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I. 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:

James C. Balazs, 35408099, 1st Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 21 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 21 November 1944, the company with which 1st Sgt Balazs served had the mission of outposting an objective. 1st Sgt Balazs was to follow the company with his personnel group and establish a command post. Upon his arrival he found that the company had bypassed the objective and was encircled by the enemy. 1st Sgt Balazs then outposted the objective with his group and sent out patrols to contact the company, maintaining contact with his battalion until he had located his company. The initiative, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty demonstrated by 1st Sgt Balazs are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Walter J. Bendrick, 33240945, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 10 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 November 1944, the squad with which Pfc Bendrick served as Machine Gunner had the mission of supporting a battalion attack on the enemy. As the leading elements of the battalion began to cross the line of departure they were subjected to heavy automatic weapons and mortar fire, temporarily delaying the advance. With total disregard for his own safety, Pfc Bendrick immediately set up his machine gun and began firing upon the enemy emplacements, successfully destroying them. During the course of the fighting Pfc Bendrick had two machine guns destroyed from under him which were replaced so that he could continue firing. His actions enabled the battalion to proceed and accomplish the assigned mission. The courage, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Bendrick exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles J. Bennett, 39096424, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 10 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on the enemy on 10 September 1944, S Sgt Bennett, Observer and Section Leader of an 81mm Mortar Platoon, displayed cool courage and utter disregard for his own safety, while under direct fire from enemy artillery, machine gun, and rifle fire, to maintain an observation post and direct accurate mortar fire on enemy positions. His actions enabled the company he served to suc

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seize the desired objective. His courage, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

John Berecz, 35035004, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 1 - 7 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 1 - 7 November 1944, Sgt Berecz led his squad in difficult night patrol activities to successfully obtain information as to enemy machine gun positions, artillery emplacements, and strength, vitally necessary to the plans of an offensive. Despite the hazards of a river crossing into enemy held ground strongly defended by automatic weapons, Sgt Berecz completed each assigned mission, contributing greatly to the success of the attack on 8 November 1944. His courage, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Louis J. Bogner, 33282616, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 14 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

D Joseph A. Borella, 33272995, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on the enemy on 8 November 1944, S Sgt Borella, acting as an observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, with total disregard for his own safety, while under heavy small arms fire from the enemy, moved to an advanced OP to direct the fire of the platoon, thereby permitting the advance of the battalion which had been temporarily delayed by the intense enemy fire. After gaining the objective, S Sgt Borella continued to direct the fire of his section, despite heavy mortar and artillery fire, to greatly assist in repulsing an enemy assault. His courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Howard W. Bruns, 37211596, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, during a coordinated attack on the enemy, the Battalion S-3 became a casualty. S Sgt Bruns, Operations Non-Commissioned Officer, displaying initiative and resourcefulness, assumed the S-3 duties, despite the hazards of adverse weather conditions and artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, fulfilling all tasks successfully. His efficiency, courage, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

August A. Buser, 35460782, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 1 - 7 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 1 - 7 November 1944, Sgt Buser led his squad in difficult night patrol activities to successfully obtain information as to enemy machine gun positions, artillery emplacements, and strength, vitally necessary to the plans of an offensive. Despite the hazards of a river crossing into enemy held ground strongly defended by automatic weapons, Sgt Buser successfully ac

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each assigned mission, contributing greatly to the success of the attack on 8 November 1944. His leadership, courage, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

WILLIAM J. CLARK JR, 01325631, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 25, 26, and 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25, 26, and 28 November 1944, Lt Clark, Battalion S-4, exhibited exceptional initiative and resourcefulness, despite intense enemy artillery, mortar, tank, and machine gun fire, in successfully getting supplies through to the battalion each time to relieve critical situations. On one occasion, when the troops were isolated because of a blown bridge, he organized carrying parties to deliver the supplies. The courage, efficiency, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt Clark are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Hugh Cooper, 35460588, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 17 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Reo J. Davis, 35408967, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 14 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

George G. Henderson, 39183471, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 14 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

MAX S. JOHNSON, 016745, Col, GSC, United States Army. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 27 November 1944, to 9 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

Kenneth Koehler, 35359180, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 14 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Earl I. Lafnear, 36185298, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Walter J. Lewicki, 33304953, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 14 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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James McDow, 6285637, T Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 15 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

CHARLES C. MILLER, JR, 0366813, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 15 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Clark E. Spence, 33235058, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 17 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Chester C. Steiger, 33318334, 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.

Frank J. Urbas, 13073884, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 15 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

II. 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 and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on dates indicated:

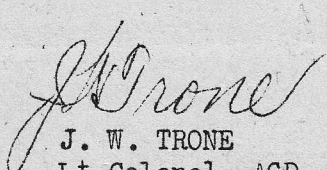
<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Sgt Ralph L. Niman	35558381	Inf	6 Jan 45
T Sgt Olan Nugent	38518363	Inf	6 Jan 45
Pfc Forrest M. Sheeley	35408418	Inf	7 Jan 45
Pvt James E. Aliff Jr	35774046	Inf	7 Jan 45

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III. 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 personnel 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>
Pfc Walter C. Ruckman	35721607	Inf	5 Jan 45
<i>Deleted per Div 80 6/1/45</i> Pvt Henry J. Miller	35311932	Inf	6 Jan 45
K Sgt Alfred B. Thetford	38119107	Inf	6 Jan 45
4 Pfc Leslie N. Jones	38471407	Inf	6 Jan 45
K Pfc Harold Heckler	32741983	Inf	6 Jan 45
AT Capt BERNARD ROSENBLAT	0411887	DC	6 Jan 45
S Sgt Donald F. Reed	35409047	Inf	7 Jan 45
Pfc William W. Youngblood	34973538	MD	7 Jan 45
EPfc Aubrey C. Choate	39405044	Inf	7 Jan 45

IV. 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 personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on dates indicated:

Pvt Donald R. Null	13133090	Inf	24 Dec 44
Pfc Joseph M. Brien	32666458	Inf	24 Dec 44
Pfc Leo R. Charles	39183663	Inf	24 Dec 44
Pvt Ervin C. Verburg	36987510	Inf	27 Dec 44
2D LT JOHN W. OSTREM	0558387	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pfc George F. Stanko	33845078	Inf	5 Jan 45
Tec 5 Edward Delorenzo	32937107	Inf	5 Jan 45
T Sgt Sylvester M. Anderson	36260240	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pfc Byron L. Lewis	37350695	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pvt Donald E. Ryan	34988586	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pvt Domenick P. Daddona	31463960	Inf	5 Jan 45
Sgt William V. Martin	36969285	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pfc Merle W. Burton	37742472	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pvt Gerard Schwartz	42134581	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pvt Julius Cohen	42070417	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pvt Francis R. Bedient	42146902	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pvt Michael R. Lesko	33104318	Inf	5 Jan 45
T Sgt Louis J. Green	31328107	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pvt Anthony P. Mann	32277570	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pvt James Miller	34848473	CE	5 Jan 45
Pfc Howard L. Minich	33305114	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pvt Goman R. Morgan	35807633	Inf	5 Jan 45
Pfc Casey Bullard	34256751	Inf	5 Jan 45

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	Pvt Benjamin Dinsky	42137234	Inf	5 Jan 45
	Pfc Elroy G. Winans	36975455	Inf	5 Jan 45
	Pvt Frank B. Goodnough	35089046	Inf	5 Jan 45
	2D LT WILLIAM H. LAZAR JR	01179500	FA	5 Jan 45
	Sgt Brady Workman	35434677	Inf	6 Jan 45
	1ST LT THOMAS C. JENNINGS	01300650	Inf	6 Jan 45
	S Sgt James H. Collins	34793064	Inf	6 Jan 45
	Pfc Bill B. Kenoyer	37515058	FA	6 Jan 45
	Cpl Paul V. Dalton	33213179	FA	6 Jan 45
I	Pvt Vito W. Stolfi	31470521	Inf	6 Jan 45
L	Sgt Willis G. Ransone	13118215	Inf	6 Jan 45
M	Pfc Roy H. Cooper	38066397	Inf	6 Jan 45
K	Sgt Harold G. Fulmer	33937258	Inf	6 Jan 45
B	Sgt Joseph N. Sirolli	33782878	Inf	6 Jan 45
M	S Sgt Ben H. Renwick	14124186	Inf	6 Jan 45
L	Sgt Ervin E. Janousek	37469279	Inf	6 Jan 45
K	Pvt Tom J. Beebe	37633412	Inf	6 Jan 45
I	S Sgt James J. White	38209510	Inf	6 Jan 45
I	Pvt Peter P. Novacich	36987347	Inf	6 Jan 45
L	Pvt John P. Niedzwiedz	35925754	Inf	6 Jan 45
M	Pfc Jerry C. Richie	38479108	Inf	6 Jan 45
L	Pvt Frank J. Longo	32979996	Inf	6 Jan 45
K	Pvt Edward N. Adzema	33948706	Inf	6 Jan 45
I	2D LT DENNIS J. COGLIATI	01824732	Inf	6 Jan 45
L	Pvt Felix C. Graniello Jr	42138272	Inf	6 Jan 45
L	Pvt Bolac J. Kulig	31454993	Inf	6 Jan 45
L	Pvt Clarence Van Conant	36987174	Inf	6 Jan 45
L	Pvt Harry F. Brownworth Jr	35330880	Inf	6 Jan 45
M	Cpl Clayton F. Donnelly	36251493	Inf	6 Jan 45
K	Pfc Charles D. Bryant	42070079	Inf	6 Jan 45
L	Pvt Hyman E. Tepper	32435556	Inf	6 Jan 45
	Sgt John Miller	36008537	Inf	6 Jan 45
H	Pvt Donald W. Robinson	36879448	Inf	6 Jan 45
H	Pvt Daniel J. Raymond	12202949	Inf	6 Jan 45
H	Pvt Arthur E. Olson	36282949	Inf	6 Jan 45
	1ST LT ARTHUR W. JARR	01167917	FA	6 Jan 45
Inf	Pfc Albert L. Grindle	35359364	Inf	7 Jan 45
AT	Pfc Paul J. Grady	33127326	Inf	7 Jan 45
Inf	Tec 5 Charles M. J. Grinstead	33128983	Inf	7 Jan 45
	Tec 4 Roy E. Terrell	35359912	MD	7 Jan 45
	Pvt Gordin E. Ellis	42146251	Inf	7 Jan 45
	EPfc John C. Fowlkes	34975275	Inf	7 Jan 45
	Tec 4 Milton E. Beinler	33226040	Cav	7 Jan 45
	EPvt Von J. Hippenstell	36981217	Inf	7 Jan 45
	EPfc Harry Stein	6287108	Inf	7 Jan 45
	EPvt Roland L. Goss	42115079	Inf	7 Jan 45
H	2D LT HARLAN R. GILES	01048785	Inf	7 Jan 45
L	Pfc Raymond F. Hillis	37610266	Inf	7 Jan 45

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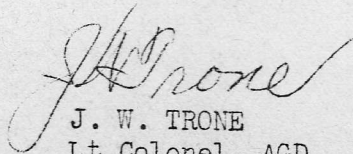
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V. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc John J. Matuszewski, 33336819, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945.

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