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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 Officers and Enlisted Men:

Emerson T. Aughton, 32629325, Tec 5, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

CHESTER L. AVERY, 01581498, 1st Lt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Nicholas D. Carr, 33203953, Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Paul E. Heisser, 35359354, Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Harry Kaysen, 33336086, Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Ernest C. Kegler, 36255229, Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Henry Noe, 35644117, Tec 5, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Elmer J. Saurini, 32673971, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 24 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 September

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Saurini and a companion were on duty at their 57mm Anti-Tank Gun when their position was suddenly subjected to intense indirect shelling from an enemy tank. With exceptional fortitude he remained at his gun in the face of murderous fire, retaliating fire on the enemy. While thus engaged, he received wounds which later resulted in his death. The personal bravery, determination, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Saurini exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Jalmer M. Talus, 36185654, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 15 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 September 1944, while repulsing an enemy tank attack supported by direct German 88mm gun fire, Pfc Talus, ammunition bearer, made repeated trips to and from the weapons carrier to supply the ammunition which finally destroyed the enemy tank. Turning then to his wounded comrades, still in grave danger from flying shrapnel, he assisted the aid man in treating and evacuating them until he himself was mortally wounded by enemy fire. The personal bravery, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Talus exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Joe D. Wiggins, 33219124, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

HERBERT A. WILLIS, 01060686, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 1 December 1944, Lt Willis was serving as a patrol leader having the mission of reconnoitering for possible fords of a stream. After advancing to within 150 yards of a town, the patrol was fired upon by automatic weapons from a nearby building. Realizing that they had been drawn into an enemy trap, he succeeded in leading the patrol to a place of safety. During this action Lt Willis received wounds which later proved fatal, but despite his injuries he carefully instructed the remainder of the patrol to return and report the valuable information they had gained. The personal courage, leadership, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lt Willis exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

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 Enlisted Men:

Jesse C. Bridges, 38566546, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 December 1944, Pvt Bridges was serving as an assistant ambulance driver between an infantry battalion aid station and a collecting station. Shortly after dark a report was received that two seriously wounded men in a forward area were in need of medical aid. Pvt Bridges, in company with the ambulance driver,

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set out under enemy fire to locate the injured men. After traveling for some distance a road block was encountered which prevented further travel by ambulance. Despite the darkness and sporadic small arms fire, Pvt Bridges and his companion went forward on foot and located the casualties. While making the second litter haul to the ambulance three wounded men were found trying to make their way to a medical unit. The timely presence of Pvt Bridges enabled them to receive the necessary medical attention. The courage, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Bridges exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Richard J. Bronnert, 35677646, Pvt, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 12- 18 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Parris S. Brown, 33047534, Tec 5, CAC, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 30 November 1944, Tec 5 Brown was driving a vehicle on missions to the various gun sections of the unit with which he served. As he arrived at one of the gun sections an enemy shell burst in that vicinity, seriously wounding two comrades. Despite the fact that the area was under heavy enemy artillery fire, Tec 5 Brown went forward to successfully evacuate the injured men. Later that day while in the vicinity of another gun section subjected to enemy artillery fire, he assisted in treating and safely evacuating four other soldiers who were wounded by shrapnel. His courage, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Edward E. Burke, 35330269, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 20 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 20 August 1944, after a particularly fierce battle in the closing of the \* \* \* \* Gap, Pfc Burke and a companion attempted to evacuate casualties to an ambulance collecting point through enemy mine fields and booby traps. Two wounded were successfully evacuated but on the return trip Pfc Burke accidentally detonated a mine, resulting in injuries serious to himself. The personal bravery, initiative, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Burke exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

James H. Butler, 13116748, Tec 3, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 12 - 19 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Louis F. E. Cayer, 31101111, Tec 5, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 18 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maine.

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John D. Cecutti, 35618477, Tec 5, Sig C, Army of the United States... For meritorious service in France during the period 12 - 19 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Donald H. Crane, 37449959, S Sgt, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 18 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Charles R. Dohrer, 37692215, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, Pfc Dohrer, a scout, participated in difficult night patrol activities to successfully obtain information as to enemy strength and gun emplacements, vitally necessary to the plans of an offensive. Despite the hazards of a river crossing into enemy held ground heavily defended by automatic weapons, mines, and trip wires, Pfc Dohrer completed each assigned mission and on one occasion brought back an enemy prisoner for interrogation. The personal bravery, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Dohrer are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Calvin J. Evans, 35408889, Tec 5, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 12 - 18 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Charles D. Pillinger, 33320396, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 9 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Herman V. Robb, Jr, 33320483, Pfc, 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, Pfc Robb, a  $\frac{1}{4}$  Ton vehicle driver for a rifle company, voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, under direct enemy observation and intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, drove his vehicle directly into the raking enemy barrage to successfully evacuate a wounded officer. The personal bravery, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Robb exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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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 Officer and Enlisted Men:

FRANK J. DOWD, JR, 01051937, Capt, CAC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 10 August 1944, to 17 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Robert J. Oostdyk, 15105056, Tec 5, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While on a reconnaissance mission on 29 November 1944, the unit with which Tec 5 Oostdyk served as a radio operator, moved into a town. Shortly after arrival a heavy enemy artillery concentration fell in the immediate vicinity, endangering personnel and equipment, and forcing the platoons to seek cover. With the congestion caused by the narrow street and heavy traffic it was impossible to turn the vehicles around and escape the barrage. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Tec 5 Oostdyk voluntarily left the safety of his armored car, quickly discovered a small alley and guided the vehicles as they turned around despite the constant barrage being laid by the enemy. His initiative, bravery, and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. *Rec'd*

Kent B. Palmer, 39859060, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 December 1944, Pfc Palmer was serving as an ambulance driver between an infantry battalion aid station and a collecting station. Shortly after dark a report was received that two seriously wounded men in a forward area were in need of medical aid. Pfc Palmer, accompanied by his assistant driver, voluntarily set out under enemy fire to locate the injured men. After traveling for some distance a road block was encountered which prevented further travel by ambulance. Despite the darkness and sporadic small arms fire, Pfc Palmer and his companion went forward on foot and located the casualties. While making the second litter haul to the ambulance three wounded men were found trying to make their way to a medical unit. The timely presence of Pfc Palmer enabled them to receive the necessary medical attention. The courage, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Palmer exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arizona.

Harry M. Saurman, 33320491, Tec 4, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 18 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Marvin R. Spencer, 38106930, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 21 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 21 September 1944, Sgt Spencer was riding with a supply train which was bringing rations and water to the companies of a Battalion when an enemy machine gun opened fire on the men and vehicles. Without hesitation he voluntarily advanced with a four man patrol to successfully destroy the machine gun nest. He continued leading the patrol in advance of the supply train despite severe wounds received from sniper fire, guiding the train safely to its destination. His actions resulted in killing many of the enemy and the taking of nine prisoners. The courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Spencer exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas. ✓

James F. Steward, 32005798, M Sgt CAC, Army of the United States. ✓ For meritorious service in France during the period 10 August 1944, to 17 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Walter Sukey, 35313165, Tec 4, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 28 August 1944, to 1 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Joe W. Watkins, 35330939, T Sgt, Sig C, Army of the United States. ✓ For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 18 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

IV. 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 the following named Enlisted Men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Cpl Charles F. Welden	34441430	Inf (Armd)	24 Dec 44
Pvt Ted L. Nalley	39918660	Inf (Armd)	27 Dec 44

V. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named Officers and Enlisted Men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on dates indicated:

Pvt Francis L. Essley	36776784	Inf	25 Dec 44
2D LT JACK R. GREY	0543229	Inf (Armd)	25 Dec 44
Pfc Leo J. Hollingsworth	37226033	MD	25 Dec 44
Pvt Kenneth L. Cradit	36987209	Inf	25 Dec 44
S Sgt Elton L. Mason	38676059	Inf	25 Dec 44
1ST LT WILLIAM E. SHORE	01018941	Inf (Armd)	27 Dec 44

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VI. So much of Section VII, General Orders Number 115, this Headquarters, dated 28 December 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Cpl Charles F. Welden 34441430 Inf (Armd) 24 Dec 44" is rescinded.

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