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IX - Award of Purple Heart.

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 Officer and Enlisted Man:

Richard O. Barnhart, 37450078, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, S Sgt Barnhart and his comrades held a defensive position for five days under the difficult conditions of water filled foxholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rost, S Sgt Barnhart and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and heavy machine gun fire from the Germans. The outstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Barnhart exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

JARRETT C. McCONNICO, C1017643, 1st Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 December 1944, Lt McConnico, platoon leader, during the course of an attack learned that the company commander of a supporting company had been wounded by mortar fire. The medics were unable to reach the injured man due to the intense enemy fire. The enemy upon seeing Lt McConnico's tank coming into view, opened up with an assortment of weapons, in an attemp to destroy it. Ignoring the shells and small arms fire, he continued on until he had reached the wounded officer, carrying and placing him in the tank. The enemy continued firing throughout, but unhesitatingly and duringly Lt McConnico returned to carry a wounded infantryman back to the tank, safely evacuating both men. The personal bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lt McConnico exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, inted 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarled, posthumously, to the following named Officer and Enlisted Men:

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Francis B. Ford, 35434969, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 2 September 1944, to 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 2 September 1944, to 23 November 1944, T Sgt Ford distinguished himself in his duties as platoon sergeant. While under constant enemy fire he consistently demonstrated brilliant leadership in successfully repelling numerous enemy counterattacks. He also displayed outstanding ability in leading patrols in enemy territory to procure information vital for military operations. The bravery, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Ford exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the Unite! States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Alton E. Franz, 37709376, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, Cpl Franz and his comrades held a defensive position for five days under the difficult conditions of water filled foxholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rest, Cpl Franz and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and heavy machine gun fire from the Germans. The outstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Franz exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.

JOSEPH F. GRADY, JR, Olab3244, Capt (then 1st Lt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 November 1944, Lt Grady led his rifle company in an attack to relieve another rifle company of his battalion which had been encircled in a position far advanced into enemy lines. When the objective was reached, a diversion had been attained which permitted the encircled company to withdraw but the order had not been received by Lt Grady and his two leading platoons. He held his position steadfastly throughout the day under heavy mortar and artillery fire and in the face of raking enemy machine gun fire. Only upon receipt of the Jelayed order did Lt Grady withdraw from his exposed positions. The personal courage, aggressioness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt Grady exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (MISSING IN ACTION): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, lated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named Enlisted Man (Missing in Action):

Carl D. Roof, 33253545, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 5 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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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 Officer and Enlisted Men:

Stany Abelaff, 32795389, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, in connection with military oper tions against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, Pvt Abelaff, a scout, participated in difficult night patrol activities to successfully obtain information as to enemy strength and gun emplacements, vitally necessary to the plans of an offensive. Despite the hazards of a river crossing into enemy held ground heavily defended by automatic weapons, mines and trip wires, Pvt Abelaff completed each assigned mission, and on one occasion brought back an enemy prisoner for interrogation. The personal bravery, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Abelaff are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Edward A. Asselta, 32409799, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, Pfc Asselta and his comrades held a defensive position for five days under the difficult conditions of water filled foxholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rest, Pfc Asselta and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and heavy machine gun fire from the Germans. The outstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Asselta exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Joseph C. Clark, 34380448, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Fr nee during the period 8 - 1c November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, S Sgt Clark and his comrades held a defensive position for five days under the difficult conditions of water filled foxholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in a attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rest, S Sgt Clark and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and heavy machine gum fire from the Germans. The outstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Clark exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Lewis H. Coble, 37450072, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 1 - 2 September 1944, in connection with military operations gainst an enemy of the United States. On 1 September 1944, while on a motorized patrol, Tec 5 Coble was fired on by an enemy tank and small arms supporting the armor. In the face of heavy enemy fire, he turned his vehicle

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around on the narrow dirt road and drove it to cover, then unhesitatingly joined an anti-tank unit to assist in placing their gun in position. The following day in a fire fight with the enemy a German machine gun was harassing the company with whom Tec 5 Coble served, whereupon he engaged the enemy with the machine gun mounted on his vehicle and successfully silenced the enemy's fire. The courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Coble exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Calvin B. Farris, 38628119, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 3 - 16 November 1944, Cpl Farris and his conrades held a defensive position for five lays under the difficult conditions of water filled foxholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one may rest, Cpl Farris and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and heavy machine gun fire from the Germ rs. The outstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Farris exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

CARL L. ISAACSON, 0540069, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 October 1944, to 7 November 1944, Lt Isaacson, Patrol Leader, led his men in difficult night patrol activities to successfully obtain information as to enemy strength and gun emplacements, vitally necessary to the plans of an offensive. Despite the hazards of a river crossing into enemy held ground heavily defended by automatic weapons, mines, and trip wires, Lt Isaacson completed each assigned mission, and on one occasion brought back an enemy prisoner for interrogation. The personal bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lt Isaacson are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Montana.

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V. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, lated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named Officer and Enlisted Men:

Hirry Kinnare, 39000311; S Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 10 September 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 10 September 1944, to 27 November 1944, S Sgt Kinnare distinguished himself in performing his duties as a Tank Plateon Sergeant and in the absence of an officer served in the capacity of a Tank Platoon Leader. While in charge of six assault tanks in an attack, S Sgt Kinnare encountered a heavily mined road, commanding the situation, he used a map and compass, by-passed the obstacle and guided the plateon of tanks cross country to another usable road to successfully complete the assigned mission. In enemy counterattacks, under direct heavy fire from howitzers, 88mm guns, antitank guns, bazockas, and snipers, with total disregard for his personal safety, he assisted in repelling these assaults, accounting for two 88mm guns, three muchine gun nests, two command cars, and one horse drawn artillery piece. The courage, Teadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Kinnare exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Lylo E. Klintberg, 37736835, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 Nevember 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 16 Nevember 1944, Pvt Klintberg and his comrades held a defensive position for five days under the difficult conditions of water filled forholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rest, Pvt Klintberg and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and heavy machine gun fire from the Germans. The cutstanding bravery, perseverance, and unsolfish devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Klintberg exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

Charles A. Loesch, 37539054, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 October 1944, to 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 October 1944, to 8 December 1944, S Sgt Loesch, Squal Leader, led his men in many difficult patrol activities to successfully obtain information as to enemy strength and positions vitally necessary to the plans of offensives. Despite the hazards of heavy machine gun and artillery fire, he completed each assigned mission. The courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Loesch exemplify the finest traditions

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

Ernest Mazzamauro, 31410525, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For horoic service in France during the period 13 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. As a member of a forward observers field artillery liaison party, during the period 13 - 16 November 1944, Pfc Mazzamauro made his way through a heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire to establish an observation post outside an enemy held town. Standing on the back of a tank, Pfc Mazzamauro assisted his officer in successfully directing vital artillery fire missions, thereby enabling the advancing infantry to continue its progress. His exceptional courage and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Elacord C. McClure, 38661751, Pvt; Inf, army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 10 November 1944, Pvt McClure and his comrades held a defensive position for five lays under the difficult conditions of water filled fexholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rest, Pvt McClure and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire from the Germans. The cutstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pvt McClure exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

John A. Rhodes, 35776047, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, Sgt Rhodes and his comrades hold a defensive position for five days under the difficult conditions of water filled fexholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rest Sgt Rhodes and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and heavy machine gun fire from the Germans. The outstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Rhodes exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Louis C. Romano, 33720688, Tec 4, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 20 August 1944, and 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 20 August 1944, in an attack on the enemy Tec 4 Romano, with utter disregard for his own safety, ran directly into machine gun fire to give aid to a wounded comrade and safely evacuated him. On 11 November 1944, under heavy antillery fire, Tec 4 Romano moved from one wounded comrade to another to administer first aid. The personal courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty

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exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Nicholas F. Sagnella, 31454312, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 13 - 10 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. As a nember of a forward observers field artillery limison party, during the period 13-16 November 1944, Pvt Sagnella made his way through a heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire to establish an observation post outside an enemy held town. Standing on the back of a tank, Pvt Sagnella assisted his officer in successfully directing vital artillery fire missions thereby enabling the advancing infantry to continue its progress. His exceptional courage, and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armode forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Raymond Schmidt, 36775598, Toc 5, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, Tec 5 Schmidt, an aid man attached to an infantry rifle platoon, was engaged in administering first aid on the field of battle under heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire when he received a bullet wound in the arm. Refusing to be evacuated, he continued to expose himself to the raking fire as he moved from one injured comrade to another. He later received a second wound, this time in the chest, and again he refused medical attention but continued with his duties until the objective had been attained and the action concluded. Only then did he permit his personal evacuation. The courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Schmidt exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

William J. Smithers, 36511697, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, T Sgt Smithers and his comrades held a defensive position for five days under the difficult conditions of water filled foxholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rest, T Sgt Smithers and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, nortar, and heavy machine gun fire from the Germans. The outstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Smithers exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Purles W. Natkins, 33548552, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 - 12 November 1944, in an attack on the enemy, Pfc Watkins, on his own initiative, voluntarily assumed the duties of the acting communications sergeant, who had earlier become a casualty. Without regard for personal safety, Pfc Watkins went through the entire attack under heavy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to successfully maintain radio communications with his battalion at all times. The courage, tireless efforts, and sincere devotion to duty

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displayed by Pfc Watkins exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

GRAWFORD W. WELCH, 01285072, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 15 - 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. It Welch, a rifle platoon leader assigned to an infantry rifle company on 15 November 1944, valiantly and aggressively led his platoon until he was evacuated for wounds on 25 November 1944. Through his efforts he contributed greatly to the successful assault on an enemy held fort which was exceedingly difficult due to the barbod wire entanglements, tank ditches, and intense cross fire from flanking pill boxes. After seizing the objective, Lt Welch and his platoon repelled four enemy counterattacks during which time he received a machine gun bullet wound. The courage, superior leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt Welch exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Alfred Wick, 39049179, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with a rifle company, then at less than half strength, during the period 8 - 16 November 1944, Pvt Wick and his comrades held a defensive position for five days under the difficult conditions of water filled foxholes, bitter cold, and rain, then participated in an attack against a superior enemy force, accomplishing their objective and accounting for forty enemy killed or captured. With but one day rest, Pvt Wick and his company held and defended their ground despite intense artillery, mortar, and heavy machine gun fire from the Germans. The outstanding bravery, perseverance, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Wick exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Fred S. Willinghem, 34586200, Pfc, Inf, 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, Pfc Willingh m, in automatic riflemen, participated in an assault on a heavily defended village. As his company advanced cross an open field the enemy concentrated artillery, mortar, and machine cun fire upon the assaulting forces. Seeing his squad leafer become a casualty, Pfc Willingham determinedly advanced, firing into the enemy emplacements with his automatic rifle. Then, in full observation of the enemy and under intense fire, he carried his wounded squad leafer to a nearby shell hole, returning to join in the assault until he himself became a casualty. The outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and sincero devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Willingham exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

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VI. AWARD OF ATR 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 Officer and Enlisted Man:

ARTHUR J. LINDBERG, JR, 0495777, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 12 - 25 September 1944, as an artillery observer in successfully completing the required number of serties while participating in aerial flights in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Gerald H. Rebensdorf, 17152501, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 13 September 1944, to 5 October 1944, as pilot of a cub artillery plane in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flights in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from South Dakota.

VII. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, lated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Loaf Cluster is awarded the following named Officer:

HUBERT H. KENYON, 01170448, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 13 September 1944, to 3 October 1944, as pilot of a cub artillery plane in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flights in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

VIII. AWAND 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 numed Enlisted Men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on date indicated:

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IX. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the previsions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named Officer and Enlisted Man for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on dates in DECLASSIFIED

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