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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:

Lawrence C. Peck, 36188153, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 February 1945, during the assault on the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany, Pfc Peck, a runner, remained exposed to enemy shelling in order to effectively operate the company radio and maintain radio communications with the battalion command post. Later, despite the intense artillery fire falling in the sector, he established and maintained wire communication with captured enemy pillboxes being used by riflemen for protection against enemy fire. Pfc Peck's courage, bravery, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan. Feb

William E. Tanner, 33757155, Cpl, Armd, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, a determined enemy counterattack was launched against Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, where the tank in which Cpl Tanner served as a gunner was in a defensive position. Calmly waiting until his targets were most exposed, Cpl Tanner placed such accurate fire on enemy personnel and vehicles that the counterattack was disorganized, enabling the infantry to drive off the threat. In this engagement Cpl Tanner destroyed a number of enemy field pieces and one Mark IV Tank. Cpl Tanner's courage, skill, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. Dec

II. 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:

Alexander R. Duran, 39287187, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 March 1945, near Irsch, Germany, Cpl Duran, as a field wire chief, was assigned the mission of establishing wire communications with the infantry located in a town which was subjected MAR

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to enemy mortar, artillery, and rocket fire. When enemy artillery prevented the wire truck from entering the town, Cpl Duran moved forward over exposed terrain to successfully lay the wire by hand, a task which he later repeated when the line was destroyed by enemy shells. Cpl Duran's bravery, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

✓ SV319 CHARLES K. McWHORTER, 0534294, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 7 - 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 - 11 February 1945, Lt McWhorter, a Battalion Supply Officer, by organizing the cooks, drivers, and mechanics of the battalion, kept the vital supply of ammunition moving by boats across the swollen Our River, so that the forward elements could continue with the assault into the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty under intense enemy fire displayed by Lt McWhorter exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia. Feb

Charles W. Pecoroni, 32638597, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as a radio operator near Lahr, Germany, Pfc Pecoroni, with a forward observer, voluntarily advanced ahead of the company to which he was attached in order to locate mortars, whose fire was delaying the attack. Disregarding the small arms fire and the danger of being captured, he and the forward observer infiltrated the enemy lines and, after finding the mortars, registered accurate fire which destroyed the position. On another occasion, while crossing the Main River, he and the forward observer located German artillery positions which they destroyed by accurately adjusting artillery fire on them. Pfc Pecoroni's courage, initiative, skill, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. Feb

✓ Edward Perdue, 35437731, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg and Germany on 8 and 9 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 and 9 February 1945, while an infantry battalion was establishing a bridgehead across the Our River into the Siegfried Line on the German-Luxembourg border, the route of supply and river crossing area was constantly under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Pfc Perdue, driver in a heavy weapons company, disregarding the extreme danger and his own personal safety, helped load and transport supplies across the swift river and to evacuate many casualties on return trips. By courageously working to facilitate the flow of supplies to the bridgehead, Pfc Perdue immeasurably aided in the success of the battalion. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia. Feb

C-905FA JOSEPH M. VALE, 01180371, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany on 14 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. With his assistant, Lt Vale, an artillery forward observer, was attached to an infantry company which was Feb



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assigned the mission of attacking Niedersegegen, Germany, on 14 February 1945. Before the attack could be launched, intense rocket fire delayed the infantry troops. Lt Vale, with his assistant, voluntarily advanced through the barrage to a vantage point from which they silenced the enemy guns by accurate artillery fire. His bravery, initiative, and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

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:

**Co M** Dwight M. Bittner, 33254034, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany during the period 8 August 1944, to 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Serving as the communications sergeant of a heavy weapons company, during the period 8 August 1944, to 10 April 1945, through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany, Sgt Bittner has displayed tireless energy and constant devotion to duty during all operations of his company against the enemy. He constantly maintained communications within the company under difficult combat conditions, and his efforts in training members of his company in the use of the radio established a valuable reservoir of skilled operators. The initiative and constant devotion to duty characterizing Sgt Bittner's service are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

\* Raymond J. Christmas, 42024783, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 March 1945, Pfc Christmas, a radio operator, was with an artillery forward observer in an observation post in Berger, Germany. Enemy artillery shells were falling all about the house, yet Pfc Christmas remained in an exposed position, relaying fire directions to artillery batteries until a near hit destroyed his radio and wounded him. Disregarding his wounds, he procured another set and calling for tank destroyers remained at his post to direct their fire until the enemy artillery was completely destroyed. Pfc Christmas' courage, skill, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. **MAR**

Norman E. Cooper, 33602282, Tec 4 (then Tec 5), Armad, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 18 January 1945, during the fierce fighting at Dahl, Luxembourg, the tank which Tec 4 Cooper drove was hit three times by enemy artillery, seriously wounding two of the crew. Despite the intense artillery falling all about the area, Tec 4 Cooper drove to a covered position and left the protection of his tank to find medical aid for his comrades. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. **JAN**

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LAWRENCE A. DUNCAN, 0515431, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 7 - 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the assault on the Siegfried Line on the 7th to 11th of February 1945, Lt Duncan courageously directed his anti-tank platoon in carrying supplies at night up the steep slopes to the battalion supply point near Wallendorf, Germany. On the return trips, Lt Duncan organized the evacuation of casualties. During the daylight hours he maintained the security of the battalion command post. The courage and leadership displayed by Lt Duncan throughout the intense enemy artillery and mortar fire which fell almost continually in the area, are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Clair E. Ferguson, 33436077, Sgt, Armd, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the vicinity of Merzig, Luxembourg, on 22 December 1944, Sgt Ferguson, a tank commander, without hesitation engaged three attacking enemy tanks and caused them to withdraw. For two days he held his position repelling repeated enemy attempts to pierce our defenses. After the reorganization of the combat team had been completed, Sgt Ferguson led his tank in the attack and greatly assisted in putting the enemy to rout. His courage, leadership, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Alfred D. Finno, 31241189, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 December 1944, the tank destroyer in which Cpl Finno served as gunner was hit by enemy fire, while it was engaged in a fire fight with an attacking enemy near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg. While in the process of abandoning the disabled tank destroyer, Cpl Finno observed a large formation of enemy infantry. Utterly disregarding the target his disabled vehicle made, and the enemy fire directed at it, he reentered the tank destroyer and, manning its 90mm gun, drove off the enemy, killing a large number of them. Cpl Finno's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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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 personnel:

Raymundo P. Garcia, 38439410, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 March 1945, near Irach, Germany, Pfc Garcia, as a field lineman, was assigned the mission of establishing wire communications with the infantry located in a town which was subjected to enemy mortar, artillery, and rocket fire. When enemy artillery prevented the wire truck from entering the town, Pfc Garcia moved forward over exposed terrain to successfully lay the wire by hand, a task which he later repeated when the line was destroyed by enemy shells. Pfc Garcia's bravery, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Mexico. MAR

Stanley Grant, 35359103, Tec 5, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 April 1945, Tec 5 Grant, a truck driver of a combat engineer platoon, was a member of a small detail on the dangerous mission of removing a road block from a bridge in Erfurt, Germany. Despite the intense enemy fire protecting the obstacle on the bridge, Tec 5 Grant boldly drove his vehicle to the road block, and attaching a tow cable pulled the block apart. He coolly and deliberately worked at the task until the obstacle was removed and the infantry allowed to pass safely through the breach. The bravery, skill, and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Grant are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana. APR

Robert E. Hawkins, 32663153, Pfc, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 April 1945, Pfc Hawkins, a utility repairman of a combat engineer platoon, was a member of a small detail on the dangerous mission of removing a road block from a bridge in Erfurt, Germany. Despite the intense enemy fire protecting the obstacle on the bridge, Pfc Hawkins worked coolly and skillfully in destroying the road block, often working on the enemy side of the bridge, where he was an excellent target. By this courageous work he and his companions removed the road block allowing the infantry to attack across the bridge. His courage, skill, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. APR

Frederick J. Haynes, 33376664, Sgt, 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 fierce fighting at Dahl, Luxembourg, on 7 January 1945, the enemy camouflaged by snow suits, advanced close to the American defensive positions before being seen. JAN

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Sgt Haynes, a heavy machine gun section leader, quickly analyzed the situation and so encouraged both his own men and the supporting riflemen that they established an impenetrable defense against a numerically superior enemy. Sgt Haynes' courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Edward F. Hofmann, 32642278, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 April 1945, S Sgt Hofmann, serving as a combat engineer platoon sergeant, led a small detail in a dangerous mission to remove a road block from a bridge in Erfurt, Germany. Despite intense enemy fire protecting the obstacle on the bridge, he and his men boldly advanced ahead of the assaulting infantrymen, and, after clearing a path through the road block, returned to lead the attack over the prepared route, thereby saving many lives. S Sgt Hofmann's courage under fire and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. APV

John T. Irvin, 12170195, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the crossing of the Our River into Germany and the Siegfried Line, on 7 February 1945, the squad in which Pfc Irvin served as a rifleman was awaiting its turn to cross in an assault boat when an artillery barrage landed among them, wounding several men. Pfc Irvin, with little regard for his own safety, treated the wounded. As the remaining men were entering the assault boat, enemy artillery destroyed the craft and wounded the squad leader. Pfc Irvin immediately took command and, securing another boat, led the rest of the squad across the river and into the attack. His courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. Feb

Arthur G. Janousek, 36185887, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 8 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 February 1945, when his platoon leader was wounded, T Sgt Janousek, the platoon sergeant, took command of the platoon and continued with the assault on the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany. As the platoon was being subjected to intense small arms fire the company commander ordered a withdrawal to a better position, a move which T Sgt Janousek directed exceedingly well. After consolidating the position, he organized and supervised the evacuation of all the wounded. T Sgt Janousek's initiative, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan. Feb

JOSEPH H. JOHNSON, JR, 0532175, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 7 - 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 - 11 February 1945, during the assault across the Our River into the Siegfried Line near Hoesdorf, Germany, it was necessary to transport supplies across the swollen river at night in Feb



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order to escape direct fire from enemy pillboxes. Lt Johnson, an anti-tank platoon leader, organized his men and formed carrying parties to supply the forward elements. Working for four nights in an almost continual artillery concentration, he inspired his men in successfully keeping the battalion ammunition supply adequate. His courage and inspiring devotion to duty exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

149 00 Thomas A. Kamens, 36252748, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 26 August 1944, to 15 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 26 August 1944, to 15 January 1945, S Sgt Kamens performed his duties as chief of message center in a superior manner. On many occasions during the drive across France and Luxembourg, he has remained on duty processing vital communications even though the command post was being heavily shelled by enemy artillery. S Sgt Kamens' courage, skill, and zealous devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Richard W. Koenig, Jr, 37616982, S Sgt (then Pfc), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 24 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 January 1945, during an attack on Alscheid, Luxembourg, S Sgt Koenig, a machine gunner, observed a rifleman fall wounded in the town. Despite the intense enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire falling in the area, S Sgt Koenig ran to the man's side and, finding that he needed careful handling, returned for aid. After enlisting the aid of another soldier, he removed the seriously wounded soldier to safety, thus saving his life. S Sgt Koenig's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri. JAN

Oscar P. Liebreich, Jr, 31345776, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 7 - 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 - 11 February 1945, S Sgt Liebreich, a supply sergeant of a rifle company, aided in organizing the cooks, drivers, and mechanics of the battalion to transport supplies across the swollen Our River, so that the forward elements could continue with the assault into the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany. In spite of being sick, he worked diligently in adverse weather to direct and inspire his comrades in their difficult task. S Sgt Liebreich's courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Lawrence P. Medler, 6293946, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany on 14 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. As an assistant to a forward observer, Pfc Medler was attached to an infantry company which was assigned the mission of attacking Niedersgegen, Germany, on 14 February 1945. Before the attack could be launched, intense rocket fire delayed the infantry troops. Pfc Medler, disregarding his own personal safety, voluntarily advanced through the barrage to a vantage point from which he and the forward observer silenced FEB

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the enemy guns by accurate artillery fire. His bravery, initiative, and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

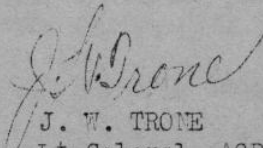
Andrew W. Melia, 32094171, Cpl (then Tec 5), MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 November 1944, an intense artillery concentration, near Boustroff, France, scored a direct hit on a house, seriously wounding two soldiers. Cpl Melia and three other litter bearers voluntarily drove a quarter ton vehicle over the heavily shelled roads to evacuate the wounded men, undoubtedly saving their lives. Cpl Melia's courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. Nov

David L. Miller, 33774928, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 8 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 February 1945, during the crossing of the swollen Our River into Germany and the Siegfried Line, the boat in which Pfc Miller, a platoon messenger, was crossing capsized near shore. Observing that a comrade was being engulfed by the swift stream, Pfc Miller swam to the helpless soldier and despite the severe fire falling in the crossing area, carried him to safety. The courage, bravery, and disregard for personal safety displayed by Pfc Miller are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. Feb

Herbert D. Nagle, 33354226, Tec 4, Armd, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 30 September 1944, to 5 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. By performing his duties in a superior manner, during the period 30 September 1944, to 5 January 1945, Tec 4 Nagle, an artillery mechanic in a tank recovery vehicle, retrieved disabled tanks and other vehicles under heavy enemy fire throughout the fierce campaign in France and Luxembourg. On numerous occasions his vehicle was attached to the engineers for the purpose of building bridges across rivers when the enemy artillery fire was severe. The perseverance, skill, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Nagle exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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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:

*ref* J. D. Preston, 35868899, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 11, 12, and 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11, 12, and 13 February 1945, Pfc Preston, a litter bearer, worked for sixty hours to evacuate casualties from the bank of the Sure River to an aid station at Hoesdorf, Luxembourg. Throughout the period the area was under incessant artillery and mortar fire, with rain adding to the difficulties of the work. The personal bravery and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Preston are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Paul F. Shannon, 31086928, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany during the period 9 February 1945, to 6 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 9 February 1945, to 6 April 1945, Pfc Shannon performed his duties as driver for a forward observer party in a superior manner. On 9 February 1945, when the unit's radio batteries went dead, he drove in total darkness over a mountain road to obtain new ones and returned through heavy shelling to the observation post near Wallendorf, Germany. Pfc Shannon's courage, skill, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

VI. Section I, General Orders Number 120, this Headquarters, dated 5 May 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously, to S Sgt William F. Tassara, 39053595, Inf, is amended to award enlisted man the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.

VII. Section IV, General Orders Number 54, this Headquarters, dated 12 October 1944, is amended to delete the name of "Pfc William G. Rohn 33621662 Armd F 8 Sep 44 Pennsylvania". Enlisted man was awarded Purple Heart per GO #43, Hq 93d Gen Hosp, dated 24 Oct 44.

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