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I. 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:

Fred E. Mikolowsky, Jr, 33278063, T Sgt, Inf, 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. In the initial phase of an assault on the enemy, T Sgt Mikolowsky, a rifle company platoon sergeant, was wounded in both legs by sniper fire. Concealing his wounds, he continued to lead his platoon until the objective was seized, after which he organized defensive positions to repel later enemy assaults. The following day his wounds became aggravated to such an extent that he then permitted himself to be evacuated. His bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

John J. Reichart, 35385749, S Sgt, Inf, 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, the rifle company to which S Sgt Reichart was assigned, occupied defensive positions, being subjected to a withering concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, and direct fire from two enemy tanks. Attempts to aid the injured were hazardous due to the raking fire of the intense concentration. With utter disregard for his own safety S Sgt Reichart made repeated trips across open terrain to render first aid to the injured. With the assistance of men from his platoon he succeeded in evacuating the wounded. His bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

ROSS W. SMITH, 01999983, 2d Lt (then S Sgt), CE, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the morning of 12 November 1944, the platoon with which Lt Smith served had the mission of spanning a river by means of a foot bridge. Conditions of visibility were poor as operations required that the bridge be constructed early in the morning. Although a smoke screen was employed to cover the construction in progress, conditions of work were extremely hazardous due to the river rise of unusual proportions on account of recent torrential rains and incessant enemy mortar

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and small arms fire. Lt Smith led his platoon in completing the mission successfully in record time and with no casualties. His leadership, courage, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

John J. Stasio, 13089523, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Belgium on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 December 1944, S Sgt Stasio, a machine gun section leader, was advancing with his platoon across an open field when an enemy machine gun began firing upon them. The enemy position was so carefully chosen that frontal attack was impossible, and withdrawal threatened severe casualties. With utter disregard for his own safety, S Sgt Stasio advanced under the intense fire to a slight rise which afforded him observation of the enemy position. From this exposed position he brought sufficient rifle fire upon the enemy to permit the withdrawal of the platoon and enabled it to advance from a parallel route. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Eugene D. Stevens, 34653081, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 23 and 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 and 24 December 1944, Pfc Stevens, while on duty as an ambulance driver at an infantry battalion aid station, was subjected to an intense enemy artillery and rocket barrage. With utter disregard for his own safety Pfc Stevens voluntarily evacuated injured comrades even though shell fire was continual on the only route he could use. His bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Sylvester P. Strzepek, 36527568, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944, Pfc Strzepek was a member of a two man crew accompanying the Artillery Forward Observer working with the leading elements of the infantry. During an attack on the enemy the Forward Observer became a casualty and Pfc Strzepek was wounded. Despite the intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire and his own injuries, Pfc Strzepek and his companion directed several fire missions in support of the infantry, the result of which caused an enemy artillery battery to withdraw. His bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

II. 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>
✓ Sgt Walter Sosinski	33273401	Inf	11 Jan 45
Sgt Thomas E. Burton	32948965	Inf	15 J

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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pvt Lewis T. Stowe	39053113	Inf	15 Jan 45
2D LT ROBERT D. DAVIS	0887656	Inf	15 Jan 45
Sgt Leandro C. Garcia	39287042	Inf	16 Jan 45
Pvt Harry Makin	36987503	Inf	16 Jan 45
2D LT WALTER H. SMITH	0538356	Inf	17 Jan 45

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 the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on dates indicated:

C 2D LT JEAN P. WILLIS	01055766	Inf	15 Jan 45
C Pvt William E. Aden Jr	18213041	Inf	15 Jan 45
C Pvt Gerald O. Seltzer	35388336	Inf	15 Jan 45
C Pfc Harley F. Baldwin	35754518	Inf	15 Jan 45
C Pfc Richard H. Bethin	32842293	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pfc George Petriska	33174587	Inf	15 Jan 45
2D LT MANDAS S. MULRAIN	01059890	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pfc Virgil L. Purttteman	39476408	Inf	15 Jan 45
Tec 5 Arthur Lopez	39260186	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pvt Temple J. Hooker	44050046	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pvt Adrian F. Besancon	35845848	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pvt Arthur L. Deoms	33890775	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pfc Leonard G. Hoffman	33254015	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pvt Alva M. Stockade	39053242	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pfc Arthur H. Haglund	31211014	Inf	15 Jan 45
C Pvt Clemen M. Duchane	36889247	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pvt Charles R. Gilara	33296927	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pvt Charles H. Bailey	36978996	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pvt James R. Kerr	35830432	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pvt Calvin C. Collette	6913425	Inf	15 Jan 45
Pvt Clarence L. Heathcoe	34835178	Inf	15 Jan 45
A Pfc Paul L. Clark Sr	37745896	Inf	15 Jan 45
Sgt Sterling L. Roberts	35460969	Inf	15 Jan 45
1ST LT FRANK N. FREEMAN	0396620	Inf	16 Jan 45
Pfc Eugene E. Ganskow	37477340	Inf	16 Jan 45
Pvt James T. Ansley Jr	34838285	Inf	16 Jan 45
Pvt Jesse T. Kitchens	20468328	Inf	16 Jan 45
Pvt Robert E. Plapinger	42135769	Inf	16 Jan 45
Pvt Irving Bennett	42134560	Inf	16 Jan 45
Pvt Sidney Gronsbell	32190351	Inf	16 Jan 45
Pvt William A. Bricca	33843446	CMP	16 Jan 45
Pvt Raymond P. Teschler	36468751	Inf	17 Jan 45
Sgt Marcus G. Kittelsrud	17150906	Inf	17 Jan 45
Pvt James E. Kirkum	36979349	Inf	17 Jan 45
Pvt Walter J. Deering	36981456	Inf	17 Jan 45
Pvt Fay E. Bogard	37402383	Inf	17 Jan 45
Pfc Evan W. Jellings	37343453	Inf	17 Jan 45
Pfc Leon H. Garcia	38363305	Inf	17 Jan 45
Pfc John M. Casamento	33335727	Inf	17 Jan 45
Pfc Huey J. Pearce	33767261	Inf	17 Jan 45

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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pfc Frederick A. Balius	34631759	MD	17 Jan 45
Pfc Earl A. Ockman	38652022	Inf	17 Jan 45
Pvt Buddy Cantrell	33823106	Inf	17 Jan 45
Pvt Fredrick Palm	36983292	Inf	17 Jan 45

IV. 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 Pfc Joseph P. Kirby, 37586898, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 12 September 1944.

4 V. 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 T Sgt Emery E. Freeman, 38209525, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 15 January 1945.

2 VI. 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 Sgt Walter Sosinski, 33273401, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 11 January 1945.

Post VII. So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 16, this Headquarters, dated 16 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Sgt Walter Sosinski 33273401 Inf 11 Jan 45" is rescinded.

4 VIII. So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 18, this Headquarters, dated 18 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "T Sgt Emery E. Freeman 38209525 Inf 15 Jan 45" is rescinded.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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