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I. AWARD OF BRONZE 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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

Reo J. Davis, 35408967, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 5 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 5 January 1945, during a heavy enemy artillery barrage, a two and one half ton truck, loaded with high explosive ammunition, was set afire and the wooden ammunition cases ignited. Under the continued shelling and without regard for his personal safety, Sgt Davis obtained an extinguisher from the cab of the burning vehicle, mounted the truck, and succeeded in putting out the fire before the flames reached the ammunition. The prompt and fearless action of Sgt Davis not only saved a valuable military vehicle and its load of ammunition from destruction, but prevented the loss of other ammunition trucks and casualties to personnel quartered in the area. The bravery, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Davis exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Julian B. Griffin, 18114551, S Sgt, Armd, Army of the United States. 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, S Sgt Griffin and the tank crew he commanded were holding a defensive position when they were suddenly attacked and strafed by low flying enemy planes. In seeking cover, two of the crew members were wounded and lay in an exposed position. With utter disregard for his own safety and despite the continued strafing, S Sgt Griffin, without hesitation, returned and successfully assisted his injured comrades to a place of safety. His courage, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Joseph Hassey, 31140332, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. 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, a battalion medical vehicle carrying two wounded men bogged down in the mud under enemy fire. Tec 5 Hassey, serving as a driver for an infantry battalion, with utter disregard for his own safety, voluntarily drove his truck into position under

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the continued artillery and small arms fire of the enemy and towed the medical vehicle free of the mire. The bravery, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Hassey exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II. 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:

Irvin M. Barag, 33586331, S Sgt (then Pvt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, the mortar platoon in which S Sgt Barag was serving as an ammunition bearer, was attacked by enemy tanks and in the ensuing battle several of our troops were wounded. With total disregard for his own safety and under continuous enemy fire, S Sgt Barag moved the injured men to a protected area, administered first aid, and assisted in their evacuation to a medical depot. The courage, determination, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Barag are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Maurice E. Berger, 32678049, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, S Sgt Berger, while leading his infantry squad during an attack on a strongly defended enemy position, was wounded early in the battle, but with complete disregard for his own welfare refused medical attention. He continued to lead his men under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire until the objective was secured. While placing his men in a defensive position, S Sgt Berger was wounded a second time by enemy fire and evacuated to the rear. The outstanding leadership, courage, and constant devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Berger are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Louis M. Blanks, 33127357, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 8 November 1944, to 10 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 November 1944, to 10 January 1945, Cpl Blanks has skillfully served as a gunner in a mortar platoon of an infantry heavy weapons company. Due to his precise accuracy, the computations on his mortar were used by all gunners in the platoon for adjusting fire on a target. Despite heavy counter-battery fire and constant combat conditions, his accuracy has resulted in rapid and effective fire on enemy installations, enabling troops to advance. The courage, efficiency, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Blanks are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Raymond E. Broadbent, 36229733, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Belgium on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, Sgt Broadbent was one of a two man patrol sent out into a dense and heavily outposted woods to secure information about the enemy. The patrol

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enemy rifle grenade and machine gun fire. At one point in their patrolling, Sgt Broadbent engaged three enemy soldiers in a fire fight at very close range, wounding one and dispersing the others. Sgt Broadbent's cool and deliberate aggressiveness throughout the patrol resulted in the securing of important information regarding the enemy positions which greatly contributed to the successful assault on the woods the following morning. Sgt Broadbent's courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Alfred J. Brown, 34822782, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, Pfc Brown and his comrades held a defensive position for five days under the difficult conditions of water filled foxholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rest, Pfc Brown and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and heavy machine gun fire from the Germans. The outstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Brown exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

John M. Chappell, 31372681, Sgt (then Cpl), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, a strong enemy attack necessitated the withdrawal of the company in which Sgt Chappell was serving as a squad leader. Quickly reorganizing, the company started back through the enemy lines under cover of darkness and again encountered strong enemy forces. In the ensuing fire fight the company dispersed and Sgt Chappell, assuming command of the men around him, led them back safely to friendly lines. The outstanding leadership, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Chappell exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Thomas F. Fanning, 32061869, Pfc (then Pvt), Cav, Army of the United States. 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, Pfc Fanning was a member of a reconnaissance party that observed a heavily armed enemy patrol approaching and set up an ambush. He obtained permission to move his machine gun forward to a vantage point near a bend in the road. The enemy patrol was within twenty five yards of Pfc Fanning's position before discovering the trap. Refusing an opportunity to surrender, the enemy soldiers opened fire and in the ensuing fight Pfc Fanning destroyed the entire patrol. The bravery, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Fanning are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Seaton S. Flegel, 39452362, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 November 1944, Sgt Flegel was serving as a member of an Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon that had the mission of crossing an important river with forward elements of the attacking force and aiding in the evacuation of casualties and prisoners. The assault boat carrying back the first group of casualties became entangled in weeds along the bank. One of Sgt Flegel's comrades went over the side to free the boat but due to his heavy combat equipment he began to submerge immediately. Although not a strong swimmer himself, with total disregard for his personal safety, Sgt Flegel at once went to the rescue of his fellow soldier and succeeded in pulling the drowning man to shore. The courage, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Flegel are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Albin B. Franz, 35409019, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 November 1944, Tec 5 Franz was serving as a member of an Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon that had the mission of crossing an important river with attacking rifle companies and aiding in the evacuation of casualties and prisoners. The assault boat carrying back the first group of casualties became entangled in weeds along the bank. A comrade of Tec 5 Franz went over the side to free the boat but was wounded while attempting to do so and started to submerge. Without regard for his personal safety, Tec 5 Franz immediately jumped into the water and pulled the injured man to safety. While rescuing his fellow soldier, Tec 5 Franz himself was wounded by shrapnel. The courage, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Franz are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

August J. Haas, 13100594, Tec 4, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Belgium on 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 December 1944, Tec 4 Haas, serving as a medical aid man with an assaulting infantry rifle company, observed that one man of the leading elements appeared seriously wounded. Without hesitation, in the face of raking enemy fire, he crawled to the man only to find that he had been instantly killed. Returning to his original position, Tec 4 Haas then noticed a wounded soldier directly to his front. With utter disregard for his own safety and while under the continuing fierce fire of the enemy, he reached the injured man and administered vitally needed first aid. The courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Haas are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. Sections III through VIII published as extracts.

By command of Major General McBLIDE:

OFFICIAL:

*J. W. Trone*  
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Lt Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

S. P. WALKER  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
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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:

Silas A. Hall, 14000700, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Belgium on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 December 1944, S Sgt Hall was in charge of the evacuation of casualties during an infantry battalion assault on a strongly held enemy position. His task was unusually difficult due to intense enemy mortar and sniper fire. Throughout the battle, with complete disregard for his own safety, he tirelessly continued to perform his assignment until he himself was severely wounded. The bravery, fortitude, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Hall exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

James L. Hatch, 35435079, Sgt (then Pfc), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, a strong enemy attack was launched against our troops. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sgt Hatch, serving as Acting Communications Sergeant, on his own volition, went back up a hill under fierce enemy artillery and small arms fire to obtain needed assistance from tanks and tank destroyers. His courageous action contributed greatly in repulsing the enemy attack. The outstanding bravery, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Hatch are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Benedict C. Klucinec, 33278383, Tec 5, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 November 1944, Tec 5 Klucinec volunteered, with several companions, to scout an enemy pillbox. Making their way across open terrain, they observed an enemy patrol in strength, armed with mortars and Rocket Launchers, moving in their direction. Although greatly outnumbered, Tec 5 Klucinec and his comrades immediately went into position and waited until the enemy patrol was within twenty five yards before opening fire. Despite the odds against them he and his fellow soldiers succeeded in killing, wounding, or capturing the entire patrol. The outstanding courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Klucinec exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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HAROLD S. MARSH, 0447445, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. 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, Lt Marsh was serving as a Forward Artillery Observer with an infantry company which was assaulting strongly held enemy positions. The attack was being delayed due to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Lt Marsh established his post in a sector that afforded excellent observation, but was being subjected to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he remained in that hazardous position directing our artillery fire with such accuracy that the enemy guns were soon silenced and the assault successfully completed. The courage, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lt Marsh are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Virgil L. Miller, 35313070, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 6 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 6 January 1945, Sgt Miller has loyally served as a rifle company platoon sergeant displaying outstanding qualities of command to maintain a platoon of superior calibre. Assuming charge at various times when platoon leaders became casualties, despite the hazards of constant combat conditions, he has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the tactical employment of a rifle company. The leadership, courage, and sincere devotion to duty exhibited by Sgt Miller are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Herbert Schaul, 32080077, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 November 1944, S Sgt Schaul entered a town and learned from civilians that enemy troops, armed with a machine gun and small arms, were occupying an outlying building and protecting a roadblock nearby with covering fire. S Sgt Schaul, with complete disregard for his own safety and armed only with a carbine, approached the enemy position. Calling out in German, he convinced the enemy group that they were hopelessly surrounded, although actually no friendly troops were in the immediate vicinity. By this daring ruse S Sgt Schaul succeeded in capturing seven German soldiers. The courage, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Schaul exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Martin Sepic, 33279161, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 6 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 6 January 1945, Sgt Sepic has loyally served as a rifle company platoon sergeant displaying outstanding qualities of command to maintain a platoon of superior calibre. Assuming charge at various times when platoon leaders became casualties, despite the hazards of constant combat conditions, he has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the tactical employment of a rifle company. The leadership, courage, and



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sincere devotion to duty exhibited by Sgt Sepic are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Nathan Vidrine, 38483760, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 13 - 15 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 September 1944, the vehicle driver for the Regimental Commander became a casualty. Pfc Vidrine, acting as Regimental Interpreter, voluntarily assisted in the successful evacuation of his comrade and carried on in his place as a driver. On 15 September 1944, Pfc Vidrine, with utter disregard for his own safety, contributed greatly in repelling an enemy thrust directed at the Regimental Command Post by the effective use of his rifle. His courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

James J. Wolf, 35503796, Sgt, CMP, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 5 - 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 5 - 7 January 1945, Sgt Wolf and three companions repeatedly exposed themselves to enemy artillery, mortar, and rocket fire to guard and maintain security on a bridge and successfully rerouted traffic around a burning vehicle, enabling a stalled armored column to advance. When a platoon of infantry assumed a defensive position at the bridgehead, Sgt Wolf, despite enemy fire, voluntarily assisted in laying AT minefields on two routes from enemy territory to the bridge. His courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

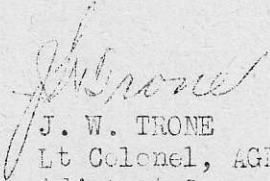
IV. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal and three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

LEWIS H. COX, OM181212, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 9 December 1944, to 17 January 1945, as an Artillery Liaison Pilot in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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V. AWARD OF BRONZE 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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

John W. Smith, 35359401, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. 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, Pfc Smith, serving as a scout with an artillery liaison section working with the forward elements of the infantry, was returning to his section with a fellow soldier. While detouring around a destroyed road bridge, his companion was seriously wounded by enemy rifle fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Pfc Smith carried the mortally wounded soldier to the cellar of a nearby house to administer first aid. An enemy tank gun made several direct hits on the house, but Pfc Smith succeeded in escaping to friendly troops. He then returned the following day and retrieved the vehicle although the sector was still under enemy control. The outstanding courage, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Smith are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

VI. 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:

✓ John T. Adams, 20446883, 1st Sgt Inf, Army of the United States. 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 a tactical withdrawal of the infantry rifle company to which 1st Sgt Adams was assigned a number of men became casualties. Realizing the assigned litter squads would be unable to complete the evacuation due to impending darkness, 1st Sgt Adams, on his own volition, organized additional squads of litter bearers, in plain sight of the enemy and under continuing heavy fire led them to the injured men, refusing to leave the forward area until all wounded had been evacuated. The courage, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by 1st Sgt Adams exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana. 1st Sgt

Jesse W. Brunson, 34381445, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Belgium during the period 26 - 29 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 26 - 29 December 1944, Pvt Brunson was serving as an automatic rifleman of an assaulting infantry rifle company. Due to the severity of the enemy fire all but three members of the squad were wounded. Without hesitation, Pvt Brunson assumed command of the depleted squad and successfully led it to complete all assigned missions. His actions contributed greatly to the destruction

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of two enemy 88mm anti-tank guns and the capture of approximately forty prisoners. The bravery, aggressive leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Brunson exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Edward J. Candek, 33266506, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the periods 6 August 1944, to 12 October 1944, and 13 November 1944, to 7 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the periods 6 August 1944, to 12 October 1944, and 13 November 1944, to 7 December 1944, Tec 5 Candek performed his duties as radio operator in a heroic manner. When enemy fire severed the communications lines of two battalions Tec 5 Candek operated his radio until he had transmitted urgent messages and the situation was remedied. On several occasions, due to the dangerous nature of necessary reconnaissances, Tec 5 Candek has been forced to engage the enemy in numerous fire fights. In all of them he has carried himself with heroism and distinction. His courage, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT B. CONNER, 0516740, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Belgium on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 December 1944, Lt Conner, while leading his rifle platoon against strong enemy positions, received a severe shoulder wound. Despite his painful condition and in the face of intense enemy fire, he continued to go forward with his men until wounded a second time. Unable to participate further in the assault, he lay in an exposed position, shouting words of advice and encouragement to his troops and directing their successful advance until he was evacuated. The courage, outstanding leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Conner are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

✓ Frank Dobozy, 6661132, 1st Sgt, Inf, United States Army. For heroic achievement in France on 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 November 1944, it became necessary to locate strategic gun positions for the defense of a vital bridgehead. 1st Sgt Dobozy, in the absence of a platoon leader, with complete disregard for his own safety, made a reconnaissance under intense enemy fire, found excellent positions, and then, despite the continuing artillery barrage of the enemy, led his platoon safely to the new locations. The outstanding leadership, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by 1st Sgt Dobozy are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Hobart M. Duncan, 34887304, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. 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, Tec 5 Duncan, a driver of a medical vehicle, learned that the only road over which casualties could be removed, was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Fully aware of the danger, Tec 5 Duncan made repeated trips to the front lines and successfully evacuated many of the wounded for whom immediate medical attention was imperative, despite the fact that from time to time his vehicle was hit by shrapnel. His courage, initiative, and zealous



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devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

John H. Evans, 33320775, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 10 - 11 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 10 - 11 October 1944, the company to which Tec 5 Evans was assigned suffered casualties as a result of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Tec 5 Evans, accompanied by two comrades, voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, successfully completed several trips with a one quarter ton vehicle to evacuate all serious casualties. His bravery, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. *Read*

Woolston H. Foster, Jr, 35596634, Sgt, Armd, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, Sgt Foster was serving as a tank commander during an attack on an enemy held town. The assault was temporarily delayed when two of the leading tanks were disabled by heavy enemy fire. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, Sgt Foster moved his tank forward into an open area and continued firing at the well entrenched enemy artillery installations until his own tank was disabled. His prompt action turned what might have been a disastrous situation into a coordinated attack. The courage, initiative, and outstanding leadership in the performance of duty displayed by Sgt Foster are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JAMES R. HUBBARD, 01173297, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, Lt Hubbard, serving as an Artillery Forward Observer, chose an advantageous position for his observation post in a town infested with snipers and under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. With complete disregard for his own safety and despite painful wounds received earlier in the day, Lt Hubbard established his post, expertly directed fire on enemy tanks and personnel, and contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation. His courage, tenacity, and zealous devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Henry Jordan, 32128079, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 12 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 September 1944, Pfc Jordan was a member of a forward observation party on a narrow, recently established bridgehead, when the enemy launched a sudden attack to retake the position. Heavy enemy tank fire detonated ammunition loaded on a truck and in the resulting explosion several men were wounded. Without regard for his personal safety, Pfc Jordan, in the face of continuing intense enemy fire, rendered first aid and assisted in evacuating the casualties to a safer place. He then carried a message to higher headquarters which clarified the situation and aided in holding the bridgehead. The courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Jordan exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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James E. Lemoine, 38483665, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. 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, an assaulting infantry company was temporarily isolated with only meager supplies of ammunition, food, and water. Learning of the emergency situation, Sgt Lemoine led his squad in carrying supplies across difficult terrain under enemy observation and through intense artillery fire and succeeded in contacting the company. Throughout the night, with utter disregard for his own safety, Sgt Lemoine continued to deliver supplies and on return trips evacuated the wounded. The outstanding courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Lemoine are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

VII. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (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 Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pvt Edward Fernandes, 31466719, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 26 January 1945.

\* VIII. COL SAMUEL P. WALKER O12179, Cav, HQ2, is announced as Chief of Staff, 80th Infantry Division vice COL MAX S. JOHNSON O16745, GSC, transferred. \*

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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

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