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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 personnel:

*C. L.* William F. Tassara, 39053595, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 18 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the attack on Hommerdingen, Germany, on 18 February 1945, the advance of S Sgt Tassara's company was met by such intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire that it was forced to temporarily withdraw. Soon thereafter it was learned that two seriously wounded enlisted men had been left in a field. S Sgt Tassara, an officer, and another enlisted man voluntarily and without regard for personal safety, immediately dashed out from their protected position and rescued the wounded men while continuously under hostile fire. The courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Tassara are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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:

*COL* JACK W. BOCKELMAN, 01315662, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 18 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the attack on Hommerdingen, Germany, on 18 February 1945, the advance of Lt Bockelman's company was met by such intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire that it was forced to temporarily withdraw. Soon thereafter it was learned that two seriously wounded enlisted men had been left in a field. Lt Bockelman and two enlisted men, voluntarily and without regard for personal safety, immediately dashed out from their protected position and rescued the wounded men while continuously under hostile fire. The courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lt Bockelman are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

*COL* Joseph J. Canty, 31466218, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 18 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the attack on Hommerdingen,

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Germany, on 18 February 1945, the advance of T Sgt Canty's company was met by such intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire that it was forced to temporarily withdraw. Soon thereafter it was learned that two seriously wounded enlisted men had been left in a field. T Sgt Canty, an officer, and another enlisted man, voluntarily and without regard for personal safety, immediately dashed out from their protected position and rescued the wounded men while continuously under hostile fire. The courage and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Canty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

WAYNE S. HULT, 0537767, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 19 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When partly through the Siegfried Line near Freitingenrohe, Germany, on 19 February 1945, the company in which Lt Hult served as platoon leader, was hampered in its advance by enemy artillery emplaced to the north of the town. Quickly grasping the situation, Lt Hult skillfully led an assault group over five hundred yards of exposed terrain to cope with the enemy. With utter disregard for hostile fire he strategically deployed his men to bring the maximum amount of fire on the enemy position. The resulting capture of the gun position permitted the rapid progress of the attack and the taking of the objective. His initiative, bravery, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Louis N. Majors, 35714539, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg during the period 3 - 5 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 3 January 1945, the company in which Pfc Majors served as a wireman, was endangered by the absence of supporting elements on its right flank. Pfc Majors was given the task of maintaining communications between units of the company at this time. While under severe enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he established communications, and for three days repeatedly repaired breaks in the wire despite the hostile fire directed at his actions. His bravery and tireless devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Joseph A. Pawlak, 35311770, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 18 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 18 September 1944, near St Genevieve, France, T Sgt Pawlak was a section leader in an infantry company participating in the defense of the Moselle River bridgehead. Heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire repeatedly severed communication wires. Each time T Sgt Pawlak crawled out, without regard for his own safety, through the severe hostile fire to repair the broken wires, thereby maintaining vitally important communications. His vigilance, 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.

Charles Terribilini, 39160758, Cpl, 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 Cpl Terribilini

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served as a mortar gunner, 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, Cpl Terribilini, without regard for personal safety, voluntarily returned through fierce enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire for seventeen hundred yards to retrieve the weapon. Cpl Terribilini'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 California.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (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 Air Medal and five bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a sixth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

GERALD H. REBENS DORF, O1999355, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 2 January 1945, to 14 February 1945, as an Artillery Liaison Pilot in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from South Dakota.

IV. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (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 Air Medal and four bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fifth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

HUBERT H. KENYON, O1170448, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 15 January 1945, to 21 February 1945, as an Artillery Liaison Pilot in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

V. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

WILLIAM B. BLACK, JR, O1182783, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 November 1944, to 19 February 1945, as an Artillery Aerial Observer in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

VI. 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 1st Sgt Harold C. White, 33282374, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 22 September 1944.

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VII. 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 Pfc William S. Haines, 33339989, FA, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 16 November 1944.

VIII. Section I, General Orders Number 26, this Headquarters, dated 1 September 1944, is amended to delete the name of "Pfc Virgil E. Garretson 35434419 Inf 18 Aug 44 West Virginia". Enlisted man was awarded Purple Heart per GO #46, Hq 187th Gen Hosp, dated 31 Aug 44.

IX. Section IV, General Orders Number 50, this Headquarters, dated 19 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart to "Pfc Lyman C. Coward, 14034757, CAC" is rescinded. Enlisted man was awarded Purple Heart per GO #26, Hq 198th Gen Hosp, dated 10 Mar 45.

X. Section II, General Orders Number 61, this Headquarters, dated 2 March 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal, is amended to delete the name of "Theodore L. Mendelssohn, 36881475, Sgt, Armd".

XI. Section V, General Orders Number 105, this Headquarters, dated 17 April 1945, as awards the Purple Heart to S Sgt Nathan L. Tagmeyer, 35330059, Inf, is amended to award enlisted man the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

XII. Section IX, General Orders Number 106, this Headquarters, dated 18 April 1945, as awards the Purple Heart to S Sgt Salvatore Sargente, 42117967, Inf, is amended to award enlisted man the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

XIII. Section VIII, General Orders Number 106, this Headquarters, dated 18 April 1945, is amended to delete the name of "Pfc Charles J. Oakes, 12203410 Inf 13 Mar 45".

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