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

James H. Maneilly, 35388223, S Sgt, Cav, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 January 1945, S Sgt Maneilly volunteered to lead a ten man reconnaissance patrol into Enscherange, Luxembourg. Approaching the village, withering machine gun fire forced the patrol to withdraw leaving a seriously wounded man lying on the road. With utter disregard for his own personal safety S Sgt Maneilly crawled to the exposed position, and after giving first aid to the injured man, protected him with his body and delivered sporadic rifle fire to keep the enemy at bay. When an American armored car moved to them S Sgt Maneilly placed the wounded man aboard and withdrew. His bravery, leadership, and steadfast devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. 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:

6 WILLIAM G. GOODMAN, 0519378, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 13 October 1944, to 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Lt Goodman distinguished himself as a superb leader and as an inspiration to his men throughout his combat service. During the period 13 October 1944, to 18 January 1945, Lt Goodman led his platoon aggressively and skillfully, devoting long hours to the direction of attacks and the preparation of defensive positions so that the company could function successfully as a combat unit. His fighting spirit encouraged his men to perform extraordinary deeds. Lt Goodman died leading his platoon into combat. His bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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RICHARD J. MERRILL, O1169249, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 13 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 September 1944, Lt Merrill lead his platoon against enemy infantry that threatened to overrun the three inch gun positions he commanded. After repulsing the attack with small arms and direct fire from his guns, Lt Merrill advanced to a location overlooking a defilade where the enemy was reported to be regrouping its forces. Despite an intense barrage of artillery and mortar fire he refused to leave the area vitally needed for purposes of observation. This action on his part later resulted in the destruction of two enemy tanks and saved the lives of many friendly troops. Lt Merrill was mortally wounded when his vehicle received a direct hit. His personal bravery, outstanding leadership, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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:

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James L. Agee, 6377662, Tec 5, MD, United States Army. 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, Tec 5 Agee, recognizing that the severe mortar and artillery fire would not permit the one quarter ton vehicles of his litter squad to reach and evacuate the mounting casualties, established a collecting point in a house. Over fifteen casualties were collected here, given first aid, and made comfortable until after the fire slackened. Tec 5 Agee then supervised the safe evacuation of all the wounded. His courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

EDWARD BAR, O1175031, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 31 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

HOWARD T. DAMMARELL, O1017036, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 21 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the morning of 21 January 1945, Lt Dammarell led his tank platoon from Burden, Luxembourg, through deep snows and fields uncleared of mines to a position from which to support an infantry battalion attacking Bourscheid, Luxembourg. Swiftly appraising the situation, Lt Dammarell deployed his tanks so that he was able, in spite of intense mortar and artillery fire, to surround the town. During this engagement he destroyed an enemy assault gun and tank, killing the crews and materially aided the infantry in liberating Bourscheid. The bravery, leadership, and tireless devotion to duty displayed by Lt Dammarell exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

Robert K. Darrah, 35359748, Tec 4, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 November 1944, to 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from India

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Mike Druash, 6947912, S Sgt, CAC, United States Army. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the vicinity of Hoesdorf, Luxembourg, on 7 February 1945, S Sgt Druash observed wounded men lying on the ground near his anti-aircraft gun and in spite of the artillery shells falling in the area went to their aid. After the barrage had lifted S Sgt Druash and another man placed the wounded in a truck after giving them first aid, and proceeded toward the nearest collecting station. Enroute, another barrage forced S Sgt Druash to unload the wounded men and take cover in a ditch. Although he himself was wounded he directed that all the wounded be delivered to the clearing station and their wounds dressed before he was given aid for his own wounds. The courage, initiative, and steadfast devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Druash are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

REXFORD L. HAWKINS, 01323129, Capt (then 1st Lt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 November 1944, a part of the company in which Capt Hawkins was serving forced a crossing of the bridge over the Nied River at Hans-sur-Nied, France. Displaying aggressive leadership and sound judgment under combat conditions, Capt Hawkins effected an immediate consolidation of that portion of the company which had not yet succeeded in crossing, and though subjected to intense enemy fire led the balance of the company forward across the bridge and joined with the company commander in developing initial holding positions within the town. His courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Clarence F. Houser, 37453822, Tec 5 (then Pfc), FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 and 24 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 and 24 January 1945, Tec 5 Houser, serving as a battalion truck driver, distinguished himself during a tactical move when the vehicle he was operating while on reconnaissance of the area his battalion was to occupy struck and detonated five enemy anti-personnel mines. With complete disregard of his own safety, he maneuvered the vehicle to safety and continued with the survey. Upon receiving information that a truck carrying valuable equipment had been disabled by a mine explosion and realizing the necessity of the material to his battalion, Tec 5 Houser voluntarily returned through the mined area and assisted in recovering the equipment. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

3rd Carl S. Jeffreys, 33320802, Tec 4, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 September 1944, to 2 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Edward W. Leach, 32005215, Cpl, CAC, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 February 1945, near Hoesdorf, Luxembourg, the area in which Cpl Leach was emplacing his anti-

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aircraft gun to support an infantry attack was heavily shelled, wounding four of the crew. Going to their assistance, Cpl Leach was caught in the open by another concentration. Refusing to take cover in a foxhole he protected a seriously wounded man with his body so as to help him avoid further harm. He later assisted in evacuating the four men to the collecting station. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Leach are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

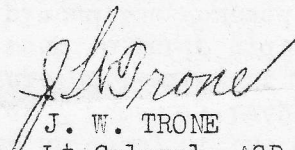
Reinhold G. Leske, 35313239, Pfc, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 October 1944, to 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 1 October 1944, to 1 February 1945, Pfc Leske, as driver for the lead vehicle, has performed his duties with the Division Reconnaissance Troop in a superior manner. He has courageously driven into territory in spite of mines and other hazards of driving and has often volunteered for patrol details involving close fighting with the enemy. The bravery, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Leske exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Roy E. Magnuson, 33273058, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 and 24 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 and 24 January 1945, during a tactical move in pursuit of the enemy the three quarter ton truck in which Sgt Magnuson was riding and which was loaded with valuable survey equipment struck an enemy mine, the explosion wrecking the vehicle and throwing Sgt Magnuson approximately twenty five feet to the side of the road. Despite the continuous explosion of mines in the immediate vicinity and a painful injury he had incurred, Sgt Magnuson made his way to the wrecked vehicle, retrieved the survey equipment so necessary to the successful completion of his battalion's mission, and deposited it in a place of comparative safety. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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IV. 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:

Raymond L. Martin, 37660983, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 and 24 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 and 24 January 1945, during a tactical move in pursuit of the enemy, the three quarter ton truck in which Pfc Martin was riding and which was loaded with valuable survey equipment, struck an enemy mine, the explosion wrecking the vehicle and throwing Pfc Martin approximately twenty five feet to the side of the road. Despite the continuous explosion of mines in the immediate vicinity and a painful injury he had incurred, Pfc Martin made his way to the wrecked vehicle, retrieved the survey equipment so necessary to the successful completion of his battalion's mission, and deposited it in a place of comparative safety. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Don McClure, 35408655, Tec 4, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Hugh T. McGovern, 33335838, Tec 4 (then Tec 5), Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 November 1944, to 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Throughout the period 8 November 1944, to 1 February 1945, Tec 4 McGovern, a radio operator for a Division Reconnaissance Troop, has performed his duties in a superior manner. Through long hours, despite enemy mortar and artillery fire directed at his vehicle, Tec 4 McGovern has skillfully operated for the benefit of and success of the reconnaissance platoon. His courage, initiative, and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Lorance L. Moffatt, 36186566, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 27 December 1944, to 28 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 27 December 1944, to 28 January 1945, Sgt Moffatt performed his duties of liaison sergeant in a superior manner. Near Ringel, Luxembourg, during a counterattack by the enemy he was responsible for maintaining communications with the rear. He exposed himself to enemy fire and carried out the duties of wire section men who were wounded. The courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Moffatt are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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M JOHN M. PFEIL, JR, 0545507, 2d Lt, 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, near St Avold, France, Lt Pfeil, commander of a heavy mortar platoon supporting a rifle company in the attack, observed that the adjacent company was delayed by intense fire from enemy positions. Unable to register fire on these positions from his established observation post, Lt Pfeil with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved to an exposed position on the forward slope of an adjacent hill from which he capably registered effective mortar fire and neutralized the enemy positions. His 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 Pennsylvania.

Thomas M. Pullin, 35385832, 1st Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

H James E. Robinette, 35434573, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 25 and 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 and 26 December 1944, at Ringel, Luxembourg, despite severe enemy fire, Pfc Robinette persevered in his duties as truck driver to obtain necessary ammunition and supplies. After three attempts to penetrate the concentration of fire laid by the enemy on all approaches to the town, Pfc Robinette succeeded in driving his one quarter ton truck through the heavy enemy fire to the rear supply base. Because of this aggressive action on the part of Pfc Robinette, the necessary ammunition and supplies were procured and his platoon was able to retain its position and repulse the enemy. His courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

George A. Sanderlin, 20401994, Sgt, 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, during the attack on St Avold, France, Sgt Sanderlin's squad was subjected to intense small arms and artillery fire while advancing to their objective. There were many casualties and the medical personnel present were not able to effect prompt treatment and evacuation of all the wounded. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sgt Sanderlin repeatedly and under intense enemy fire exposed himself to administer and evacuate the injured of his squad. His personal bravery, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

ELDREN SCALES, W2106001, CWO, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

RICHARD J. SCHALLIOL, 0271898, Maj, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 November 1944, to 31 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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Dominick F. Silverio, 33278085, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 5 - 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 5 - 8 January 1945, in Dahl, Luxembourg, Tec 5 Silverio, a radio operator, performed his duties with an artillery forward observer in a heroic and courageous manner. With the aid of a companion Tec 5 Silverio voluntarily carried his radio seventy five yards across a field exposed to small arms fire and established an observation post from which to direct artillery fire. In spite of the risk involved, Tec 5 Silverio maintained communications with the field artillery direction center and ably supported the infantry. His courage, resourcefulness, and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

DONALD J. STRIMMETZ, 01176204, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Anthony Tirri, 32601495, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 6 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the battle for Fort de Villey le Sec, France, on 6 September 1944, Sgt Tirri and the section of three inch guns he commanded, ably supported the infantry attack on the fort. Later, when it was necessary for the attackers to withdraw, Sgt Tirri moved his guns into an open field in order to cover the withdrawal and in spite of enemy small arms fire he maintained his positions, finally withdrawing last from the field. His bravery, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Lawrence E. White, 35503779, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 14 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 14 September 1944, S Sgt White and a companion noticed a platoon of Germans in the act of capturing an armored car and its two occupants. Assuming a commanding position, the two men began firing upon the platoon thereby enabling the two Americans in the armored car to man their automatic weapons. Continuing with the attack S Sgt White succeeded in taking thirty prisoners, including one officer. His courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

*AT* V. 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 Pfc Helbert C. Goins, 35796034, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 9 February 1945.

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*K* VI. 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 CAPT EDWARD B. SMITH, 0379633, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 13 February 1945.

*proceed* VII. So much of Section VII, General Orders Number 50, this Headquarters, dated 19 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "CAPT EDWARD B. SMITH 0379633 Inf 13 Feb 45" is rescinded.

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