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SECTION

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

WILLIAM H. CHAMBERLIN, O1284292, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the crossing of the Our River into Germany on 7 February 1945, Capt Chamberlin, an infantry company commander, exhibited outstanding leadership in the direction of his command. In spite of heavy enemy artillery concentrations and the difficulty of crossing the swollen river, he maintained control of his men and after successfully landing on German soil he personally led each attack on the fiercely defended pillboxes. Even though handicapped by the evacuation of all other company officers, he organized a successful attack on two strategic strongpoints, which later served the battalion in subsequent assaults. Capt Chamberlin's courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Hq 2nd Alfred J. S. Clark, 35434640, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 12 and 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After elements of an infantry battalion had seized a portion of Weiskirchen, Germany, on 15 March 1945, telephone communications became imperative when these elements were surrounded. Sgt Clark, as leader of a battalion wire team volunteered to infiltrate the enemy lines and lay wire to the village. During the night and the following day the team made eight trips through the lines. On the first return trip, although discovered and fired on, they evacuated two seriously wounded soldiers and on another trip captured thirty eight German soldiers. By maintaining communications to the beleaguered troops Sgt Clark and his companions played a large part in holding the town and battalion objective. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Hq 2nd Charles H. Jones, 14099820, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 15 and 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After elements of an infantry battalion had seized a portion of Weiskirchen, Germany, on 15 March 1945, telephone communications became imperative when these elements were

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II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

1st Bn CHARLES F. GAKING, 0314250, Maj, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 and 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 and 12 April 1945, Maj Gaking personally led elements of his infantry battalion in assaults against the enemy emplacements defending the city of Erfurt, Germany. Despite heavy direct enemy machine gun, rocket, and small arms fire, he succeeded in establishing a decisive breakthrough of the enemy lines. The courage, leadership, and superior tactical proficiency displayed by Maj Gaking exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

Daniel J. Zarrilli, 32407660, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 March 1945, during the attack on Ober Zerf, Germany, Tec 5 Zarrilli drove his ambulance time again into the heavily shelled town in order to evacuate the wounded. In a period of thirty six hours he evacuated eighty five casualties to safety over the only available route although it was interdicted by enemy artillery. Despite the danger and the fact that many vehicles were destroyed along the route, Tec 5 Zarrilli remained at his dangerous mission until all casualties were evacuated. His courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
S Sgt John Herrold Jr	37193725	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc Frank Ferland	33432281	Inf	28 Apr 45

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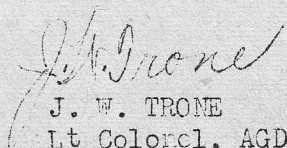
V. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded Pfc Herman Jobe, 14029862, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 11 February 1945.

VI. Section III, General Orders Number 96, this Headquarters, dated 6 April 1945, as awards the Purple Heart to Sgt Patey E. Simmons 33126621 Inf 4 Apr 45, is amended to award enlisted man a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

S. P. WALKER
Colonel, Cavalry,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


J. W. TRONE
Lt Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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