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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:

William E. Aden, Jr, 18213041, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 14 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 14 January 1945, near Dahl, Luxembourg, a volunteer four man night patrol of which Pvt Aden was a member received surprise hostile fire which wounded him in the foot and seriously wounded a comrade. After crawling to the shelter of a ditch with his comrade on his back, Pvt Aden returned to friendly lines for aid in evacuating the injured soldier and, despite his own wound, led the litter party back to the wounded man, receiving aid himself only after the evacuation was completed. Pvt Aden's courage, bravery, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana. JAN

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QUINTUS C. ATKINSON, V, 026317, 1st Lt, Inf, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, during an attack against Neiderfeulen, Luxembourg, Lt Atkinson, a tank destroyer platoon leader, and a companion observed a well emplaced enemy machine gun, the fire of which delayed the advance of the infantry. Realizing that if he opened fire with his tank destroyers he would disclose to other direct fire weapons his own positions as well as the location of the infantry, Lt Atkinson and his companion, armed with rifles and grenades, advanced by fire and movement despite severe hostile fire until they were able to hurl hand grenades into the emplacement and destroy the enemy gun and crew. Lt Atkinson's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from New York. Dec

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Claude W. Ball, 33225839, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 and 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 February 1945, near Biesdorf, Germany, S Sgt Ball, an artillery radio operator, observed that an enemy direct fire weapon was delaying the infantry advance. Despite severe small arms fire he crawled well forward of friendly troops to a position from which he effectively registered fire on and destroyed the enemy gun. On the following day he again aided the attack by assuming the full duties of artillery observer and, despite the handicaps of hostile fire and radio failure, contributed immeasurably to the successful assault by his accurate fire. S Sgt Ball's Feb

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courage, skill, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

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ROBERT L. HEARN, 01822141, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, during an attack against Neiderfoulen, Luxembourg, Lt Hearn, a tank destroyer platoon leader, and a companion observed a well emplaced enemy machine gun, the fire of which delayed the advance of the infantry. Realizing that if he opened fire with his tank destroyers he would disclose to other direct fire weapons his own positions as well as the location of the infantry, Lt Hearn and his companion, armed with rifles and grenades, advanced by fire and movement despite severe hostile fire until they were able to hurl hand grenades into the emplacement and destroy the enemy gun and crew. Lt Hearn'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 Texas. DEC

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811 TD
Frederick E. Newman, 31074405, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 February 1945, during an attack against Birendorf, Germany, the tank destroyer in which Sgt Newman was gun commander became mired in the soft mud. Realizing the necessity of neutralizing the tank and anti-tank fire directed at his position, Sgt Newman and a companion elected to remain at their weapons and effectively fired on an approaching enemy tank. When his companion raised the turret for better visibility, another hostile tank opened fire mortally wounding him. Observing his critical condition, Sgt Newman immediately carried him through intense small arms fire to the protection of friendly lines. His courage, bravery, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts. FEB

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Marlon H. Totty, 38692309, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. As a member of a nine man squad which had the mission of protecting the company flank on 8 January 1945, in Dahl, Luxembourg, Pfc Totty capably aided in the fight against a powerful enemy tank and infantry attack. Finally forced to withdraw to a building carrying three wounded men, Pfc Totty refused to retreat farther and doggedly fought from room to room using hand grenades, bayonet, and captured weapons against the numerically superior enemy. After four hours of savage hand to hand combat, twenty five Germans surrendered to the remaining eight Americans, five of whom were wounded. Pfc Totty's outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma. JAN

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:

Melvin L. Thompson, 35749915, Pfc, FA, 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 Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, on 23 December 1944, Pfc Thompson volunteered to carry

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a replacement radio to an artillery forward observer. With utter disregard for his own safety, although wounded by the shelling, he made two trips across the area where the enemy artillery and mortar fire were falling to complete his mission and deliver the equipment. The actions of Pfc Thompson made it possible to register effective fire on the enemy. 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 Ohio. DEC

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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THIS G.O. Raymond L. Bork, 39462458, Pfc, MD, 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. On 18 January 1945, during an assault against Nocher, Luxembourg, the only route of evacuation for casualties was over a mined road which was constantly shelled and in many places deeply drifted with snow. Pfc Bork, driver of a litter bearing vehicle, voluntarily made this hazardous trip with seriously wounded soldiers until the road was blocked by a vehicle destroyed by a mine. His courage, bravery, and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to saving the lives of many wounded men and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington. JAN

Ralph T. Carrig, 36879439, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 27 and 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During three heavy enemy counterattacks against Ringel, Luxembourg, on 27 and 28 December 1944, Cpl Carrig, a mortar gunner, rendered invaluable support to the defending infantry by accurately firing his mortar despite the enemy artillery which was directed against his position. Throughout the two day period, although working in a depleted squad, he was continually on the alert and repeatedly fired missions accurately and without hesitation. Cpl Carrig's courage, skill, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan. DEC

✓ James F. McCourt, Jr, 39096373, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 27 and 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During three heavy enemy counterattacks against Ringel, Luxembourg, on 27 and 28 December 1944, S Sgt McCourt, a mortar squad leader, rendered invaluable support to the defending infantry by accurately directing the fire of his mortar despite the enemy artillery which was directed against his position. Throughout the two day period, although working with a depleted squad, he was continually on the alert and repeatedly fired missions accurately and without hesitation. S Sgt McCourt's courage, skill, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California. DEC

✓ Francis E. Sheller, 35578568, 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 an assault

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on Harderbach, Luxembourg, on 18 January 1945, the tactical situation necessitated the withdrawal of a platoon which had sustained a number of casualties. Pfc Sheller, serving as platoon messenger and radio operator, assisting in the evacuation of the injured was wounded in the legs, but disregarding his pain and artillery fire on the location, he continued with his work until all the wounded were evacuated. Pfc Sheller's courage, bravery, and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

CoB Raymond L. Shupe, 35540647, Pfc, MD, 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. On 18 January 1945, during an assault against Necher, Luxembourg, the only route of evacuation for casualties was over a mined road which was constantly shelled and in many places deeply drifted with snow. Pfc Shupe, driver of a litter bearing vehicle, voluntarily made this hazardous trip with seriously wounded soldiers until the road was blocked by a vehicle destroyed by a mine. His courage, bravery, and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to saving the lives of many wounded men and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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