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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

Mulford C. Jones, 34986814, 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 the night of 26 December 1944, Sgt Jones, assistant squad leader as a member of a patrol, penetrated enemy infested woods to reach the town of Bastogne, Belgium, held by besieged American forces. Improvising camouflaged clothing from white parachutes, to blend with the weather conditions, he went through active enemy machine gun positions and greatly assisted in securing vital information from the headquarters of the besieged troops and returned safely to the battalion he served. The success of the patrol, executed under hazardous conditions, contributed greatly in the assault on the following day which relieved the encircled forces. The bravery, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Jones exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Kenneth E. Woodlief, 34311326, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 30 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 30 December 1944, Sgt Woodlief performed his duties as assistant squad leader in an infantry company in an outstanding manner. He has at various times provided the company he served with valuable information by contacting the enemy prior to an attack. The vital data Sgt Woodlief procured in accomplishing such a mission on 23 November 1944, enabled his platoon to completely annihilate the enemy and permitted the advance of the company into Teting, France. His courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

II. 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:

Frank Dobozy, 6661132, 1st Sgt, Inf, United States Army. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with m

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operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, after a two day battle for the town of Kehmen, Luxembourg, a change in the tactical plan necessitated the movement of the company in which 1st Sgt Dobozy served to a better defensive position and this was accomplished despite intense artillery fire. 1st Sgt Dobozy was accompanying the company commander, who had been wounded, to the new location when the captain was again injured, this time too severely to move without aid. As artillery fire was too great for stretcher bearers to reach the wounded officer, 1st Sgt Dobozy, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, successfully carried his commander to a place of safety despite the heavy fire. His bravery, determination, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Ernest H. Gumm, 33213090, Pfc, Cav, Army of the United States. 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, Pfc Gumm, while on mounted reconnaissance in the vicinity of Nettencourt, France, noticed that the lead section of a platoon was unavoidably ambushed by enemy tanks and infantrymen. Quickly realizing the enemy plan, and with utter disregard for his own safety, Pfc Gumm left his covered position in order to notify the other two sections of the situation. He successfully contacted the platoon leader and reported the details of the trap despite enemy machine gun fire directed at him. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Gumm exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

CHARLES E. SCHROEDER, 01016079, 1st Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. 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, near Landroff, France, the infantry battalion to which Lt Schroeder and the platoon of tanks which he commanded were attached, withstood a severe and sudden enemy tank attack which penetrated the outer ring of defense. Realizing the severity of the situation, Lt Schroeder led his tanks fearlessly into the battle with utter disregard for his own safety to succeed in forcing the enemy to withdraw. The courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Schroeder exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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:

John R. Cocco, 33254144, Pfc, Inf, 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, near Tritteling, France, the platoon which Pfc Cocco was supporting by the fire of his machine gun was temporarily delayed by intense automatic fire from a strongly defended pillbox. Pfc Cocco, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward in spite of a heavy mortar and artillery barrage to a position from which he so effectively fired upon the enemy that the pillbox was silenced, thus enabling the platoon to accomplish the mission assigned. The courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Cocco exemplify

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the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

3rd Stanley J. Nowoczynski, 33185418, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 15 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

6. Darrell E. Osborne, 36953818, Sgt (then Pfc), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 19 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Epping Urbach, France, a member of the platoon in which Sgt Osborne served was seriously wounded during a heavy mortar and artillery barrage by the enemy. Realizing that his comrade would suffer more wounds if allowed to remain in his exposed position, Sgt Osborne, in company with another enlisted man, with utter disregard for his own safety, succeeded in reaching and carrying the injured man to safety despite the enemy fire. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Osborne are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

I ~~4620~~ Leon Posey, 34360480, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 4 September 1944, to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Paul L. Scott, 34888599, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an enemy artillery barrage in the vicinity of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, on 19 January 1945, Tec 4 Scott, with utter disregard for his own safety, led a survey shell report team into the impact area to secure valuable information. His prompt and accurate reporting contributed greatly to the successful counter battery fire upon the enemy artillery. The courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Scott are in keeping with the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

George W. Voytek, 33253737, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an enemy artillery barrage in the vicinity of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, on 19 January 1945, Tec 5 Voytek, with utter disregard for his own safety, proceeded into the impact area, as a member of a survey shell report team, to secure valuable information. His prompt and accurate reporting contributed greatly to the successful counter battery fire upon the enemy artillery. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Voytek are in keeping with the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

mid Robert E. Westbrook, 15105055, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

Orbin L. Mason, 35408715, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Durward C. Robertson, 33226716, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Belgium on 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 December 1944, during an assault on Liverchamps, Belgium, the battalion command post in which S Sgt Robertson served as battalion operations sergeant lost contact with the forward observation post. Realizing the vital necessity of restoring communications S Sgt Robertson volunteered to go forward and repair the telephone lines despite intense enemy artillery fire. It was after he had successfully reached the location of the observation post and while relaying a radio message to the command post that S Sgt Robertson was mortally wounded by shrapnel. His bravery, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

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:

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.

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