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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:

Robert H. Clements, 33305074, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Belgium on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, S Sgt Clements, Mess Sergeant of an infantry rifle company, prepared a hot Christmas dinner for his comrades. To transport the meal to the company it was necessary to travel over a route known to be mined. As he proceeded to the company area, S Sgt Clements observed a road block obstructing his advance. Continuing on foot to investigate the obstacle, he began clearing a passageway for his vehicle when he contacted an enemy mine. As a result of this explosion he lost his life. His initiative, bravery, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

John T. Kroah, 33272993, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 12 October 1944, to 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 12 October 1944, to 22 December 1944, Sgt Kroah distinguished himself in performing his duties as Liaison Sergeant in a superior manner. By his initiative and leadership he developed an efficient operating section. On 22 December 1944, in carrying out his responsibilities his advance was delayed due to a destroyed road bridge. By his initiative he soon found a way around this obstacle and continued forward until mortally wounded by enemy small arms fire. The bravery, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Kroah exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (MISSING IN ACTION): 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 (Missing in Action):

William J. Robinson, 31457127, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, the company in which Pfc Robinson served as a rifleman, in an attack on the enemy

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encountered fierce enemy resistance employing infantry and tanks. Pfc Robinson and a companion volunteered to attempt to destroy one of the tanks with Rocket Launcher fire. With utter disregard for his own safety he crawled under the direct enemy fire to a flank position and was preparing to fire on the tanks when he was wounded by sniper fire. The courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Robinson exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

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:

GLENN H. GARDNER, 01285571, Lt Col, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Belgium during the period 25 - 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 25 - 28 December 1944, Lt Col Gardner exhibited outstanding aggressiveness and leadership in directing his battalion in an assault against strong enemy forces encircling American troops within a town. During this period he personally directed artillery fire missions, supervised the firing of anti-tank guns, and established defensive positions under direct artillery and sniper fire. His meticulous attention to every detail of the assault contributed greatly in successfully effecting the completion of the mission with minimum delay and casualties. The initiative, courage, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt Col Gardner are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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:

JOHN M. ALLEN, 0313265, Maj, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 November 1944, to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

JAMES W. ATKINSON, W2118279, CWO, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 3 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

*Med* Stanley R. Babin, 38381751, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 15 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Jack H. Buffarini, 32069722, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 18 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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*CM* Francis X. Cunnane, 33335824, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 November 1944, to 2 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JACOB T. DAME, 01173577, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 2 September 1944, to 15 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Glenn A. Dickerson, 34286530, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 1 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

CHARLES L. KIMZEY, 0270696, 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 Colorado.

Robert W. Kowalski, 36252811, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 5 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 5 January 1945, the gun position of the battery in which Sgt Kowalski served was being shelled by enemy artillery. One round ignited powder charges on a tractor loaded with 155mm projectiles and powder charges. In the immediate vicinity was a truck with one hundred rounds of 155mm HE projectiles complete with powder charges. With utter disregard for his safety, Sgt Kowalski immediately rushed from his shelter to drive the truck a safe distance from the danger area, thereby saving from possible destruction critical material and the lives of many comrades. The courage, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Kowalski are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Ernest D. Lewis, 38686364, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 December 1944, Pvt Lewis volunteered to accompany his platoon leader and another comrade on a patrol in an attempt to capture enemy troops, who were billeted in a village, for interrogation. Despite the hazards involved in infiltrating through enemy lines, this patrol, by using the tactics of surprise entry into the buildings, and by trapping other enemy soldiers in a cellar, effected the capture of a total of twenty three of the enemy. The courage, aggressiveness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Lewis are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Robert J. Lilly, 39327932, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Belgium on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, T Sgt Lilly, platoon sergeant of an assaulting rifle company, assumed command of the company after all officers had become casualties, continuing the attack. As the objective was approached, machine gun fire from the left flank temporarily

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delayed the advance. T Sgt Lilly immediately contacted the tanks and directed effective fire which destroyed the machine gun and successfully proceeded to complete the mission assigned. His courage, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

*Cin* Gomer A. Little, 33278260, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 14 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

John Loncher, 33259903, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 13 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 December 1944, a truck containing TNT, mines, gasoline, and blasting caps, was set afire by shrapnel from enemy artillery fire. With utter disregard for his own safety and despite the continued shelling, Pfc Loncher climbed into the blazing truck and succeeded in removing the explosives and extinguishing the flaming clothing of one of two comrades who had joined him to assist in smothering the fire. His actions saved the truck from total destruction. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Loncher exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles F. Long, Jr, 35072548, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 November 1944, during an attack on the enemy, Pfc Long, a member of an ammunition and pioneer platoon, hand carried ammunition on many occasions to the attacking companies while under intense enemy fire, thus enabling the battalion to continue the attack and to seize the objective. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Long exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

John W. O'Connor, 35359161, Tec 4, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 21 October 1944, and 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 21 October 1944, without regard for his own personal safety, Tec 4 O'Connor, Surgical Technician, proceeded under enemy artillery fire to render medical aid to wounded comrades. On 4 December 1944, he again braved artillery fire to assist in extricating comrades whose vehicles had been damaged by an exploding shell, rendering first aid and successfully evacuating them. The courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 O'Connor exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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V. 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 two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

LEWIS H. COX, 01181212, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 9 November 1944, and 8 December 1944, as an artillery liaison pilot 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 Kentucky.

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

Charles E. Chrosniak, 14092832, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 November 1944, to 28 December 1944, as an artillery liaison pilot 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.

VII. 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 two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pvt James E. Aliff, Jr, 35774046, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 11 January 1945.

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 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1 S Sgt Jack A. Frick	33030464	Inf	11 Jan 45
2 Sgt Olander J. Barrett Jr	14118744	Inf	11 Jan 45
3 Pfc Lewis F. Evans	35313103	Inf	11 Jan 45
6 Pfc Orville W. Morgan	35871302	Inf	13 Jan 45
1 Pfc Robert M. Gilpin	36510620	Inf	14 Jan 45

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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 and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc Ernest B. Martin, 36038883, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 2 October 1944.

X. 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 Luxembourg on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Cpl Edward M. Davies Sr	34776809	Inf (Armd)	10 Jan 45
Cpl Lawrence P. Kelley	31303213	Inf (Armd)	10 Jan 45
T Sgt Robert C. Harris	14003187	Inf	10 Jan 45
K Pvt Albert N. Anderson	37277716	Inf	11 Jan 45
M T Sgt Charles W. Lewis	33273365	Inf	11 Jan 45
M S Sgt Elmer R. Seibert	35378592	Inf	11 Jan 45
L Pfc Leo R. Wojtasiak	36549233	Inf	11 Jan 45
L S Sgt Thomas E. Smith	13128990	Inf	11 Jan 45
L S Sgt Oscar E. Cromer	7006876	Inf	11 Jan 45
L Pfc Frank L. Beavers Jr	35557020	Inf	11 Jan 45
K Sgt Scott Ledford	35114485	Inf	11 Jan 45
L Pvt Harry F. Brownworth Jr	35330880	Inf	11 Jan 45
L Pvt Bernard H. Quigley	12188741	Inf	11 Jan 45
S Sgt Walter W. Scott	33235269	Inf	11 Jan 45
S Sgt William L. Wyrick	35684489	Inf	11 Jan 45
Pvt Elmer A. Mattern	39621019	Inf	11 Jan 45
Pfc Charles G. Wilson	33652714	Inf	11 Jan 45
S Sgt Elmer Bolar	35460581	Inf	11 Jan 45
Pvt Louis V. Madrigal Jr	39082677	Inf	11 Jan 45
Pfc Adolph B. Brown	39577892	MD	11 Jan 45
M Cpl Adolph W. Harrell	37722576	Inf	11 Jan 45
H Pfc Bernard W. Knott	35460603	Inf	11 Jan 45
6 Pvt William J. Goudy	35845613	Inf	12 Jan 45
Pfc Leonard W. Holmberg	35533428	Inf	13 Jan 45
Pfc Paul W. Cressman	33835859	Inf	13 Jan 45
Pfc Anthony J. Paone Jr	12211864	Inf	13 Jan 45
Pfc Henry J. Hannon	36833746	Inf	13 Jan 45
C Sgt Roscoe W. Garrett	35793045	Inf	14 Jan 45
K Pvt Thomas E. Trailer	36897601	Inf	14 Jan 45

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