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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

JOE R. CLARK, JR, 0531844, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France during the period 13 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 13 - 16 November 1944, Lt Clark, serving as forward artillery observer, so courageously and brilliantly directed artillery fire upon the enemy that the supported infantry battalion was able to seize and hold vital high ground from a numerically superior enemy. At Maney, France, he preceded the infantry into the town and under severe enemy fire skillfully directed artillery fire. During severe combat, heedless of enemy fire, he at times directed artillery fire from the top of a tank. Lt Clark's courage, proficiency, and tireless devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

*L* Donald Olson, 37588207, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 9 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During one of the numerous attacks against Dahl, Luxembourg, on 9 January 1945, Pvt Olson was serving as a rifleman in an infantry company. As an enemy tank advanced to within thirty yards of his position, he crawled under intense fire to the vehicle and attempted to destroy it with hand grenades. Although his efforts were unsuccessful, the tank in withdrawing became an easy target for anti-tank fire and was destroyed. As the crew abandoned the tank, Pvt Olson wounded and captured two of the enemy. His courage, bravery, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

*Med* Edward E. Pomerleau, 31307491, Pfc, MD, 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. Pfc Pomerleau, a medical aid man, advanced with a rifle company on 8 January 1945, in an attack on Nocher, Luxembourg, where the company met bitter resistance. During the close combat fire fight he continuously subjected himself to intense fire to administer aid to fallen comrades. With the red cross on his helmet as his only protection, he continually defied enemy fire to proceed with his duties. While dashing from house to house to reach a wounded soldier he was fatally wounded by an enemy hand grenade. His bravery, courage, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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II. 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:

ALVIN L. BURKE, 021148, Lt Col, Sig O, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 February 1945, during the crossing of the Sauer River near Dillingen, Germany, all attempts to establish vital wire communication with an engineer company at a proposed bridge site had been thwarted by the intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire from the Siegfried Line fortifications overlooking the area. Lt Col Burke, Division Signal Officer, and his driver, after reconnoitering a route of approach, braved the hostile fire directed at his position to lay a wire line to the engineers, using a friendly tank as a shield. Lt Col Burke's courage, initiative, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from Ohio.

*and* Charles E. Cartee, 37729746, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 6 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 6 January 1945, during an attack on Goesdorf, Luxembourg, Pfc Cartee, an aid man, was advancing with a rifle company, when he was notified that a comrade lay wounded in an open field subjected to severe enemy fire. Unable to secure assistance because the rescue of the casualty was considered impossible, he fearlessly advanced alone through the withering fire and dragged his comrade to safety. His valiant act undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded soldier. Pfc Cartee's outstanding bravery, courage, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

*A* Aldo A. Damma, 32891212, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 9 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 February 1945, Pfc Damma was acting as a rifleman in a platoon assigned the mission of clearing the town of Wallendorf, Germany. When an enemy machine gun opened fire from a strong point in a house, killing his squad leader and hampering the rest of the platoon, Pfc Damma, fearlessly and of his own volition, charged the building with rifle and hand grenades. His attack drove the enemy soldiers into the cellar of the building where he captured two and killed the remainder. With this enemy position destroyed the platoon won its objective. Pfc Damma's outstanding bravery, leadership, and unselfish devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

*L* Bill D. Halsey, 33651687, Sgt, 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. On 8 January 1945, near Dahl, Luxembourg, Sgt Halsey, an assistant squad leader, was leading his unit into position when an enemy artillery barrage began. He quickly and skillfully placed his men in position. When the enemy infantry attack came, he and his men fought so fiercely, although greatly outnumbered, that it was repulsed. Soon an enemy tank advanced and fired upon his unit in preparation for a second attack. Headless of his danger, Sgt Halsey ran through the intense fire to obtain aid from a tank destroyer. With this support the tank was destroyed and the second attack repulsed. Sgt Halsey's courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

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Caswell N. McCartney, 34343037, Tec 5, Sig C, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 February 1945, during the critical crossing of the Sauer River near Dillingen, Germany, all attempts to establish vital wire communication with an engineer company at a proposed bridge site had been thwarted by the intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire from the Siegfried Line fortifications overlooking the area. Tec 5 McCartney, driver for the Division Signal Officer, after helping to reconnoiter a route of approach, braved the hostile fire directed at the operation to help lay a wire line to the engineers, using a friendly tank as a shield. Tec 5 McCartney's courage, initiative, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Joseph M. O'Hara, 42144118, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 March 1945, during the attack on Zerf, Germany, the company in which S Sgt O'Hara was serving as section sergeant, was subjected to enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire from the direct front. Realizing the necessity for destroying the hostile position at once, he courageously advanced to an exposed position where he directed accurate fire on the enemy. Repeatedly as this action continued he braved intense fire to aid wounded comrades and at one time he, voluntarily and without regard for personal safety, advanced one hundred yards in the face of severe hostile fire to aid a wounded officer. Sgt O'Hara's courage, 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 York.

Martin S. Padilla, 38581142, S Sgt (then Pvt), Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 25 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 January 1945, Sgt Padilla, at an outpost near Wilwerwiltz, Luxembourg, courageously surprised and captured an enemy patrol. The following day when the advance of his unit was opposed by strong enemy forces, and the lives of his comrades were endangered by enemy hand grenades, he fearlessly moved to an exposed position and fired at the enemy, thereby reducing a dangerous threat. Later he voluntarily and without regard for his own safety advanced in the face of enemy fire to destroy an enemy machine gun and captured fifteen enemy soldiers. His aggressiveness, bravery, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Mexico.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (MISSING IN ACTION): 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 (Missing in action):

Bernard J. Conley, Jr, 31160117, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, near Farbersviller, France, an enemy attack penetrated to the battalion command post and inflicted many casualties upon the defenders. Upon hearing calls for medical aid from the field nearby, Pfc Conley, without hesitation, crawled through intense small arms fire to administer first aid and to drag a seriously wounded man to safety. Immediately thereafter, he voluntarily returned to the field of battle in search of more of his comrades who may have been wounded. While on this mission a second enemy attack overran the position and he did not return. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the

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armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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:

Clarence L. Ford, 33213196, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 5 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When his company was temporarily halted by machine gun fire near Pont-a-Mousson, France, on 5 September 1944, Cpl Ford, a mortar gunner, worked his way to the front of the lead company to set up his mortar. Disregarding heavy artillery and machine gun fire, Cpl Ford, carrying the mortar and ammunition, went into action in full view of the enemy. With three mortar shells Cpl Ford destroyed the enemy machine gun nest, permitting the company once again to resume its advance. His bravery, courage, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

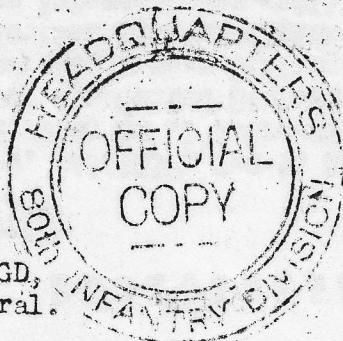
Donald M. McQuain, 35386875, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In fighting to liberate Moivron, France, on 26 September 1944, the company in which S Sgt McQuain served as squad leader, penetrated the outer defenses of the town three times. On the third time the tactical situation necessitated the taking of new positions by the attacking unit. When it was discovered, after the unit had withdrawn, that a complete mortar had been left in the town, Sgt McQuain, without regard for personal safety, voluntarily returned through fierce enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire for seventeen hundred yards to retrieve the weapon. Sgt McQuain's bravery, 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.

Wilbur L. Peck, 35461086, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 5 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When his company was temporarily halted by machine gun fire near Pont-a-Mousson, France, on 5 September 1944, S Sgt Peck, a section leader, worked his way to the front of the lead company to set up his mortar. Disregarding heavy artillery and machine gun fire, S Sgt Peck, carrying the mortar and ammunition, went into action in full view of the enemy. With three mortar shells S Sgt Peck destroyed the enemy machine gun nest, permitting the company once again to resume its advance. His bravery, courage, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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V. AWARD OF PRONZE 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:

John M. Walsh, 12137593, 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. On 24 December 1944, an enemy artillery barrage was falling in the town of Niederfeulen, Luxembourg, in which Pfc Walsh, a member of the S-3 Section, was working. Pfc Walsh continued his work preparing an overlay to accompany an important field order despite direct hits on the command post. When the command post caught fire as a result of the shelling, he continued performing his duties and then removed to safety important government equipment and records. His courage, efficiency, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

G 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 and two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc William E. Ryan, 38667047, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 14 April 1945.

G VII. 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 second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc Edwin G. Wampler, 37742746, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 15 April 1945.

VIII. 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 Germany on dates indicated:

RANK AND NAME	ASN	ARM OR SERVICE	DATE
S Sgt Ernst Stein	36724580	Inf	13 Mar 45
Pfc Charles J. Oakes	12203410	Inf	13 Mar 45
H Pfc Andrew Tuesday	35606488	Inf	14 Apr 45
G Pvt Willis Gehrting	33947021	Inf	14 Apr 45
G Sgt Byron E. Sparks	14013511	Inf	14 Apr 45
G Pfc Duward A. Peterson	36828375	Inf	14 Apr 45
G Pfc Nicholas C. Catalano	32917805	Inf	14 Apr 45
md Pfc Erwin H. Freudenberg	38675933	MD	14 Apr 45
Sgt Baird F. Roberts	36593268	Inf	15 Apr 45
B Sgt John O. Bauer	37641523	Inf	15 Apr 45
md Pfc Harry W. Heiberger	33273113	MD	15 Apr 45
G Sgt Henry D. Turberville	34819509	Inf	15 Apr 45
F S Sgt Sylvester E. Snyder	33347380	Inf	15 Apr 45
md Cpl John T. Boire	19201775	MD	15 Apr 45
T Sgt Byron L. Hoover	35385939	Inf	16 Apr 45

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IX. 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 Germany on dates indicated:

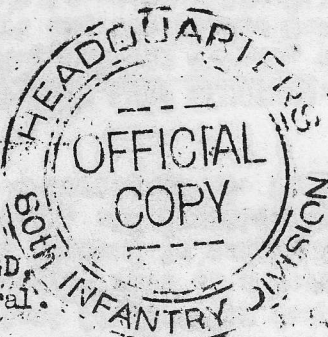
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Sgt Maurice E. Ewing	35351218	FA	14 Apr 45
S Sgt Salvatore Sargente	42117967	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc Robert M. Thomas	33928438	Inf	14 Apr 45
Cpl Roy Schleseinger	17044882	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pvt Ray F. Miller	35084114	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc Adolph W. Paul	37540879	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc Jose E. Candelaria	38581668	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc Walter E. Harrison	18218334	FA	14 Apr 45
Pvt Ross R. Kenneth	35833004	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc Grant H. Cooper	39924145	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pvt Arthur W. Gruber	42181649	Inf	15 Apr 45
S Sgt Ralph B. Passard	36122255	Inf	15 Apr 45
Sgt James H. Fahey	35312082	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pvt Clinton C. McCollum	31335894	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pvt Kenneth L. LeClear	36957271	MD	15 Apr 45
Pfc Ralph M. Brown	39203689	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pfc Mario D. Graza	38673641	Inf	15 Apr 45
2D LT ROBERT J. CAREY	01180145	FA	16 Apr 45

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