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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:

Donald A. Philkill, 32167151, S Sgt, Inf, 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. During an attack on Ringel, Luxembourg, on 26 December 1944, S Sgt Philkill, a mortar section sergeant, was performing the hazardous duty of forward observer. Despite heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, S Sgt Philkill, by accurate sensing and fire direction, contributed immeasurably to the advance of the attacking battalion. His courage, skill, leadership, 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.

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III. 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:

✓ CHARLES E. HANSON, 02009795, 2d Lt (then T Sgt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While occupying defensive positions near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, on 25 December 1944, Lt Hanson, then serving as mortar platoon sergeant, was directing the fire of his guns when word was received that a forward observer had been wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Disregarding the danger involved, Lt Hanson and a companion boldly advanced to the exposed observation point and, after giving first aid, evacuated the wounded man. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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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:

✓ Willis Des Jarlais, 36255243, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 25 December 1944, in connection with

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military operations against an enemy of the United States. While occupying defensive positions near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, on 25 December 1944, S Sgt Des Jarlais, a mortar squad leader, was directing the fire of his gun when word was received that a forward observer had been wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Disregarding the danger involved, S Sgt Des Jarlais and a companion boldly advanced to the exposed observation point and, after giving first aid, evacuated the wounded man. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Raymond L. Gage, 39392103, Sgt (then Pfc), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Woche, Luxembourg, on 18 January 1945, Sgt Gage, serving as a runner, voluntarily moved through heavy mortar and artillery fire across the town in order to contact the members of a tank destroyer unit and to point out to them an enemy strongpoint which was delaying the attack. In spite of enemy sniper fire, Sgt Gage completed his mission and by his heroic action enabled the advance to be continued. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California. 18 JAN

Michael Gensey, 33186070, 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. In the vicinity of St Avold, France, on 27 November 1944, S Sgt Gensey led his machine gun squad into position through heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and effectively furnished supporting fire for the attacking riflemen. When three of his squad were wounded, he succeeded in carrying them to a covered position despite heavy enemy fire. His resourcefulness, courage, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. 27 NOV

William E. Greene, 20402751, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 18 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While returning from a reconnaissance patrol near Villers, France, on 18 November 1944, the platoon in which T Sgt Greene served as platoon sergeant received a heavy enemy mortar concentration. All but the platoon leader, who was seriously wounded, were able to take cover. T Sgt Greene, disregarding his own safety, carried the wounded officer seventy five yards to a safe position and medical aid. T Sgt Greene's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia. 18 NOV

Charles A. Greiner, 33247316, Tec 5, Inf, 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, the wire crew of which Tec 5 Greiner served as wire chief was laying communications closely following an attack against Kehmen, Luxembourg. Direct enemy fire hit a friendly tank near where the crew was working and as they withdrew to cover, Tec 5 Greiner heard men calling for help from within the burning 26 DEC



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tank. Disregarding the danger, he and a companion reached the tank and extricated two of the crew before the ammunition exploded. Tec 5 Greiner's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH R. HUGHES, 02009810, 2d Lt (then T Sgt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When his platoon leader was evacuated on 24 November 1944, during an attack against Trette-ling, France, Lt Hughes immediately assumed command and, after reorganizing his men, successfully led them for the two days during which the objective was taken. Lt Hughes' courage, initiative, and leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia. 24 NOV

William R. Loggett, 38676067, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 January 1945, alerted by a short enemy artillery barrage which preceded a German attack, Pfc Loggett, an automatic rifleman, observed an enemy platoon advancing toward his well dug in position in an outpost defense of Goetsdorf, Luxembourg. By withholding his fire until the attackers were approximately thirty five yards from his position, Pfc Loggett succeeded in killing five and wounding seven enemy soldiers and forcing the remainder to withdraw. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty repelled a serious enemy threat and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas. 8 JAN

Leroy McCraw, 34969756, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 January 1945, as a member of a machine gun squad, Pfc McCraw was left as security in the gun position near Dahl, Luxembourg, while the squad leader sought a replacement gun for their piece which had been destroyed by heavy artillery falling in the area. Before the squad leader had returned with a new gun, an enemy platoon advanced toward the emplacement. Armed only with a pistol, Pfc McCraw fired, killing one of the enemy and held the rest at bay until the new machine was brought into position and employed to rout the enemy. Pfc McCraw'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. 7 JAN

Walter J. Pasciak, 12217749, Pfc, Inf, 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, the wire crew in which Pfc Pasciak served as wireman was laying communications closely following an attack against Kehmen, Luxembourg. Direct enemy fire hit a friendly tank near where the crew was working and as they withdrew to cover Pfc Pasciak heard men calling for help from within the burning tank. Disregarding the danger, he and a companion reached the tank and extricated two of the crew before the ammunition exploded. Pfc Pasciak's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. 26 DEC

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✓ Co D Charles J. Phillips, 35435137, S Sgt, <sup>318</sup> Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany during the period 10 - 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. <sup>10-12 Feb</sup> During the initial crossing of the Sauer River on the 10th to 12th of February 1945, S Sgt Phillips was serving as a forward observer of a mortar platoon. Even though wounded on the first day of the crossing he continued to give effective support to the bridgehead troops. Disregarding his own personal safety, he remained with the forward elements for three days and nights without relief. S Sgt Phillips' courage and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Steve L. Portman, 35484480, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 December 1944, during the assault against Ringel, Luxembourg, an enemy artillery barrage wounded three members of a mortar section. Pfc Portman, without orders, voluntarily loaded the more seriously wounded in his vehicle and, by driving through a concentration of artillery and mortar fire, evacuated them to an aid station. Before returning he obtained a load of mortar ammunition for the section and throughout the action made repeated trips to maintain an adequate supply of ammunition. Pfc Portman'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 Kentucky. <sup>28 DEC</sup>


Avery Squires, 12187600, Sgt (then Pfc), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 November 1944, near Trotteling, France, the platoon in which Sgt Squires served as a gunner was moving to support a rifle company when the guide leading the platoon into position was killed. Realizing that contact was lost with the rifle company, Sgt Squires immediately sought the company commander and, after learning the situation, led the platoon through heavy fire to the position from which they gave invaluable support to the riflemen. Sgt Squires' courage, initiative, and leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. <sup>24 Nov</sup>

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V. 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:

Joseph A. Gudinas, 33247466, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. *26 DEC*  
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, as an enemy counterattack threatened the company position, S Sgt Gudinas, a mortar platoon sergeant, personally moved through artillery and mortar fire to locate more advantageous gun locations and successfully led his men to the new emplacements without casualties. From these new positions, S Sgt Gudinas directed accurate mortar fire on the attacking enemy, greatly aiding in their rout. His courage, initiative, and leadership are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Alvie Gulley, 35502344, T Sgt (then Sgt), Inf, Army of the United States. *7 Sep*  
For heroic achievement in France on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the initial stage of the bridgehead across the Moselle River near Toul, France, on 7 September 1944, the ammunition supply became critical because all bridges had been destroyed. T Sgt Gulley, a member of the battalion ammunition and pioneer platoon, voluntarily loaded a vehicle with ammunition and, despite heavy enemy fire on the crossing site, emplaced the truck on pontoons and crossed the river to supply the embattled troops. His courage and initiative prevented the loss of the position and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

James E. Longanetta, 35386319, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. *22 DEC*  
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 Longanetta, an automatic rifleman, was assigned the mission of clearing the enemy from a group of buildings in Merzig, Luxembourg. Having located an enemy machine gun emplaced in a house, he led a light tank through the intense small arms fire to a location from which it could bring effective fire on the position, after which he covered the escape route of the enemy, killing two, wounding one, and capturing three enemy soldiers as they fled the tank fire. Pfc Longanetta'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 West Virginia.

Carl C. Lucci, 35917986, Sgt (then Pvt), Inf, Army of the United States. *23 DEC*  
For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While moving through Merzig, Luxembourg, on 23 December 1944, Sgt Lucci, an assistant squad leader, and four soldiers became temporarily separated from the platoon.

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On discovering sixteen German soldiers behind a barn, Sgt Lucci, covered by the weapons of his men, confronted the enemy and took them as prisoners. Sgt Lucci's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Jenkins Ott, 34334789, S 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. During the attack on Merzig, Luxembourg, on 23 December 1944, the squad in which S Sgt Ott was serving as squad leader advanced into the town accompanied by another squad. As the squads approached the edge of the town, the accompanying squad, in attempting to cross open terrain, was caught by withering enemy machine gun and automatic weapons fire. Realizing the gravity of the situation, S Sgt Ott, with utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire to employ his men and weapons and direct fire upon the enemy. His skillful direction and prompt action made it possible for both squads to continue with the advance and accomplish the mission. The aggressive leadership, courage, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Ott are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama. 23 DEC

William H. Parent, 35594212, S Sgt (then Cpl), 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. In an attack near St Avold, France, on 26 November 1944, heavy enemy machine gun fire temporarily delayed the infantry advance. S Sgt Parent, a mortar squad leader, with the mission of supporting the attack, carried a heavy reel of wire through mortar and artillery fire to establish communications with a forward observer. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty made possible the destruction of the enemy position and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. 26 NOV

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WILLIAM H. SCOTT, JR, 025752, Capt (then 1st Lt), Inf, United States Army. 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, during an attack on St Avold, France, Capt Scott and his rifle company were assigned the mission of attacking a strongly held enemy position which threatened the battalion advance. With utter disregard for his own safety Capt Scott personally assaulted the entrenched enemy, leading his men forward and by his example inspired them to capture the objective. Capt Scott's courage, aggressiveness, and leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from Tennessee. 27 NOV

Jesse G. Szoke, 36987560, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the assault against Nocher, Luxembourg, on 18 January 1945, Pfc Szoke discovered a wounded comrade lying unattended in an area subjected to heavy mortar and artillery fire. On hearing the wounded man's plea for aid, Pfc Szoke advanced to him and, after carrying his fallen comrade to a foxhole, administered first aid. Pfc Szoke's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan. 18 JAN



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Robert C. Young, 35460168, S Sgt, Inf, 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, an intense enemy artillery barrage necessitated a machine gun platoon withdrawing to a covered position within rifle company defenses near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg. S Sgt Young, serving as platoon sergeant, was instructed by the platoon leader to lead the platoon to safety. Realizing the need for speed, S Sgt Young, in order to reach the platoon, exposed himself to enemy fire by crossing a long open stretch of hillside and by skillful maneuver found safe and suitable positions for the men in a covered draw. S Sgt Young'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 Kentucky.

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VI. 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:

Carl W. Beynon, 33254103, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In spite of extremely heavy artillery and mortar fire which preceded an enemy counterattack against Ringel, Luxembourg, on 25 December 1944, Sgt Beynon, a machine gun squad leader, led his men into positions and, although mortally wounded during the action, directed the fire of his gun so effectively against the attacking tanks and infantry that the enemy was put to rout. Sgt Beynon'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.

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James W. Cummings, 35438595, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 January 1945, after the liberation of Dahl, Luxembourg, the enemy launched repeated counterattacks in an effort to recapture the town. During one extremely severe attack Pfc Cummings distinguished himself by courageous and aggressive action against each fierce enemy thrust. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he moved about under severe fire to place his rocket launcher in positions from which he could deliver more effective fire on the enemy. The courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Cummings are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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Co B Corbett L. Faber, Jr, 35922786, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 14 February 1945, Pfc Faber, an aid man, accompanied an assaulting rifle company in an attack on Biesdorf, Germany. When surprise enemy fire forced the lead scouts to temporarily withdraw, leaving five wounded men exposed to enemy fire, Pfc Faber crawled to each of the wounded men, treated their injuries, and supervised their evacuation. The following day, while administering first aid to a wounded soldier, he was mortally wounded. Pfc Faber'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.

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Leonard Mankiller, 39395130, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic action in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 January 1945, during a heavy enemy artillery barrage preceding a German counterattack on Dahl, Luxembourg, the machine gun which Sgt Mankiller operated was destroyed by shell fragments. Despite the danger to himself he ran to the company command post, secured a reserve gun, and returned to his position in time to effectively fire on the attacking enemy. Sgt Mankiller'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 California. 7 JAN

AT? Carl E. Stickdorn, 35409034, Pfc, Inf, 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. During a counterattack against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, on 24 December 1944, an enemy armored thrust outflanked the defenses and rendered anti-tank guns ineffective. Pfc Stickdorn, despite the severe small arms fire from street fighting and enemy mortar and artillery fire falling in the area, made his way to inform the armored forces in the town of the direction of the new threat. By his action the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses. Pfc Stickdorn's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. 24 DEC

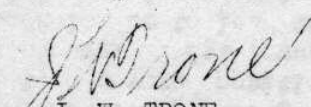
VII. Section VI, General Orders Number 1, this Headquarters, dated 1 January 1945, is amended to delete the name of "Pvt Frank C. Haws 35648132 Inf 24 Dec 44".

VIII. Section VIII, General Orders Number 78, this Headquarters, dated 19 March 1945, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart to Pfc Robert E. Snavely 19052757 Inf 14 Mar 45, is amended to award enlisted man the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

IX. Section III, General Orders Number 80, this Headquarters, dated 21 March 1945, is amended to delete the name of "Pfc John R. Butler 36715885 Inf 15 Mar 45".

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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I. The following letter from Headquarters XII Corps, APO 312, U. S. Army, dated 17 March 1945, is published for the information of all concerned:

"Major General Horace L. McBride  
Commanding, 80th Infantry Division,  
APO 80, U. S. Army.

My dear General McBRIDE:

I want you to know that the 80th Infantry Division, when it transferred from the XII Corps, took with it the respect and admiration of our entire Corps.

Since December you have added notable new pages to a record already distinguished by your memorable successes through Lorraine into the Saar Basin. During January and February your bridgeheads over the Sure and Sauer Rivers established your troops as accomplished veterans of one of our most difficult military operations, the assault river crossing. Your crossing of the Sauer near Bollen-  
dorf could scarcely have been accomplished under more fearful conditions of weather, flood, and stubborn enemy resistance. The gallant manner in which you poured troops across a raging 15-mile-an-  
hour torrent was equalled only by your bold and spirited up-hill storming of the defenses of the Siegfried line. Your achievements surely demanded the finest qualities of leadership, the highest personal courage of every officer and man, and the most careful and intelligent planning by you and your staff - in short, those qualities which we of the XII Corps have come to expect so consistently from the 80th Infantry Division.

Every member of your command will share your pride in the enviable standards you have set during these past bloody months. Please accept for yourself and for your division my deep appreciation of your tremendous contribution to the successful operations of this Corps.

Sincerely yours,

s/t/M. S. EDDY  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding"

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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