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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:

X Dominic L. Albanese, 32271821, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 September 1944, to 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Robert S. Bailey, 16072216, Tec 4, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

John E. Miller, 35504836, Pfc, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 7 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Robert J. Burger, 16011394, Pvt, MD, 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, Pvt Burger, on duty as an assistant 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, Pvt Burger voluntarily assisted the ambulance driver in safely evacuating injured comrades despite the fact that the vehicle in which they were riding was damaged on several occasions by shell fire. His bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Peter C. Buttacci, 33348066, S Sgt, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 7 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Gr Rolland L. Cole, 33305051, Pfc, 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, during a battalion attack on the enemy, Pfc Cole, radio operator for the Forward Observer of a cannon company, advanced with the forward elements of

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in order to transmit fire commands to support the assault. Before reaching the objective his radio was disabled as a result of enemy action. Securing another radio, he proceeded through heavy enemy small arms, mortar, and direct fire from self propelled weapons to the position occupied by the Forward Observer to assist in directing artillery fire on the enemy positions, destroying a road block and enabling the attacking company to continue. The bravery, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Cole exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

James W. Cook, 13111717, Tec 4, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 7 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Forrest H. Eccles, 15105051, Pfc, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 10 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Louis H. Fiester, 35482906, T Sgt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

M Dorris Fleetwood, 35359434, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

JAY W. FREDRICKSON, 0392837, Maj, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 20 September 1944, to 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

Calvin F. Gurtler, 37248487, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 September 1944, to 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

Robert L. Harrup, 33121711, Tec 3, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Robert L. Haymond, 35644078, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 30 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Robert F. Howard, 35503055, Pfc, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 30 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Rexford M. Hull, 35330914, Tec 4, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 15 August 1944, to 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Martin T. Judge, 33354660, Pfc, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 10 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Thomas F. Kavanaugh, 33247858, T Sgt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Mike Konet, 35312754, Tec 3, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Alfred J. Leate, 31310081, Pvt, MD, 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, Pvt Leate, on duty as an assistant 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, Pvt Leate voluntarily assisted the ambulance driver in evacuating injured comrades despite the fact that the cooling system of the vehicle in which they were riding was damaged by shell fire. His bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Metro Loope, 33102109, T Sgt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Oscar L. Martin, 33115896, 1st Sgt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Francis P. McKenna, 33197842, Tec 5, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

MICHAEL N. MIKETINAC, 0540035, 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, in an attack on the enemy, a company of the battalion was temporarily delayed due to intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. Lt Miketanac, leader of a mortar section, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved

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exposed position under direct observation of the enemy to direct effective fire from his mortar section upon enemy observation posts and machine guns. His actions so inspired the platoon to reduce the enemy fire and support the attacking company that it was able to make a successful assault and accomplish its objective. The bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lt Miketinac are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Karl W. Blocker, 35632467, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France and Luxembourg on 4 December 1944, and on 29 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 December 1944, intensive enemy shelling inflicted casualties in a battery other than the one to which Pfc Blocker was assigned as a Medical Technician. With utter disregard for his own safety, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy fire to reach and administer aid to wounded comrades. On 29 December 1944 enemy aircraft strafed a passing truck and personnel in the vicinity of the position occupied by Pfc Blocker's battery. He again rushed to the scene while the planes were still overhead and administered medical aid to the injured machine gunner aboard the truck. His courage, aggressiveness, and constant devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Aubrey Mosser, 33197855, Pfc, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 10 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

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II. 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:

Rollin E. Napier, 35408704, Tec 5, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

James O. Neill, 34044048, Tec 5, 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, Tec 5 Neill, 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, Tec 5 Neill voluntarily evacuated injured comrades despite the fact that the vehicle he was driving was damaged on several occasions by shell fire. His bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Joseph J. Palacki, 33294029, Pfc, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

James M. Palmer, 34149449, Tec 4, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Robert M. Ritz, 33304995, Pvt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Frank J. Tolbert, 33305063, Pfc, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Frank F. Senft, 35408631, T Sgt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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James C. Smith, 13016833, 1st Sgt, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 10 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Marion K. Smith, 33272849, Tec 5, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 15 September 1944, to 10 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT C. VODAK, 01557389, 2d Lt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

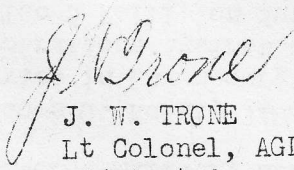
Ira Winningham, 34147874, M Sgt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

III. Section VI, General Orders Number 19, this Headquarters, dated 19 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster) to Sgt Walter Sosinski, 33273401, Inf, is rescinded.

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