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SECTION

- I - Award of Bronze Star (Oak Leaf Cluster).
II and III - Award of Bronze Star.

I. 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:

EDWARD E. HUESKE, 0533447, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in Luxembourg on 22 and 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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:

Raymond J. Ayres, 33282315, Tec 4, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

STEPHEN J. BEAUDRY, 01533255, Capt, MAC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 17 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

D Ernest Dills, Jr, 15116109, Sgt, 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, Sgt Dills led his machine gun squad in support of 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. Sgt Dills detected the enemy weapons and directed fire from his squad upon the enemy emplacements. His machine guns immediately drew artillery fire, but Sgt Dills, displaying cool courage, moved his guns several times to alternate positions, continually firing upon the enemy. His actions reduced the enemy fire and enabled the battalion to proceed and accomplish the designated mission. The bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty demonstrated by Sgt Dills exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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William H. Engstrom, 35313186, Tec 4, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 12 - 19 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

D Vernon M. Frazier, 36863568, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 14 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 14 November 1944, the platoon which Cpl Frazier served as an Instrument Corporal, was isolated without rations or water after the platoon leader was evacuated as a casualty. With utter disregard for his own safety, Cpl Frazier proceeded under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire to successfully secure and deliver the supplies. His courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

D Willard L. Gable, 34353942, 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 Gable 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 utter disregard for his own safety, Pfc Gable immediately set up his machine gun and began firing upon the enemy emplacements, successfully destroying them. His machine gun soon drew artillery fire, but Pfc Gable, displaying cool courage, moved his gun several times to alternate positions, continually firing upon the enemy. His actions reduced the enemy fire and enabled the battalion to proceed and accomplish the designated mission. The bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty demonstrated by Pfc Gable exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

ROBERT A. GORANSON, 01306838, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service during the period 6 August 1944, to 12 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Howard S. Hanna, 39466546, Tec 5, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 28 August 1944, to 1 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

D James M. Herndon, 39093406, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Melvin N. Hirsekorn, 39324022, Tec 5, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 12 - 19 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

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Med Warren E. Ingold, 39098903, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 9 October 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 9 October 1944, to 20 November 1944, Pvt Ingold, serving as an aid man, distinguished himself in the performance of his duties in an outstanding manner. On one occasion, with utter disregard for his own safety, under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, he moved about to administer first aid to wounded comrades. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Ingold exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Med Roy A. Lewis, Jr, 20413206, Tec 4, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 22 November 1944, Tec 4 Lewis, serving as a surgical technician with an aid station, displayed coolness under fire and sound judgment in performing his duties. On one occasion, during an engagement with the enemy, his skill and tireless energy were directly responsible for saving the lives of many casualties. The courage, tireless efforts, and constant devotion to duty exhibited by Tec 4 Lewis are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Gerald E. Lunn, 17156983, Tec 5, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 12 - 19 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Dominick Minosh, 12173522, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic 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. During the period 8 August 1944, to 15 December 1944, Cpl Minosh distinguished himself in performing his duties as wire chief in a superior manner. Often coming under enemy fire he has displayed exceptional skill in wire maintenance and has at all times served as an inspiration and example to the members of his crew. The courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty exhibited by Cpl Minosh are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York,

JAMES J. MULLEN, 01285630, Capt, 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. On 26 September 1944, in a battalion attack on the enemy, Capt Mullen discovered a weakness in the right flank. Realizing the flank was exposed and fearing a possible enemy attack, he moved his CP and used his limited personnel to make the flank secure during the entire attack despite the intense enemy fire. His courage, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

D Ira Mullins, 13118220, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 15 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 September 1944, during

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an enemy offensive, S Sgt Mullins, Squad Leader, and Section Leader of an 81mm Mortar Platoon, steadfastly stood by his mortars to deliver a continuous barrage of fire upon the enemy, despite heavy artillery fire. His actions contributed greatly in repulsing the enemy. The courage, resourcefulness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Mullins exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

THOMAS H. MURPHY, 01325616, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 22 and 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 December 1944, 2d Lt Murphy, Battalion S-2, without regard for his own safety, led a patrol into enemy held territory to accomplish the mission of ascertaining the situation of one of the rifle companies. On returning, despite heavy mortar fire, he halted on three occasions to evacuate wounded comrades. On 23 December 1944, in an attack on the enemy, the battalion commander became a casualty, lying in an exposed position. Despite the enemy fire 2d Lt Murphy advanced and successfully pulled the commander to safety. The bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by 2d Lt Murphy are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

John H. Neel, 35435667, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 1 September 1944, and 10 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 1 September 1944, while on a motorized patrol, S Sgt Neel and his squad were fired upon by an enemy 75mm gun, machine gun, and small arms fire. Mounting a light machine gun in the vehicle he was riding and without regard of his own safety, S Sgt Neel returned fire subsequently aiding in the capture of eleven of the enemy and their equipment. On 10 November 1944, S Sgt Neel assumed command of a platoon when all his superiors became casualties, reorganizing and urging his comrades forward to accomplish the objective. His bravery, leadership, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Urban G. Nichting, 35460870, S 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 Ohio.

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III. 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:

OTHA E. PAYNE, 01295078, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 12 and 21 September 1944, and 10 and 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 September 1944, Lt Payne, Platoon Leader of an anti-tank company, successfully led his men in a river crossing despite heavy artillery and mortar fire. On 21 September 1944, with utter disregard of his own safety under heavy artillery fire, he reconnoitered routes for positions for his guns and crew. On 10 November 1944, in a coordinated attack on the enemy, Lt Payne assumed command of a company when the commander became a casualty, exhibiting great initiative and aggressiveness in leading the company to support in the attack. The following day Lt Payne twice reconnoitered under constant artillery and small arms fire for suitable routes of advance for an anti-tank platoon. The courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Payne exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Clayton M. Rickard, 33253569, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 25 - 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 25 - 28 November 1944, Cpl Rickard was serving with a forward observer team during an attack on the enemy, assuming command of the team after the officer in charge was evacuated as a casualty. He demonstrated sound judgment and a keen knowledge of the operations in progress in keeping the battalion liaison officer informed of the situation at all times under constant combat conditions. The courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Rickard are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

D Herbert E. Roop, 6645985, Sgt, 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, Sgt Roop led his machine gun squad in support of 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. Sgt Roop detected the enemy weapons and directed fire from his squad upon the enemy emplacements. His machine guns immediately drew artillery fire, but Sgt Roop, displaying cool courage, moved his guns several times to alternate positions, continually firing upon the enemy. His actions reduced the enemy fire and enabled the battalion to proceed and accomplish the designated mission. The bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty demonstrated by Sgt Roop exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of

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the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

D Noble H. Rucker, 35460424, Sgt, 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, Sgt Rucker's machine gun squad had the mission of supporting a battalion attack on the enemy. As his squad crossed the line of departure they were subjected to heavy automatic weapons and artillery fire which wounded them all. Disregarding his wound and with cool courage, Sgt Rucker, unaided, moved his machine gun and ammunition to another position and continued to support the advance of the battalion. His courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

LESTER H. SALTER, 01165558, 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 Rhode Island.

JOSEPH E. SAVOY, W2109440, CWO, Army of the United States, For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 19 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

D Kenneth L. Shade, 33368283, S Sgt, 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, Sgt Shade's machine gun squad had the mission of supporting a battalion attack on the enemy. Prior to crossing the line of departure, heavy small arms fire was heard coming from a sector. Sgt Shade, without hesitation, moved his machine gun squad to an exposed position and fired on the enemy targets, destroying two enemy machine guns and an ammunition truck. Despite enemy mortar and artillery fire his squad remained in an exposed position, firing on the enemy, until the battalion had successfully advanced in the attack. The courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Shade are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Everett E. Shaw, 35408907, Pvt, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 19 August 1944, to 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Guy D. Shaw, 6287031, S 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 Texas.

JOEL B. STEPHENS, 024913, Capt, FA, United States Army. 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 United States Military Academy from Tennessee.

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JOHN W. SUMNER, 0419835, Capt, MC, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 6 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 6 September 1944, in a difficult river crossing, the aid station in which Capt Sumner served as battalion surgeon sustained continuous enemy artillery and mortar fire. With utter disregard for his own safety Capt Sumner remained voluntarily in his dangerous location in order to treat the wounded. The bravery, tireless efforts, and zealous devotion to duty demonstrated by Capt Sumner exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Charles H. Umberger, 15105113, Tec 4, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 28 August 1944, to 1 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Malmin O. Walstad, 37291925, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 15 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 September 1944, S Sgt Walstad became isolated from his organization well into enemy territory. In an attempt to infiltrate back to friendly lines he ran into enemy activity and was forced to conceal himself. Remaining motionless, observing the movements and installation he stayed behind enemy lines all day, under enemy and friendly fire, making his way back to his unit under cover of darkness. His accurate report enabled our artillery to silence an enemy gun installation. The courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Walstad are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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Walter J. Wysocki, 35313941, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

DONALD N. WHITAKER, 0473186, Capt, MC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 9 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

CHARLES R. WOLF, JR, 0451901, Capt, MAC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Boyd W. Woodford, 35745946, Pvt, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Garnett E. Worthington, 35460795, Pfc, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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Alfred J. Whalen, 35386065, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 13 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 November 1944, T.Sgt Whalen distinguished himself in performing his duties as Battalion Sergeant Major in an outstanding manner. In an attack on the enemy, he employed field expedients to fit the situation rather than function along the customary lines, contributing greatly to the smooth operation of the Battalion and the success attained in the attack. The leadership, efficiency, and devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Whalen reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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