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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:

Charles J. Swan, 36665814, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 November 1944, Pfc Swan, serving as a rifleman in a platoon which was temporarily delayed by intense crossfire from concealed enemy machine gun positions, advanced with a small maneuvering element to the flank in an attempt to neutralize the enemy fire. Unable to get closer than one hundred yards to the guns, Pfc Swan, with total disregard for his own personal safety in his zeal to accomplish his mission, rushed the nearest machine gun position and threw a hand grenade which effectively destroyed the gun and killed the crew. Observing another gun to the right, he knelt and was in the act of discharging a rifle grenade at the gun when he was mortally wounded by the enemy fire. His heroic actions so inspired the remainder of the platoon that they were enabled to move forward and overrun the enemy. The bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Swan exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

Lee R. Bumgardner, 39343184, Pvt, Armd, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, Pvt Bumgardner, serving as a Tank Cannoneer, was engaged in refueling the tank when he and the crew were surprised by a rapidly developing early morning enemy attack. Perceiving the situation, he immediately mounted the tank and with utter disregard for his personal safety entered the turret to man the bow machine gun despite wounds received from enemy machine gun fire. His actions completely and successfully disorganized the enemy and proved a decisive factor in liberating Heiderscheid. The bravery, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Bumgardner exemplify

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the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

E Martin L. Gottlob, 37211496, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944, T Sgt Gottlob assumed command of the platoon in which he served as a squad leader when the sergeant in charge became a casualty, and led his men through intense mortar and artillery fire to seize the high ground on the northern edge of St Avold, France. His utter disregard for his own personal safety inspired the platoon to make an assault with such rapidity that the enemy were completely routed. In this action T Sgt Gottlob personally destroyed a machine gun nest with a grenade and bayoneted the crew. His bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

Samuel D. Liddle, Jr, 33621506, Sgt, Armd, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, in the vicinity of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, Sgt Liddle and the tank crew he commanded were surprised by a rapidly developing early morning enemy attack. Immediately upon observing the enemy, he mounted the tank and commanded the machine gun located on the top of the turret. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sgt Liddle continued firing despite wounds received from enemy fire. His actions completely and successfully repelled the enemy and proved a decisive factor in liberating Heiderscheid. The bravery, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Liddle exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

H Gordon L. Lloyd, 35408211, Sgt, Inf, 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, during the attack on Delme Ridge, France, Sgt Lloyd, in charge of a machine gun squad, learned that five seriously wounded men were lying on a hill three hundred yards to the front exposed to enemy artillery fire. With total disregard for his own safety, he advanced to the injured soldiers, despite constant artillery fire and successfully assisted them to a place of safety. During the night Sgt Lloyd again went forward and evacuated three other comrades from the hill. His actions undoubtedly saved the lives of eight men who otherwise might have died due to the nature of their wounds and to exposure. The bravery, determination, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Lloyd are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

F THOMAS L. MERRICK, 01312582, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 November 1944, the rifle platoon commanded by Lt Merrick was temporarily delayed in its advance by intense crossfire from concealed enemy machine gun positions. Realizing that his platoon would be annihilated if it remained in its exposed position, he withdrew the platoon to a covered position and with utter disregard for his own safety, accompanied by three of his men, Lt Merrick moved forward despite wounds sustained from enemy fire to successfully lead his men in destroying the gun positions and crew with

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the use of bayonets and grenades. He then consolidated the objective attained which enabled the company to attack the next morning with little resistance. The bravery, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exhibited by Lt Merrick are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

E Vladimir M. Makar, 35312005, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, in the attack on Longeville, France, S Sgt Makar, who was in command of a supporting machine gun section, noticed that the leading scouts of the attacking rifle company were seriously wounded. Realizing that unless these men were evacuated they would be injured again by artillery and machine gun fire, he advanced to administer first aid and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, dragged one man to safety. Returning, S Sgt Makar then evacuated the other injured soldier despite direct fire from an enemy machine gun. Knowing the position of the weapon which had fired upon him S Sgt Makar later neutralized and destroyed the gun and crew with fire from his own section. His bravery, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Theodore Moronczyk, 36885437, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 13 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In an advance against Langerscheid Hill, Luxembourg, on 13 January 1945, the attacking rifle company in which Pvt Moronczyk served as a rifleman was temporarily delayed by fire from an unobserved enemy machine gun. Crawling through a field studded with anti-personnel mines and in which mortar and artillery shells were landing, Pvt Moronczyk proceeded to within twenty yards of the enemy positions from where he effectively threw hand grenades into the gun pit, destroying the gun and crew. The utter disregard for his own personal safety shown by Pvt Moronczyk enabled the company to successfully continue the attack. The courage, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Moronczyk are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Roscoe S. Putnam, 31375752, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Belgium on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the bitter house to house fighting in Chaumont, Belgium on 26 December 1944, the rifle squad in which Pfc Putnam served suddenly received heavy automatic weapons fire from a barn some one hundred and fifty yards away. Declining to take cover, Pfc Putnam rushed forward twenty five yards under the intense fire and fell to the ground as if wounded. The enemy, believing him dead, lifted their fire, whereupon Pfc Putnam again hurried to a covered position twenty yards from the building from where he hurled two grenades into the barn. Following up the second grenade, he dashed into the building firing his rifle and succeeded in capturing six of the enemy. The bravery, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Putnam exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

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L JAMES G. YOUNG, 0460029, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 11 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 September 1944, in the Foret de Haye, France, Lt Young, commanding a reconnaissance in force, showed great skill in utilizing three medium tanks and deploying his platoon so that he was able to overcome strong enemy resistance and accomplish the mission of determining the strength of the enemy. While on the mission he located a well emplaced machine gun and used tank fire to destroy it. At another machine gun position he personally assaulted and effectively silenced one gun and crew while another gun was neutralized by his platoon. His aggressive actions and skill disclosed enemy defensive positions, which furnished valuable information in planning subsequent attacks. The courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Lt Young are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

III. 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:

Lohman M. Bailey, 37553742, Sgt (then Cpl), 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, Sgt Bailey, serving as squad leader, 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, Sgt Bailey 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, Sgt Bailey and his men succeeded in wounding, killing, or capturing the entire patrol. His courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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IV. 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:

Ind George W. Abraham, 36975995, Pvt, MD, 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. During the attack on St Avoild, France, on 26 November 1944, Pvt Abraham, aid man with an infantry company, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, administered first aid and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded, despite intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. The courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Abraham are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

William C. Bateman, 38175417, 1st Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 22 and 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the night of 22 - 23 December 1944, 1st Sgt Bateman, serving with an infantry rifle company, volunteered and successfully contacted and coordinated the four company platoons on three separate occasions. Contact between the platoons had been disrupted due to heavy enemy fire and darkness, but 1st Sgt Bateman, with utter disregard for his own safety, under constant enemy fire, maintained communications throughout the night. His actions contributed substantially to the successful assault on the following morning. His courage, perseverance, and zealous devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

6 William Black, 35643709, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 19 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Epping Urbach, France, a member of the platoon led by Sgt Black was seriously wounded during a heavy mortar and artillery barrage by the enemy. Realizing that his comrade would suffer more wounds if allowed to remain in his exposed position, Sgt Black, in company with another enlisted man, with utter disregard for his own safety, succeeded in reaching and carrying the injured man to safety despite the enemy fire. The courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Black are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

AT Harold J. Curtis, 36816560, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 28 December 1944, S Sgt Curtis performed his duties as an anti-tank squad leader in a superior manner. On 19 November 1944, with utter disregard for his own safety, he bravely salvaged equipment and material from a burning vehicle, set afire by enemy mortar fire.

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at Adelange, France. On 29 November 1944, despite enemy artillery fire, he successfully carried a wounded comrade to a place of safety. The courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty exhibited by S Sgt Curtis are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILTON H. GOETZ, 02048930, 2d Lt, MAC, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 26 - 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 26 - 30 November 1944, Lt Goetz distinguished himself in performing his duties as Assistant Battalion Surgeon in an outstanding manner, locating and evacuating casualties expeditiously despite intense enemy fire. On 29 November 1944, upon learning that medical aid was needed in Farbersviller, France, Lt Goetz proceeded for the town under heavy artillery and mortar fire. Momentarily delayed by direct 20mm gun fire, he took advantage of a short lull in the firing to lead his litter squad into town and successfully accomplished the evacuation of casualties. The bravery, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt Goetz exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Edwin L. Groschke, 38203292, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 28 December 1944, T Sgt Groschke performed his duties as platoon guide of an infantry company in a superior manner, exercising unusual administrative ability in relieving the platoon leader and platoon sergeant of details such as ammunition supply, rations, and evacuation of the wounded and sick despite adverse weather and constant combat conditions. The courage, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Groschke are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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 and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second 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>
1ST LT WILLIAM H. KUHNS	01323442	Inf	2 Feb 45
Sgt Alvin Biermann	38113626	FA	3 Feb 45

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

Pfc Gregory Grassano	35596881	FA	17 Jan 45
Sgt LeRoy Jackson	14030418	CE	3 Feb 45
T Sgt Warren C. Troup	33368290	Inf	3 Feb 45

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VII. 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 France on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
CAPT NEWMAN R. McLARRY	0533462	Inf	13 Nov 44
S Sgt Anton C. Dale	37310850	Armd	15 Nov 44
Sgt William A. Royce	16126490	Armd	22 Nov 44

VIII. 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:

Cpl George J. Stumpe	35254983	Inf	29 Jan 45
Tec 4 Thomas G. Bradley	32258087	Inf	29 Jan 45
S Sgt Isadore A. Grabowski	6889242	Inf	29 Jan 45
Pfc Jack H. Price	34547581	Inf	30 Jan 45
Pfc Samuel L. Weiss	33172260	MD	1 Feb 45
Pfc Albert J. Maahs	33600780	CAC	1 Feb 45
Cpl Gerald W. Daniell	34353833	FA	1 Feb 45
Pvt Raymond T. Thompson	36252788	FA	1 Feb 45
Sgt Jacob A. Ray	34134303	Inf	1 Feb 45
<i>2nd</i> S Sgt John P. Coleman	34146469	Inf	2 Feb 45
Pvt Claude F. Brown	38654974	Inf	2 Feb 45
Pvt George H. Downs	42095341	Inf	2 Feb 45
Pvt Alvaro L. Hinojosa	38680711	Inf	2 Feb 45
Pfc Charles Elliott	36583841	Inf	2 Feb 45
Pvt Edward Raike	35508559	Inf	2 Feb 45
Cpl Sol Usry	34353994	FA	3 Feb 45
Pfc Vincent Digirolomo	33772625	Inf	4 Feb 45
Pfc Alex Taddei	39053111	Inf	4 Feb 45
<i>I</i> Pvt Milton W. Habicht	33907068	Inf	5 Feb 45
<i>I</i> Tec 5 William H. Cook	37412064	Inf	5 Feb 45
Tec 5 Russell W. Berdell	33185655	Cav	5 Feb 45
Pfc John B. Joy	35359867	Cav	5 Feb 45
Cpl Russell E. Ward	35460815	Cav	5 Feb 45

IX. Section III, General Orders Number 33, this Headquarters, dated 2 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster), as reads "2D LT CLARK F. SHAYLIS 02000079 (Inf Armd) 25 Jan 45" is amended to read "2D LT CLARK F. SHAULIS 02000079 (Inf Armd) 25 Jan 45".

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