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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:

CASPER A. RUDINGER, 01018950, 2d Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 15 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Early in the morning of 15 September 1944, near St Genevieve, France, while Lt Rudinger commanded a platoon of light tanks, enemy tanks and infantry succeeded in approaching within twenty five yards under cover of dense fog. Despite small arms and tank fire Lt Rudinger mounted his tank, rallied his platoon, and engaged a superior force of larger enemy tanks. He fearlessly led his own tank against two of the enemy, before he lost his life when a third enemy tank destroyed his vehicle by flank fire. Lt Rudinger's display of great personal bravery, leadership, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (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 Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

Frank T. Asaro, 32297320, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on enemy pillboxes in Germany on 21 February 1945, Sgt Asaro and his crew moved their destroyer over high ground undergoing intense small arms, tank, and anti-tank fire, and through skillful maneuvering drove the destroyer onto an enemy pillbox. With utter disregard for his own safety he fired on the pillbox and from the advantageous position destroyed other enemy pillboxes in the immediate vicinity. Sgt Asaro's courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty contributed greatly in accomplishing a vital mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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Charles G. Grove, 35619731, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 March 1945, in an attack against the enemy near Greimerath, Germany, Pvt Grove, with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced to an exposed position and removed a wounded infantryman. On his way to the aid station he saw another wounded man. As he was administering first aid another enemy mortar barrage fell on his vehicle, wounding him in the head. Rather than risk the lives of the two wounded men he refused first aid from his assistant and ordered him to drive out of the woods. He crawled to a tree and as he was trying to bandage his wound he lost consciousness. Pvt Grove's intrepid courage and extreme devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. 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:

Jeff Calcote, 34018594, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on enemy pillboxes in Germany on 21 February 1945, Tec 4 Calcote and his crew moved their destroyer over high ground undergoing intense small arms, tank, and anti-tank fire and through skillful maneuvering drove the destroyer onto an enemy pillbox. With utter disregard for his own safety he fired on the pillbox and from the advantageous position destroyed other enemy pillboxes in the immediate vicinity. Tec 4 Calcote's courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty contributed greatly in accomplishing a vital mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

John C. King, 34259519, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on enemy pillboxes in Germany on 21 February 1945, Cpl King and his crew moved their destroyer over high ground undergoing small arms, tank, and anti-tank fire and through skillful maneuvering drove the destroyer onto an enemy pillbox. With utter disregard for his own safety he fired on the pillbox and from the advantageous position destroyed other enemy pillboxes in the immediate vicinity. Cpl King's courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty contributed greatly in accomplishing a vital mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Raymond H. Stone, 36481034, 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. On 8 January 1945, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack in the vicinity of Dahl, Luxembourg, supported by heavy artillery fire, which inflicted many casualties on friendly troops. When ambulances could not be used to evacuate the wounded because of the intense fire directed at the roads, Pfc Stone, a litter vehicle driver, volunteered to

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perform this task. With utter disregard for personal safety he courageously made ten trips over the hazardous roads to successfully evacuate all of the casualties. His courageous action and sincere devotion to duty were responsible for the immediate evacuation of his comrades and are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

Frank L. Beavers, Jr, 35557020, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the action near Dahl, Luxembourg, on 7 January 1945, Pfc Beavers, a rifleman, was located in his foxhole guarding the left flank of his platoon position. During a hostile barrage enemy infantrymen began to infiltrate near his position. Pfc Beavers, seeing that he could get more effective fire from a nearby building moved to an upper window and exploited his good position until a direct hit forced him to descend to the first floor. Though wounded he continued in the firefight throughout the action. His determined bravery held the hostile forces and contributed much to the repulse of the enemy. Pfc Beavers' courage, skill, and resourcefulness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

John P. Gavahan, 36825802, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the course of heavy house to house fighting in Weiskirchen, Germany, on 15 March 1945, Pvt Gavahan, an aid man, observed a seriously wounded soldier lying in the street. With utter disregard for his personal safety he dashed some seventy five yards through the enemy fire. Reaching the wounded man he picked him up and carried him to a nearby building, administered medical aid, and successfully evacuated him. The courage and untiring devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Gavahan are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Henry C. Gorman, 31445127, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 December 1944, the forward battalion collecting point was located in Ringel, Luxembourg, with Tec 5 Gorman, a litter squad leader, in charge. When heavy artillery and mortar shells began to fall on the position he voluntarily and without regard for his own safety made repeated trips to the rear carrying wounded men away from the danger of further injury. His tireless efforts in evacuating the wounded unquestionably saved the lives of many casualties. Tec 5 Gorman's bravery, leadership, and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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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 Pfc Wayne E. James, 34335241, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 9 October 1944.

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 Sgt Charles M. Doedli, 17034095, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Belgium on 26 December 1944.

VII. Section III, General Orders Number 94, this Headquarters, dated 4 April 1945, as awards the Purple Heart to Pvt George L. Fitts Jr, 31261546, Inf, is amended to award enlisted man the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart. Enlisted man was awarded the Purple Heart per GO #18, Hq 91st Gen Hosp, dated 15 Jul 44.

VIII. Section II, General Orders Number 100, this Headquarters, dated 11 April 1945, as awards the Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster) to 1st Lt Louis J. Haverlandt, O1175734, FA, as reads "during the period 23 February 1945, to 18 March 1945" is amended to read "during the period 23 February 1945, to 16 March 1945".

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