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I. 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:

JOHN H. BOATRIGHT, 01178416, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on St Avold, France, on 26 November 1944, Lt Boatright was serving as an artillery forward observer. At one point when friendly troops were receiving a severe enemy mortar barrage, he was called upon to adjust artillery fire on a strategic point. Without regard for personal safety, he courageously left his position of comparative safety to gain a vantage point to adjust fire. Although in doing so he was seriously wounded, he persisted in aiding his assistant in carrying on the mission. Lt Boatright's courage, bravery, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

MITCHELL ENICH, 01822256, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 7 and 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the early morning and complete darkness on 7 and 8 January 1945, the enemy launched coordinated tank and infantry attacks against Lt Enich's Tank Destroyer Platoon in the vicinity of Dahl, Luxembourg. Because he could not see, on both occasions, he quickly organized a system by which an adjacent mortar platoon could illuminate his target. By crawling toward the enemy under intense hostile fire, he directed fire of mortar flares, tank destroyers, and supporting artillery so effectively that seven enemy tanks were destroyed and an unestimated number of enemy troops killed. His heroic action, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty repelled both attacks and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Robert J. Hutman, 32886058, Pfc, CAC, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 19 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 19 March 1945, at Kusel, Germany, Pfc Hutman observed the approach of several vehicles whose appearance and manner of operation, unnoticed by others, caused him to suspect that they contained enemy troops. As soon as the driver of the truck in which he was riding had quickly driven it across the path of the vehicles,

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blocking their advance, he and the driver boldly advanced with their sub-machine guns and demanded the surrender of the enemy troops discovered in the vehicles. After subduing some who resisted, one hundred and fifty prisoners were taken. The prompt capture of these troops prevented the development of a serious threat in the rear of friendly forces. The bravery, alertness, and fearless devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Hutman are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Willie W. Pollard, 33633850, Pfc, CAC, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 19 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 19 March 1945, at Kusel, Germany, Pfc Pollard observed the approach of several vehicles whose appearance and manner of operation, unnoticed by others, caused him to suspect that they contained enemy troops. Acting with great presence of mind, he fearlessly drove his truck across the path of the vehicles, blocking their advance. He and his assistant then boldly advanced with their sub-machine guns and demanded the surrender of the enemy troops discovered in the vehicles. After subduing some who resisted, one hundred and fifty prisoners were taken. The prompt capture of these troops prevented the development of a serious threat in the rear of friendly forces. The bravery, alertness, and fearless devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Pollard are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

✓ II. 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:

John A. Fennimore, 39825580, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the operations which preceded the crossing of the Our River and the assault on the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany, on 7 February 1945, Pfc Fennimore, a scout, took part in a hazardous reconnaissance for a suitable bridgehead position. Through his knowledge of the terrain he was of invaluable assistance in leading the troops through severe enemy barrages to the river until he was mortally wounded by the hostile fire. His calmness under fire, inspirational courage, and constant devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alaska.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE 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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

Thomas Aguillard, 38187335, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a river crossing near Hoesdorf, Luxembourg, on 10 February 1945, Cpl Aguillard was serving with a wire section with the mission of laying lines into the town through an open field that was exposed to severe enemy fire and was heavily mined and booby

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trapped. Realizing the vital importance of wire communications between the Artillery Fire Direction Center and the liaison officer, Cpl Aguillard, without regard for personal safety, without hesitation, volunteered for the mission. Under severe hostile fire he crossed the field and laid the wires into the town. The personal bravery, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Aguillard are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Ray R. Conner, 14050350, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Tec 5 Conner on 26 December 1944, during the attacks to liberate Kehmen and Scheidel, Luxembourg, proceeded with two wire teams and two switchboard operators to establish vital communications. Under intense hostile fire he supervised the successful establishment of the system. Soon an enemy shell struck the switchboard and wounded the operators. Unassisted, he immediately evacuated the men to an aid station and then returned to supervise repairs and reestablish communication. Enroute to the command post to make his report he fearlessly surprised and captured two enemy soldiers. Tec 5 Conner's bravery, courage, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

George L. Faust, 33186245, Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Over terrain made extremely difficult by deep snow as well as continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sgt Faust hand littered many casualties from the area surrounding Kautenbach, Luxembourg. Later in the same day, 23 January 1945, he made his way into the town itself, even though combat troops had considered the task too hazardous, and throughout the night removed many men to safety who otherwise would have remained overnight without medical care. The personal bravery and tireless devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Faust are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Darrell J. Higham, 37667534, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Over terrain made extremely difficult by deep snow as well as continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire, Pfc Higham hand littered many casualties from the area surrounding Kautenbach, Luxembourg. Later in the same day, 23 January 1945, he made his way into the town itself, even though combat troops had considered the task too hazardous, and throughout the night removed many men to safety who otherwise would have remained overnight without medical care. The personal bravery and tireless devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Higham are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

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:

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COA Jeston Anderson, Jr, 34334727, T Sgt. (then S Sgt), ³¹⁷ Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 February 1945, during an attack near Mettendorf, Germany, T Sgt Anderson, a platoon guide, constantly exposed himself to enemy fire to urge his platoon, composed mainly of reinforcements, to move forward. Recognizing the need for experienced leaders, he voluntarily organized a small group and led them in an assault on a well fortified hostile position and captured nine enemy soldiers. Upon reaching the objective, he again constantly and without regard for personal safety exposed himself to severe mortar and automatic weapons fire to reorganize his platoon and place them in defensive positions. T Sgt Anderson's aggressiveness, initiative, and tireless devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Nelson W. Arave, 39903773, Sgt (then 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. On 7 January 1945, near Dahl, Luxembourg, several strong counterattacks were made by the enemy. When the enemy infiltration was at its greatest, Pfc Arave, a platoon runner, volunteered to make his way to the opposite side of the town to fire mortar flares in front of his company's position. Through intense hostile fire he crawled and ran to reach his objective. The accomplishment of this mission contributed in great part to the repulse of the enemy. Pfc Arave's courage, bravery, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

Robert J. Boyd, 31269480, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a river crossing near Hoesdorf, Luxembourg, on 10 February 1945, Pfc Boyd was serving with a wire section with the mission of laying lines into the town through an open field that was exposed to severe enemy fire and was heavily mined and booby trapped. Realizing the vital importance of wire communications between the Artillery Fire Direction Center and the liaison officer, Pfc Boyd, without regard for personal safety and without hesitation, volunteered for the mission. Under severe hostile fire he crossed the field and laid the wires into the town. The personal bravery, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Boyd are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

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V. 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:

Cornelius J. Condon, 12189325, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the operations which preceded the crossing of the Our River and the assault on the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany, on 7 February 1945, Pfc Condon, a scout, took part in a hazardous reconnaissance for a suitable bridgehead position. Through his knowledge of the terrain he was of invaluable assistance in leading the troops through severe enemy barrages to the river. His calmness under fire, inspirational courage, and constant devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. Feb

Lemoine E. Fantz, 37640192, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 15 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Nocher, Luxembourg, on 15 January 1945, enemy artillery and mortar barrages were heavy and concentrated. The company 300 radio was rendered unusable by shrapnel. Pfc Fantz, company runner, volunteered to make his way back to battalion to obtain a replacement radio. Pfc Fantz returned promptly though the entire route was covered by intense enemy fire. Such tenacious devotion to duty and courageous disregard for personal safety are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri. JAN

EFREM FELD, 02049237, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), MAC, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 November 1944, near Boustroff, France, at the battalion aid station where Lt Feld served as assistant battalion surgeon, word was received that there were two seriously wounded soldiers in Boustroff. Lt Feld immediately volunteered to go to their aid. Without regard for personal safety he proceeded over mined roads into the town still under heavy hostile artillery fire. Locating the wounded, he quickly administered first aid, placed them on his vehicle, and returned through heavy fire to the battalion aid station. Lt Feld's aggressiveness, bravery, and tireless devotion to duty saved the lives of his comrades and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas. NOV

Nicolas L. Gomez, 13073804, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the operations which preceded the crossing of the Our River and the assault on the Siegfried Line Feb

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near Wallendorf, Germany, on 7 February 1945, Pfc Gomez, a scout, took part in a hazardous reconnaissance for a suitable bridgehead position. Through his knowledge of the terrain he was of invaluable assistance in leading the troops through severe enemy barrages to the river. His calmness under fire, inspirational courage, and constant devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

John R. Koonce, 34048228, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For JAN heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Over terrain made extremely difficult by deep snow as well as continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire, Pfc Koonce hand littered many casualties from the area surrounding Kautenbach, Luxembourg. Later in the same day, 23 January 1945, he made his way into the town itself, even though combat troops had considered the task too hazardous, and throughout the night removed many men to safety who otherwise would have remained overnight without medical care. The personal bravery and tireless devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Koonce are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

James G. Lewis, 6258082, Cpl, FA, United States Army. For heroic Feb achievement in Luxembourg on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Cpl Lewis was serving as Field Wire Chief at the river crossing on 10 February 1945, at Hoesdorf, Luxembourg. He was faced with the problem of getting two wire lines from the Battalion Command Post to the town of Hoesdorf. The only possible means by which the lines could be laid was over a bare hill, through a valley, and into the town. The entire path of the wire was being shelled heavily by enemy mortar and artillery fire. Realizing the vital importance of the lines, Cpl Lewis, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, carried the lines through heavy shell fire into the town. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Lewis exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

William H. Malone, 34658064, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For Feb heroic achievement in Germany on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 February 1945, during an attack near Mettendorf, Germany, the company in which Pvt Malone served as an aid man, suffered many casualties from severe enemy mortar and automatic fire. With utter disregard for personal safety, he crawled through the hostile fire to aid the wounded men. Continuous fire on the area rendered evacuation impracticable until darkness. During the afternoon Pvt Malone stayed with the wounded men making each one as comfortable as possible. As soon as it became dark he supervised and assisted in their evacuation. The courage, bravery, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Malone are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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Robert S. Whittington, 34630665, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Over terrain made extremely difficult by deep snow as well as continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire, Pfc Whittington hand littered many casualties from the area surrounding Kautenbach, Luxembourg. Later in the same day, 23 January 1945, he made his way into the town itself, even though combat troops had considered the task too hazardous, and throughout the night removed many men to safety who otherwise would have remained overnight without medical care. The personal bravery and tireless devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Whittington are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

VI. 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 seven bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, an eighth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

CHARLES S. RITCHEY, 01184426, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 23 February 1945, to 3 April 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 Oregon.

VII. 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 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

LLOYD C. COLE, 01174536, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 20 December 1944, to 3 March 1945, as an Artillery Air Officer 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 Tennessee.

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 and one bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded 2D LT ROBERT J. TRAMMELL, JR, 0536584, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Belgium on 27 December 1944.

IX. 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:

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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
S Sgt William W. Beard	38132934	Armd	16 Apr 45
Pfc Reuben D. Walters	35239166	Inf	18 Apr 45
1ST LT PERSHING V. WATKINS	01303581	Inf	18 Apr 45 m-318
Pfc James T. Dowdy Jr	38203676	Inf	19 Apr 45

X. 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 Pvt Everett A. Nasalroad, 6935926, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944.

XI. 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:

T Sgt Charles J. Phillips	35435137	Inf	12 Feb 45 ✓
T Sgt Richard L. Houtman	36175798	Inf	16 Feb 45 ✓
Pvt John J. Schrack	33717052	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc Harold J. Chapin	31339104	Inf	11 Apr 45
Tec 4 Wilson J. Oswald	35388341	MD	12 Apr 45
Pfc Norman G. Champagne	39479082	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pvt Robert D. Gibbons	12078103	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pfc James M. Patrick	12003194	Inf	15 Apr 45
1ST LT CLIFTON S. NICKERSON	01041208	Inf	17 Apr 45
1ST LT STEPHEN M. COHN	01287482	Inf	17 Apr 45
Pvt Leonard A. Passafaro	12191097	Inf	17 Apr 45
Sgt Frank F. Soos	15060004	Inf	18 Apr 45
Sgt Jesse F. Kennedy	38473331	Inf	18 Apr 45
Sgt Blair A. Berquist	33435849	Armd	18 Apr 45
Pfc Edward C. Lehmann	42134763	Inf	18 Apr 45
S Sgt John F. Waller	44015389	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pfc Theodore Popovich	42140333	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pvt Howard E. Patterson	33765869	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pfc Ivan L. Lawson	35541985	Inf	18 Apr 45
1ST LT GUSTA B. GUSTON	01056729	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pvt Charlie W. Branham	44020016	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc Leonard J. Macari	31413597	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pvt Frank Freidland	33909450	Inf	20 Apr 45

XII. Section I, General Orders Number 103, this Headquarters, dated 14 April 1945, as awards a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to 2D LT ROBERT J. TRIMMELL, JR, 0536584, Inf, is amended to award officer a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

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