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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

Harold V. Paice, 42119896, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as an ammunition bearer in a mortar section of an assaulting rifle company during an attack upon Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, on 22 December 1944, Pfc Paice fearlessly proceeded well forward of his unit in the face of fierce enemy machine gun and small arms fire and skillfully employed his rifle against an attempted enemy attack. Pfc Paice remained at his vital position until mortally wounded, but his dauntless courage successfully delayed the enemy and enabled his company to attain the objective. The bravery, outstanding initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Paice exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

PAUL F. ROBERTS, 0371693, Lt Col, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France during the period 12 - 25 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Leading his battalion in forcing a crossing of the Moselle River in the vicinity of Dieulouard, France, on 12 September 1944, Lt Col Roberts maintained a position with the leading companies throughout the move, making himself continually available to the leading company and platoon commanders and personally urged his men forward despite fierce resistance and heavy enemy fire to successfully cross the river and provide a substantial bridgehead for the rapid advance and consolidation of the area by the balance of his and a following combat team. On 25 September 1944, Lt Col Roberts, accompanied by his staff and company commanders, set out on a personal reconnaissance of ground to be seized. In the course of reconnoitering, his party was subjected to enemy artillery fire which resulted in the serious loss of five officers and wounds to himself. Refusing medical aid, Lt Col Roberts, despite his injuries and the continued fire, proceeded on the survey, completed his plan to occupy the specified objective, and then returned to successfully and expertly lead his troops. His

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personal bravery, superb leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

RAYMOND N. TALCOTT, 01165579, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 November 1944, the battalion to which Capt Talcott was assigned as Liaison Officer was attacking in the vicinity of the Nied River. As the assault progressed, both the battalion commander and the battalion S-3 were injured whereupon Capt Talcott immediately assumed command of an infantry unit and personally led the troops. His actions under heavy enemy fire were responsible for the battalion securing and maintaining a vital bridgehead over which an entire regiment crossed the Nied River to continue routing the enemy. The bravery, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty exhibited by Capt Talcott are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

III. 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:

VICTOR H. COMTOIS, 01304689, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 5 September 1944, to 15 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 5 September 1944, to 15 December 1944, Lt Comtois distinguished himself in performing his duties as Executive Officer of an infantry company in an outstandingly superior manner. On many occasions he assumed command of platoons within the company and successfully led them into battle and also directed the company in the absence of the commanding officer. His organizational ability was directly responsible for the superior administration of the company and relieved his commander of all burdensome details. The leadership, courage, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Comtois exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Vermont.

IV. 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 R. SINGLETON, 0533479, 1st Lt, 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. While serving as commander of a rifle company supported by tanks, Lt Singleton led his troops in an assault upon an enemy held forest on 26 December 1944. During the firefight, Lt Singleton suffered a concussion from the shelling of a nearby tank and fell unconscious and remained on the snow covered ground for some five hours. Upon regaining consciousness, he refused evacuation and gathered the scattered elements of his company and quickly organized an assault which resulted in the clearing of the woods and the capture of a large number of the enemy. The courage and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt Singleton are com

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with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

V. 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:

William S. Adair, 33320277, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 20 January 1945, T Sgt Adair distinguished himself in performing his duties as platoon sergeant of an infantry battalion anti-tank platoon with superior efficiency. During seven weeks of this period while his platoon leader was hospitalized as a result of wounds received, T Sgt Adair assumed full command of the platoon, leading it successfully with aggressiveness and determination in all engagements, despite adverse weather and constant combat conditions. His courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Robert D. Bruen, 31299565, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 6 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While on duty at an infantry battalion aid station on 6 January 1945, during an intense attack upon the towns of Goesdorf and Dahl, Luxembourg, Pfc Bruen voluntarily drove a litter equipped vehicle under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and aided materially in the successful evacuation of twenty wounded comrades, many of whom needed urgent medical care. The personal courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Bruen are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

MERRILL J. CAMP, 01030131, 1st Lt, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 16 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as a reconnaissance platoon leader, Lt Camp and his men were nearing Morey, France, on 16 September 1944, when they were suddenly confronted with a German road ambush. The enemy immediately effected a road block and opened fire with machine guns and mortars. Quickly surveying the dangerous situation, Lt Camp ordered his platoon to engage the enemy while he personally made his way to the rear of the German position where he assumed operation of an enemy tank to successfully clear the road of the obstruction. He then withdrew his platoon to safety without a single casualty. The outstanding leadership, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty demonstrated by Lt Camp exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Olaf Christenson, 36251514, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 1 December 1944, S Sgt Christenson performed his duties as a squad leader in an infantry company in an outstanding manner. He has at various times provided the company he served with valuable information by contacting the enemy prior to an attack. The vital data S Sgt Christenson

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procured in accomplishing such a mission on 23 November 1944, enabled his platoon to completely annihilate the enemy and permitted the advance of the company into Teting, France. His courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

HOWARD E. CONGDON, 01184635, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 6 - 9 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 - 9 January 1945, Lt Congdon served as a forward observer with an infantry company. Between these dates the infantry battalion he was with captured the town of Goesdorf, Luxembourg, and successfully defended it against heavy enemy assaults. Lt Congdon performed his duties in a superior manner during this period and though constantly under heavy enemy artillery fire, efficiently directed artillery fire which prevented the enemy from reaching the infantry defensive positions. The personal courage, resourcefulness, and zealous devotion to duty exhibited by Lt Congdon are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD T. EHRLINGER, 01015347, 1st Lt, Inf (Armd), 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. While serving as a tank platoon leader with an infantry combat team, Lt Ehringer led his unit in an attack near the town of Mertzig, Luxembourg, on 22 December 1944. During the advance upon the town his careful and accurate direction of fire accounted for an enemy tank at approximately 3500 yards and also for the destruction of five enemy artillery vehicles. Upon capturing the town, Lt Ehringer and his platoon quickly neutralized the enemy assault guns, anti-tank guns, and small arms fire and captured approximately two hundred of the enemy. The aggressive leadership, courage, and initiative demonstrated by Lt Ehringer exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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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:

SAM GLABERSON, 01320118, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 10 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as a platoon leader on 10 January 1945, Lt Glaberson led a patrol of forty men into the wooded area north of Ettlebruck, Luxembourg, and successfully established observation posts, directed artillery fire, and scouted the nearby enemy. Upon discovering the advance of a German patrol, Lt Glaberson reorganized his position and skillfully trapped the entire enemy detail. He then carefully withdrew his men and enemy prisoners under cover of artillery fire without a single casualty, and thereby completed a highly important mission. The aggressive leadership, courage, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Glaberson exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois. JAN

Roy C. Helzer, 39538116, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Inf, 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. While serving as a platoon sergeant of an infantry rifle company during the assault of Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, on 22 December 1944, T Sgt Helzer voluntarily proceeded seventy five yards across the snow covered battlefield to successfully administer first aid to a wounded comrade, despite the intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. While rendering assistance, T Sgt Helzer suffered a shrapnel wound in his left eye but continued in his efforts until he removed the soldier to safety. The personal bravery, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Helzer are commensurate with the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California. RECEIVED DEC

Lawrence P. Kelley, 31303213, Cpl, Armd, 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. While serving as a tank gunner attached to an infantry combat team on 23 December 1944, engaged in a mission of destroying strong enemy defenses in the vicinity of Mertzig, Luxembourg, Cpl Kelley, by his capable and skillful firing, personally accounted for neutralizing two enemy machine gun nests, three anti-tank guns, one half-track, and contributed largely in the capture of approximately two hundred and ten enemy foot troops and equipment. On many occasions he has dismounted from his tank to make advance ground reconnaissance with total disregard of his own safety. The bravery, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty demonstrated by Cpl Kelley are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts. RECEIVED DEC

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LOUIS A. LYNN, 0519694, 1st Lt, 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. While serving as a Reconnaissance Officer of an infantry heavy weapons company during an attack near Livarn champs, Belgium, on 27 December 1944, Lt Lynn undertook the duties of forward mortar observer when two of the observers were wounded. He voluntarily advanced alone, over six hundred yards into the enemy sector, scouting the German position and thereby aided materially the successful progress of his unit. His intelligent leadership and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

GEORGE P. RORK, 0528682, 1st Lt, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 January 1945, the platoon led by Lt Rork was outposting a gap existing between two friendly units near Dahl, Luxembourg. A strong enemy assault, driving southeast toward Dahl, however, isolated one of the outposts of the platoon from friendly contact and made the position untenable. Realizing the situation before members of the outpost knew of their plight, Lt Rork, with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced under intense enemy mortar and small arms fire to the outpost and successfully led the men back to friendly lines. Later, he and a companion returned and remained at the post despite heavy artillery fire to report movements which contributed greatly in repulsing the enemy attack. The bravery, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Lt Rork exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arizona.

VII. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 33, this Headquarters, dated 2 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal, as pertains to "JOHN R. SINGLETON, 0533479, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States" is rescinded.

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