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I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

William E. Koski, 32369304, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For heroism in Luxembourg on 3 January 1945, in connection with military operations not involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States. While on a bridge reconnaissance mission on 3 January 1945, S Sgt Koski, accompanied by an officer, proceeded to make accurate measurements and sketches of the blown bridges near a town. While S Sgt Koski sketched the bridge, the officer started across the frozen river. At mid-river, however, the officer fell through the ice and immediately sank from sight. With no facilities for assistance, S Sgt Koski quickly descended the steep banks, and without regard for his personal safety, advanced across the ice and skillfully succeeded in rescuing his officer from the icy waters of the river. With no assistance, S Sgt Koski carried the officer to their nearby vehicle and drove him to a command post in town. He then voluntarily provided his own dry combat suit and sweater so that the officer could be comfortable. The courage and alertness displayed by S Sgt Koski reflect the greatest credit upon himself and upon the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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:

CHARLES R. ALKIRE, 01284980, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 20 November 1944, to 7 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Simultaneously performing the duties of S-2 and S-3 of a battalion from 20 November 1944, to 7 December 1944, Lt Alkire has by administrative ability capably executed all assignments successfully. When all the officers of a rifle company were lost as a result of enemy action Lt Alkire assumed command and successfully organized and led this unit until reinforcement officers could be procured. The leadership, resourcefulness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Alkire are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Montana.

ROBERT R. ANDERSON, 01182318, 1st Lt, PA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22

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Lt Anderson, acting as forward observer with an infantry battalion effectively directed fire of the foremost elements of a company in an attack upon the enemy despite heavy small arms fire. His actions contributed greatly in the capturing of one hundred fifty of the enemy. The courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Lt Anderson are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

James P. Brown, 36313183, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 7 - 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 - 8 January 1945, while serving as a platoon sergeant of a Tank Destroyer Platoon, S Sgt Brown assumed command of the platoon in the absence of a platoon leader and despite intense enemy fire successfully led his men so that severe assaults which the enemy launched on the mornings of both days were repelled. The leadership, courage, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Brown exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER P. CARR, 0519672, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 10 September 1944, to 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 10 September 1944, to 19 January 1945, Lt Carr, serving as an Executive Officer of a rifle company, through the knowledge of company organization has substantially aided in the success of the company under constant combat conditions. His untiring efforts have maintained the steady flow of ammunition, food, and equipment to the men despite the hazards involved. His leadership, efficiency, and zealous devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

LEWIS H. COX, 01181212, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 January 1945, Lt Cox, realizing the value of shell reports in locating and neutralizing enemy artillery, voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, entered an area where the shelling was heaviest and obtained vital information in spite of the danger involved. His courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Walter E. Crone, 33241029, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 14 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. From 7 August 1944, to 14 January 1945, while serving as an ambulance driver, Pfc Crone has consistently performed outstanding service in the evacuation of casualties from forward medical installations. On one occasion, with utter disregard for his own safety, he voluntarily drove his vehicle under heavy enemy fire to successfully evacuate a number of injured comrades. On another occasion he repeatedly and voluntarily entered heavily shelled areas to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On a third occasion when his vehicle was

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totally damaged by enemy shell fire, Pfc Crone immediately returned to the rear, secured another ambulance, and continued to remove injured comrades to a place of safety despite intense enemy shelling. His bravery, aggressiveness, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Jack H. Kemp, 31429805, Pfc (then Pvt), Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 November 1944, Pfc Kemp volunteered, with several companions, to scout an enemy pillbox. Making their way across open terrain they observed an enemy patrol in strength, armed with mortars and rocket launchers, moving in their direction. Although greatly outnumbered, Pfc Kemp and his comrades immediately went into position and waited until the enemy patrol was within twenty five yards before engaging them. Despite the odds against them, Pfc Kemp and his fellow soldiers succeeded in killing, wounding, or capturing the entire patrol. The outstanding courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Kemp exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

THOMAS C. MASON, 0389508, Capt, 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. As Liaison Officer with an infantry battalion Capt Mason performed his duties in a superior manner. On one occasion on 24 December 1944, the unit he served was assaulted and temporarily isolated by the enemy. Despite heavy enemy fire Capt Mason directed and controlled his forward observers and regulated artillery fire in such a manner that it was largely responsible for repelling the enemy. The courage, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Capt Mason exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

III. 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:

ROBERT R. ANDERSON, 01182318, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 18 November 1944, to 13 January 1945, as an Artillery Observer 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 Kansas.

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 Luxembourg on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1ST LT ORVAL SCALES	01825775	FA	1 Jan 45
1ST LT ROBERT L. MOYE	01315193	Inf	31 Jan 45

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V. Section I, General Orders Number 11, this Headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal, as reads "Jules O. Oppenheim, 35677132, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States" is amended to read "Jules O. Oppenheimer, 35677132, M Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States".

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