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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:

James C. H. Lemkey, 33887693, Pvt, 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 Pvt Lemkey served as a rifleman in an attack on the enemy, encountered fierce enemy resistance employing infantry and tanks. Pvt Lemkey and a companion volunteered to attempt to destroy a tank 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 tank when he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. The courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Lemkey exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

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:

John J. Bednash, 33354608, 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 Bednash, 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 Bednash exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Richard T. Karels, 36663710, 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 Karels, a member of an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, hand laid wire across muddy fields and impassable forest trails keeping abreast with the attacking troops despite heavy artillery and small arms fire. His actions afforded an uninterrupted means of communication, aiding considerably in the successful culmination of the assault. The bravery, res

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and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Karels are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Harry C. Wooldridge, 33227122, 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 Wooldridge, a member of an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, hand laid wire across muddy fields and impassable forest trails keeping abreast with the attacking troops despite heavy artillery and small arms fire. His actions afforded an uninterrupted means of communication, aiding considerably in the successful culmination of the assault. The bravery, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Wooldridge are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

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:

Thomas Aguillard, 38187335, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 2 September 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

G. Dorsey Bean, 33095804, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Wilbur E. Beers, 33296901, 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 Beers, a member of an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, hand laid wire across muddy fields and impassable forest trails keeping abreast with the attacking troops despite heavy artillery and small arms fire. His actions afforded an uninterrupted means of communication, aiding considerably in the successful culmination of the assault. The bravery, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Beers are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

George Brassington, 33348425, Sgt, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 5 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The platoon in which Sgt Brassington served was involved in a mounted reconnaissance mission on 5 December 1944, but was making slow progress due to enemy emplaced on the commanding terrain. In an effort to obtain observation and to determine locations of enemy artillery and lighter guns, Sgt Brassington and a companion volunteered to proceed on foot. In spite of enemy observation and artillery and small arms fire they discovered an enemy observation post and emplacements. This information was reported to a friendly artillery observer who directed effective fire

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on the enemy installations. The courage, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Brassington exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Arlington Brossman, 33366143, Sgt, 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, Sgt Brossman, Squad Leader in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, led his men in hand carrying 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, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Brossman exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles J. Costello, 33304783, 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 Costello, a member of an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, hand laid wire across muddy fields and impassable forest trails keeping abreast with the attacking troops despite heavy artillery and small arms fire. His actions afforded an uninterrupted means of communication, aiding considerably in the successful culmination of the assault. The bravery, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Costello are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles R. Fleshman, 35749880, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Belgium on 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 December 1944, Pfc Fleshman, operating a radio, was stationed with his platoon leader at a mortar observation post. During an artillery concentration, the platoon leader was seriously wounded and evacuated. Pfc Fleshman continued to operate the observation post under enemy fire, accurately and efficiently calling for and directing mortar fire on the enemy. His bravery, initiative, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

William E. Johnson, 33213310, 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 Johnson, a member of an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, hand laid wire across muddy fields and impassable forest trails keeping abreast with the attacking troops despite heavy artillery and small arms fire. His actions afforded an uninterrupted means of communication, aiding considerably in the successful culmination of the assault. The bravery, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Johnson are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Neil S. Jones, 33248238, Pvt, 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

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an attack on the enemy, Pvt Jones, a member of an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, hand laid wire across muddy fields and impassable forest trails keeping abreast with the attacking troops despite heavy artillery and small arms fire. His actions afforded an uninterrupted means of communication, aiding considerably in the successful culmination of the assault. The bravery, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Jones are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. KIRTON, 0377388, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France on 13 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Carl J. Luckenbill, 33185056, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HENRY M. MARX, 0273993, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

George L. Rathfon, 33435130, 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 launched against the enemy, Pfc Rathfon, a member of a Communications Platoon, distinguished himself by performing his duties in a superior manner, hand-laying wire across muddy fields and impassable forest trails, keeping up with the attacking troops despite heavy artillery and small arms fire. His resourcefulness and fortitude in establishing and maintaining the wire head afforded an almost uninterrupted means of communication between the forward and rear echelons and greatly aided in the successful culmination of the attack. Pfc Rathfon's resourcefulness, courage, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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IV. 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:

John C. Huff, 35639762, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, the battalion in which Pfc Huff served had the mission of crossing a river in an attack. The anti-tank platoon followed the battalion after crossing the river but lost contact with the command post. Pfc Huff volunteered to accompany the platoon leader on the dangerous mission of locating the CP even though the exact location of the front line and the enemy position was not known. His keen observations proved invaluable as he detected an enemy position from a distance and saved the platoon leader and himself from capture. 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.

V. 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:

Eugene H. Slonim, 32696324, Pfc, 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, Pfc Slonim, upon learning from two civilians that enemy soldiers were occupying a nearby town, volunteered to accompany his platoon leader and another comrade on a patrol in an attempt to capture some of the enemy for interrogation. Despite the hazards involved in infiltrating through enemy lines, this patrol, by using the tactics of surprise entry into buildings, and by trapping other enemy troops 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 Pfc Slonim are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

VI. 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:

EDWARD J. BARSZCZ, 01285354, Maj, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, Maj Barszcz, Battalion Executive Officer, during an enemy attack, personally and with utter disregard for his safety organized a house to house

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the town. The resulting defense positions installed by him under extremely hazardous conditions resulted in the successful repulse of the enemy assault. The courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Maj Barszcz exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Harold D. Blakeman, 37450066, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, T Sgt Blakeman, sergeant of a weapons platoon of the leading element in the battalion sector of advance in an attack upon the enemy, voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, engaged an enemy machine gun nest which was retarding the progress, successfully eliminating it and allowing the battalion to advance. Later that day, the enemy attempting an assault were repulsed by mortar fire effectively directed by T Sgt Blakeman from an exposed position. His bravery, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Robert H. Eisel, 35925467, Pvt, 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, after a particularly fierce engagement, Pvt Eisel was ordered back to a known road junction to guide medical vehicles to the company position. After waiting for a period of time at the designated place, on his own initiative, he proceeded to the nearby village to secure the vehicles. Crossing a wide area of open terrain and although delayed numerous times by enemy sniper fire, Pvt Eisel succeeded in reaching the village and securing the necessary transportation. He then guided it to the company area and aided in evacuating the wounded. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Gilbert Farnell, 37569482, Tec 5, FA, 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, Tec 5 Farnell, Radio Operator with an Artillery Observer Team, under constant heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, continued to operate his radio to adjust artillery fire on a number of enemy troops and vehicles, despite the fact that he was wounded by small arms fire. His courage, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Joseph Fila, 16010989, Pvt, 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, Pvt Fila, a member of a Communications Platoon, hand laid wire across muddy fields and impassable forest trails keeping abreast with the attacking troops despite heavy artillery and small arms fire. His actions afforded an uninterrupted means of communication, aiding considerably in the successful culmination of the assault. The bravery, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Fila are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Walter Hodge, 35702793, 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 Hodge was leading his platoon in an assault on enemy machine gun emplacements. The focal point of enemy resistance was the forward edge of a heavily wooded hill. While advancing upon this position, the company commander was disabled by concussion. T Sgt Hodge, without hesitation, assumed command of the company and led it successfully in a final assault upon the enemy, either capturing or destroying all personnel on the position. He then continued the advance through the woods to enable friendly tanks to proceed along trails in the forest, establishing a thorough and well planned defensive position upon reaching the far edge of the woods. The initiative, leadership, and devotion to duty shown by T Sgt Hodge are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

David M. Kane, 33355056, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 1 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 1 November 1944, Tec 5 Kane, Radio Operator for an Artillery Liaison Officer, proceeded forward in an attack on the enemy despite intense artillery and mortar fire. With utter disregard for his own safety he stayed at his radio, sending fire missions as called for by the Liaison Officer, making possible continued artillery support throughout the operation which was highly successful. The bravery, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Kane exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Andrew F. Owens, 6264159, M Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

RICHARD C. PATTERSON, 01165545, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RALPH E. PEARSON, 0236828, Maj, CAC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Belgium during the period 5 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Lowell A. Teckenburg, 37652143, Pvt, 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, Pvt Teckenburg, 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 Pvt Teckenburg exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

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M CHARLES L. TUCKER, JR, 0535947, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944, Lt Tucker, leader of a Machine Gun Platoon, was engaged in supporting the advance of a company in an assault upon the enemy. Due to the rapid move of the company to reduce an enemy strong point both of its flanks were temporarily exposed to intense artillery and small arms fire. Realizing the gravity of the situation and with total disregard for his own safety, Lt Tucker continued on, exhorting and encouraging the men. Despite the heavy enemy fire, he emplaced his machine guns and reduced the enemy fire to such an extent that the supported company was enabled to successfully accomplish the assigned mission. His bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Nolan J. Walker, 38119067, 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 Walker served was being shelled by enemy artillery. One round ignited powder charges on a tractor loaded with 155mm projectiles and powder charges. Sgt Walker, together with a comrade, with utter disregard for his safety, immediately rushed from his shelter and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze thereby saving from possible destruction critical materiel and the lives of many comrades in the vicinity. The courage, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Walker are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Richard F. Weixeldorfer, 37246776, 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 Weixeldorfer, 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 Weixeldorfer exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

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VII. 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:

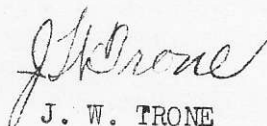
George R. Williams, 33757800, Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 December 1944, the Tank Battalion of which Sgt Williams was a member was engaged in an attack on the enemy. In the advance the tank commanded by Sgt Williams became mired, whereupon enemy fire commenced immediately believing it would be easy prey. [Sgt Williams assumed command of the situation and with the aid of another tank laid fire on the enemy anti-tank gun and destroyed it. This was accomplished despite the fact that the tank from which he was firing could not be moved, presenting an excellent target for the enemy.] His actions enabled the combat team to advance and was of invaluable aid in the successful culmination of the assault. The courage, aggressiveness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Williams exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Robert E. Williams, 35313407, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 3 December 1944, Cpl Williams, a mortar platoon gunner and squad leader, was stationed at a mortar observation post when a severe concentration of enemy artillery fire destroyed the wire communication to his position. The break occurred in open terrain under perfect observation of an enemy direct fire artillery piece. With utter disregard of the personal danger involved, Cpl Williams proceeded to repair the line. His actions restored communications and enabled him to continue to direct effective mortar fire against the enemy. The courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Williams are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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