to position to combat each fierce enemy thrust by ably performing his duties as a squad leader. Pfc Tokar's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty 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. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
 - b. Doyle M. Lisenby, 38 209 723, Corporal, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, on 23 December 1944 Cpl Lisenby, serving as first gunner, calmly and efficiently fired his mortar in support of rifle troops despite the intense artillery which fell about the position. Although working steadily for long periods, he and the other gunners in the platoon fired over two thousand rounds so effectively that the enemy were driven off. Cpl Lisenby's courage, efficiency and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. St Avold, France.
 - b. Calvin C. McKee, 36 865 297, Private First Class, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 after an infantry battalion had taken its objective near St Avold, France, there were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not accomplish this task before nightfall, Pfc McKee, an ammunition bearer, and several other soldiers volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. Pfc McKee's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. St Avold, France.
 - b. Robert J. Myers, 35 320 069, Private First Class, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 after an infantry battalion had taken its objective near St Avold, France, there were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not accomplish this task before nightfall, Pfc Myers, an ammunition bearer, and several other soldiers volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. Pfc Myer's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. St Avoild, France.
 b. Leslie N. Jones, 38 471 407, Private First Class, Infantry.
 c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 after an infantry battalion had taken its objective near St Avoild, France, there were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not accomplish this task before nightfall Pfc Jones, an ammunition bearer, and several other soldiers volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. Pfc Jones' courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.
 d. The Bronze Star Medal.
- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
 b. Tony Kudrna, 37 677 749, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
 c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 S Sgt Kudrna, serving as first gunner, calmly and efficiently fired his mortar in support of rifle troops despite the intense artillery which fell about the position. Although working steadily for long hours, he and several others in the platoon fired over two thousand rounds so effectively that the enemy were driven off. S Sgt Kudrna's courage, efficiency and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.
 d. The Bronze Star Medal.
- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
 b. James I. Lafferty, 32 647 570, Sergeant, Infantry
 c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944 during an enemy counterattack against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, lines of communication were severed by artillery fire, making it impossible to direct mortar fire against the enemy. Sgt Lafferty, assistant mortar squad leader, and two companions organized an armed and hand signal relay system across open ground exposed to enemy fire. Through this system the mortars were able to destroy two tanks, five half-tracks, and an untold number of infantrymen. Sgt Lafferty's courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.
 d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. Merzig, Luxembourg.
- b. Rudolph E. Rodriguez, 37 362 378, Private First Class, Medical Corps.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 December 1944 near Merzig, Luxembourg Pfc Rodriguez, a medical aid man, advanced with a rifle platoon which was temporarily halted by enemy machine gun fire. Observing that five men had been wounded and were lying in an exposed position Pfc Rodriguez with utter disregard for his own safety, moved from comparative safety to aid these men. Finding only one man alive he was in the act of rendering first aid when mortally wounded by enemy fire. Pfc Rodriguez's courage, initiative and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal, Posthumously.

- a. St Avoild, France.
- b. Garland E. Ackelson, 37 679 033, Private First Class, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 after an infantry battalion had taken its objective near St Avoild, there were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not accomplish this task before nightfall, Pfc Ackelson, an ammunition bearer, and several other volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. Pfc Ackelson's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
- b. James W. Atnip, 35 483 653, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944 during an enemy counterattack against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, lines of communication were severed by artillery fire, making it possible to direct mortar fire against the enemy. S Sgt Atnip, mortar squad leader, and two companions organized an arm and hand signal relay system across open ground exposed to enemy fire. Through this system the mortars were able to destroy two tanks, five half-tracks, and an untold number of infantrymen. S Sgt Atnip's courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. St Avoild, France.
- b. William Chacona, 32 828 827, Private First Class, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 after an infantry battalion had taken its objective near St Avoild, France, there were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not accomplish this task before nightfall, Pfc Chacona, an ammunition bearer, and several other soldiers volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. Pfc Chacona's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. St Avoild, France.
- b. Roy H. Cooper, 38 066 397, Private, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 after an infantry battalion had taken its objective near St Avoild, France, there were many casualties to be evacuated. Realizing that the available litter bearers could not accomplish this task before nightfall, Pvt Cooper, an ammunition bearer, and several other soldiers volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Despite the continued enemy fire he improvised litters and aided in the speedy evacuation of all the casualties. Pvt Cooper's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. Dhal, Luxembourg.
- b. Oscar E. Cromer, 7 006 876, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After liberating Dahl, Luxembourg, two infantry battalions repulsed repeated enemy attempts to recapture the town. On 8 January 1945 during an extremely severe attack S Sgt Cromer, a squad leader, distinguished himself by the courageous and aggressive manner in which he used his skill to repel the enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he moved from position to position to combat each fierce enemy thrust by ably performing his duties as a squad leader. S Sgt Cromer's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. Goesdorf, Luxembourg.
- b. Stanley K. Risner, 17 025 556, Technical Sergeant, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 6 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Goesdorf, Luxembourg, on 6 January 1945, S Sgt Risner performed his duty in a superior manner. Through sound judgment he maneuvered his squad so skillfully that he was able to drive the enemy from strong defensive positions without having a casualty in his squad. S Sgt Risner's courage and judgment made possible the capture of twenty enemy soldiers and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. Trettling, France,
- b. Clifford D. Sherrill, 38 203 697, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in France on 25 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, near Trettling, France, the company in which S Sgt Sherrill served as light machine gun section leader was temporarily delayed on its advance through the Maginot Line by heavy small arms fire. Moving his section forward to support the riflemen S Sgt Sherrill, by exposing himself, was able to place such effective fire on the enemy that his company was able to advance and take its objective. S Sgt Sherrill's courage, skill, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
- b. PAUL BANDY, O 358 457, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry.
- c. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in Luxembourg. On 23 December 1944 Colonel Bandy led the 319th Infantry against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, four miles in front of the existing front lines. The town was taken, but while defensive organization was in progress the enemy counter-attacked in force with tanks and infantry. Colonel Bandy courageously led his men against the enemy and put them to rout. The following morning during another strong counterattack this intrepid officer organized all available men and personally led them in defense of the command post, coolly calling friendly artillery fire on his own positions. He was continuously in the front lines, inspiring the troops by his fearless, gallantry example. His conspicuous courage, fearless leadership and heroic devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.
- d. The Distinguished Service Cross.

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- a. Dahl, Luxembourg.
- b. Kenneth E. Woodlief, 34 311 326, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After liberating Dahl, Luxembourg, two infantry battalions repulsed repeated enemy attempts to recapture the town. On 8 January 1945 during an extremely severe attack, S Sgt Woodlief, a squad leader, distinguished himself by the courageous and aggressive manner in which he used his skill to repel the enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he moved from position to position to combat each fierce enemy thrust by ably performing his duties as a squad leader. S Sgt Woodlief's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal, Posthumously.

- a. Kehmen, Luxembourg.
- b. Walter Jodik, 33 185 971, Staff Sergeant.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944 S Sgt Jodik and his squad was assigned the mission of protecting the company flank during the attack on Kehmen, Luxembourg. On entering the town machine gun fire delayed the infantrymen. Despite the grazing fire S Sgt Jodik worked his way to the enemy position and, hurling a hand grenade, destroyed the gun and crew. Encouraged by their squad leader's example the squad advanced rapidly, overran the enemy strongpoint, and took the objective. S Sgt Jodik's courage, and initiative exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. Goesdorf, Luxembourg.
- b. Anthony C. Meli, 32 730 659, Private First Class, Medical Corps.
- c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a sharp encounter near Goesdorf, Luxembourg, on 7 January 1945, an infantry company was forced to withdraw to a defensive position and leave many wounded in a field exposed to enemy small arms fire. Even though all attempts to reach these men had been thwarted by intense crossfire from hostile machine guns, Pfc Meli, a litter bearer, with the members of his squad, voluntarily attempted to reach the injured men. Undaunted by being driven back on the first attempt Pfc Meli crawled to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Pfc Meli's courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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- a. Merzig, Luxembourg.
 - b. Paul Blackwell, Jr, 42 081 963, Private First Class, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944. During the attack on Merzig, Luxembourg, the squad in which Pfc Blackwell served a rifleman had the mission of clearing buildings of hostile forces in a sector of the town. The squad was retarded in its advance by small arms fire emanating from a building heavily defended by enemy troops. Through skillful maneuvering Pfc Blackwell fired a rocket grenade into the structure and with utter disregard for his own safety rushed in with such speed and ferociousness that the enemy did not have time to recover their positions, and were so taken by surprise that they immediately surrendered. A total of twenty five prisoners were taken in the engagement. The bravery, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Blackwell exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. St Avold, France, on 26 November 1944.
 - b. James W. Green, 35 618 492, Sergeant, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944 Sgt Green, machine gun squad leader, while directing the fire of his section against heavy enemy fire that was retarding the withdrawal of a rifle platoon distinguished himself by disregarding the personal danger involved when he alone withdrew twice under intense fire from the enemy and carried ammunition back to this section. His aggressiveness made it possible for the rifle platoon to withdraw without sustaining a casualty. The courage, resourcefulness and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Green are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. France and Luxembourg.
 - b. DAMON HOLDITCH, 01 296 695, Captain, Infantry.
 - c. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944 to 13 February 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. France and Luxembourg.
 - b. Henry B. Jennings, 35 330 351, Sergeant, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 10 August 1944 to 31 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Serving as Demolition and Reconnaissance Sergeant, he has consistently demonstrated coolness under fire and exceptional ability in reconnoitering enemy positions. His efficiency in locating and removing enemy mines and booby traps frequently under hostile fire, has greatly contributed to the success of the unit in combat. The outstanding bravery, resourcefulness and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Jennings are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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

- a. Dahl, Luxembourg.
- b. Paul I. Chapmon, 16 051 796, Staff 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 S Sgt Chapmon distinguished himself in performing his duties as platoon guide in a courageous manner. His utter disregard for personal safety and his coolness under the most intense enemy fire have been a continual source of 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 outstanding bravery, resourcefulness and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Chapmon exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. Dahl, Luxembourg.
- b. Donald R. Ghism, 37 709 331, Private First Class, 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, Pfc Ghism distinguished himself in performing his duties as light machine gunner in a courageous manner. His utter disregard for personal safety and his coolness under the most intense enemy fire have been a continual source of inspiration to the men serving with him. By his aggressive spirit and determination 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 outstanding bravery, resourcefulness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Ghism exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.
- d. The Bronze Star Medal.

- a. St Avold, France.
- b. Gayle E. Baker, 33 525 087, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
- c. For gallantry in action in France on 25 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944 near St Avold, France, the squad which S Sgt Baker was leading in an attack was temporarily delayed by direct fire from machine guns in a strong enemy position. Realizing that artillery fire was necessary to neutralize the position, S Sgt Baker, even though wounded, advanced across open ground to lead an artillery observer to a position from which artillery fire was directed upon the enemy. With his supporting fire S Sgt Baker continually leading his squad until his painful wounds no longer permitted further activity. His courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- d. The Silver Star Medal.

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

- a. Cote de Suisse, France.
 - b. James J. Predieri, 35 632 494, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 15 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 November 1944 at Cote de Suisse, France, S Sgt Predieri, then serving as platoon runner, was moving forward under a heavy concentration of enemy fire to deliver a message to his platoon leader when he discovered a member of his platoon who had been severely wounded. After administering first aid, he proceeded to carry his comrade to the battalion aid station. Whiel enboute S Sgt Predieri was wounded by enemy shrapnel but in spite of his painful injury he persisted in evacuating the injured man. The courage, determination, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Predieri exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States Entered military service from Ohio.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. Tretteling, France.
 - b. Roy E. Terrell, 35 359 912, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Corps.
 - c. For heroic achievement in France on 25 November 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944 in the operations near Tretteling, France, Tec 4 Terrell, then serving as a medical aid man, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, proceeded from cover and advanced two hundred yards under intense artillery and small arms fire to the aid of three soldiers who had been seriously wounded. Despite the withering enemy fire he administered first aid and succeeded in evacuating the wounded men to a place of safety, and although his mission had been completed, he assisted with the treating of other wounded men and on his own established a collecting point for litter bearing vehicles. The courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Terrell are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.
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- a. Kehmen, Luxembourg.
 - b. Earl W. Wimmer, 33 186 304, Sergeant, Infantry.
 - c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944 the machine gun platoon in which Sgt Wimmer was serving as a squad leader, was in a defensive position near Kehmen, Luxembourg, when the enemy launched a powerful counter-attack. Displaying an exceptional amount of forethought and attention to detail, Sgt Wimmer managed to establish a strong protective line that prevented the enemy from advancing over a ridge four hundred yards to the immediate front of friendly troops. His selfconfidence and coolness under fire proved to be inspirational to his men as shown in their aggressive determination in preventing the enemy attack from developing. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exhibited by Sgt Wimmer are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.
 - d. The Bronze Star Medal.

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

- a. France and Luxembourg.
- b. Robert J. McDonald, 38 194 471, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry
- c. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 4 September 1944 to 20 January 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 4 September 1944 to 20 January 1945 Tec 5 McDonald distinguished himself in performing his duties as lineman in a courageous manner. Working tirelessly, often under intense enemy fire, he has successfully maintained continuous communications within his organization. His efficiency and diligence have earned him the respect of all who served with him. The bravery, technical skill and loyal devotion to duty displayed by all who served with him are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.
- d. The Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.

- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
- b. French R. Craig, 35 085 281, Private First Class, Infantry.
- c. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944 Pfc Craig, a rifleman, volunteered to lead his platoon through the darkness into Heiderscheid, Luxembourg. Accompanied by two companions and armed with rocket launchers they advanced until fired upon by an enemy outpost supported by a tank. Eluding the guards Pfc Craig directed rocket fire against the tank, destroying it and killing the crew. Although wounded Pfc Craig continued with the attack and made it possible for his platoon to reach the town by routing many snipers from buildings. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.
- d. The Silver Star.

- a. Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.
- b. George R. Fleming, 34 354 050, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
- c. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944 S Sgt Fleming, a rifle squad leader, volunteered to lead his platoon through the darkness into Heiderscheid, Luxembourg. Accompanied by two companions and armed with rocket launchers, they advanced until fired upon by an enemy outpost supported by a tank. Eluding the guards S Sgt Fleming directed rocket fire against the tank, destroying it and killing the crew. Although wounded, S Sgt Fleming continued with the attack and made it possible for his platoon to reach the town by routing many snipers from buildings. His courage, aggressive leadership, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.
- d. The Silver Star Medal.

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

a. Biesdorf, Germany.
 b. Robert E. Lee, 42 142 992, Staff Sergeant, Infantry.
 c. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 February 1945 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 February 1945, S Sgt Lee, commander of a rifle squad attacking through enemy held woods near Biesdorf, Germany, observed that a Germany machine gun on the flank was temporarily delaying the advance of the company. Realizing that many casualties would result from this fire, S Sgt Lee voluntarily crawled through mortar and artillery fire to an exposed position fifty yards from the enemy emplacement, destroying the machine gun and crew with one round of rocket fire. Later, an anti-tank gun prevented the company's advance and again S Sgt Lee destroyed the gun effective rocket fire. His bravery, aggressiveness, and steadfast devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

d. The Silver Star Medal.

a. Merzig, Luxembourg.
 b. Harold R. Bell, 35 385 754, Private First Class, Infantry.
 c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Merzig, Luxembourg, on 23 December 1944, heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire forced a temporary withdrawal. Pfc Bell, then serving as a rifleman, volunteered to risk the withering fire of both enemy and friendly troops and made his way back into the devastated city to evacuate two members of his squad who had been seriously wounded. Through skillful maneuvering he succeeded in dragging the two men safely away. His bravery, aggressiveness and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

d. The Bronze Star Medal.

a. Ringel, Luxembourg.
 b. Alvis W. Norten, 16 015 025, Sergeant, Infantry.
 c. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 27 December 1944 in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 December 1944 during the defense of Ringel, Luxembourg, Sgt Norten, then serving as first gunner of a heavy machine gun section, was observing the progress of an enemy infiltration movement. As the advance came nearer to friendly lines, Sgt Norten, sensing the tactical necessity for rapid fire, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved through withering enemy crossfire and made his way to a machine gun, took charge of the gun, and halted the movement by delivering devastating fire. His bravery was directly responsible for the successful repulsion of the enemy. The courage, initiative and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Norten are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

d. The Bronze Star Medal.