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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

Henry A. Moser, 37132465, S Sgt, 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, while defending Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, S Sgt Moser took command of his tank destroyer platoon when his platoon leader was temporarily absent during an enemy counterattack. Having reconnoitered for firing positions under intense enemy fire he emplaced his guns and personally established an observation post to control his guns. While directing fire he was attacked by two enemy infantrymen whom he killed after a sharp fire fight. Through his able direction the platoon destroyed six enemy tanks and immeasurably aided in repelling the enemy attack. S Sgt Moser's skill, initiative, and courageous leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

JACK W. WHEELER, 01826182, 2d Lt, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 March 1945, the tank destroyer platoon commanded by Lt Wheeler supported infantry troops in an attack on Waldoholzbach, Germany. Firmly entrenched enemy troops delayed the attack by fire from artillery self-propelled guns and small arms. Realizing the seriousness of the situation Lt Wheeler courageously advanced on a reconnaissance, found firing positions, and, after putting his destroyers into place, manned an observation post to direct their fire. Although mortally wounded his excellent preparations and planning enabled his men to neutralize the enemy fire and aid the attack. Lt Wheeler's courage, leadership, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Warren E. Zickafoose, 35645379, Sgt, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 4 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 April 1945, while supporting infantry troops in holding Vollmarshausen, Germany, Sgt Zickafoose, a gun commander of a tank destroyer, observed four enemy tanks approaching the town. Realizing that he was outnumbered he nevertheless elected to move into a firing position to prevent the enemy from over running the infantry. By taking up an advantageous position he repelled the

attack, although his destroyer received a direct hit which mortally wounded him. The courage, aggressive leadership, and supreme devotion to duty as displayed by Sgt Zickafoose exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

WILLIS W. BROWN, O1324475, Capt (then 1st Lt), 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 April 1945, during an attack on Erfurt, Germany, Company C, 318th Infantry, commanded by Capt Brown was temporarily delayed by intense enemy fire from a wooded area near the city. Realizing that casualties would result if the men remained in this exposed position, Capt Brown rose to his feet, utterly disregarding the intense enemy fire, and, shouting to his men to follow, led them in a gallant assault which overran and captured the enemy defenses. Capt Brown's aggressive leadership, courage, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

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III. 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 2D LT MILES W. SMITH, JR, 0545176, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 6 October 1944.

IV. 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:

RANK AND NAME	ASN	ARM OR SERVICE	DATE
2D LT VICTOR E. RAINSFORD	01061828	Inf	25 Feb 45
Pfc Eugene V. Dillon	33702849	Armd	7 Mar 45
Pfc Pasqualo A. DeCillis	31062249	CE	28 Mar 45

V. Section IV, General Orders Number 54, this Headquarters, dated 12 October 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, is amended to delete the name of "Pfc Leeroy E. Boehme 38419350 Inf 8 Oct 44 Texas". Enlisted man was awarded the Purple Heart per GO #22, Hq 216th Gen Hosp, dated 21 Oct 44.

VI. Section I, General Orders Number 130, this Headquarters, dated 19 May 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster), is amended to delete the name of "Tec 5 Stephen Janda 13100436 MD 15 Mar 45".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

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