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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:

WILLIAM M. BLACKMAN, 01297142, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 5 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

JACK J. FLYNN, 01167838, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

John F. Flynn, 33304762, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 4 September 1944, to 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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WILLIAM M. GOSMAN, 0309598, Maj, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 21 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 21 January 1945, while traveling through an enemy artillery barrage, between the towns of Dahl and Goesdorf, Luxembourg, Maj Gosman, knowing the importance of shell reports in counter-battery fire, stopped and disregarding his own personal safety, obtained vital information for the location of the enemy artillery despite the fact that several shells landed in his immediate vicinity. The courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Maj Gosman are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts. 21 JAN

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ARTHUR W. JARR, 01167917, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 5 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 5 January 1945, Lt Jarr was acting as Executive Officer at the battery position during the execution of a fire mission. In the face of intense enemy artillery fire, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he went from gun to gun, walking to his men and encouraging them in their work. While giving aid to a seriously 5 JAN

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wounded soldier, Lt Jarr was himself painfully wounded. The outstanding courage, leadership, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lt Jarr reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Edward G. Kush, 35511614, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 8 October 1944, to 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 October 1944, to 26 November 1944, Pfc Kush performed the duty of platoon runner for an infantry company in a superior manner. On numerous occasions and with utter disregard for his own safety, he delivered messages under adverse weather and constant combat conditions. His personal courage and willingness won for him the admiration and respect of all members of his platoon. The initiative, courage, determination, and untiring devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Kush are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Elby W. Lephew, 35745727, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic 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. During the period 7 August 1944, to 30 December 1944, Pfc Lephew served as Browning Automatic Rifleman in an infantry rifle company and during the attack on Abaucourt, France, personally killed nine and wounded many more of the enemy. On numerous occasions, due to the excellent use of his weapon, he was instrumental in the successful accomplishment of missions assigned to the company he served. The courage, initiative, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Lephew are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Ingram E. Leslie, 35434793, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 25 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Vernon H. Lockard, 33247280, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 4 September 1944, to 16 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 4 September 1944, to 16 December 1944, Sgt Lockard served as communications sergeant with an infantry rifle company. On numerous occasions and with utter disregard for his own safety, he laid wire to forward observation posts under intense enemy shell fire, thereby maintaining communications at a vital time. His tactical knowledge and supervision kept the communications equipment of his unit at an excellent state of operational efficiency during encounters with the enemy. The initiative, courage, determination and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Lockard are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles F. McFarland, 35313402, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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CHARLES R. MUELLERSMAN, 01017365, 1st Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 28 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

Thomas J. Parker, 39213700, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 12 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 12 December 1944, Pfc Parker performed the duties of platoon runner for an infantry company in a superior manner. Through his initiative and sense of responsibility he organized, on numerous occasions, combat patrols to clear enemy snipers from areas by-passed by the assault elements. On one occasion, while engaged as guide for a ration carrying party, he encountered an enemy mine field. The terrain being such that by-passing the field was impossible, he cleared a pathway by driving a herd of cows through the mined area. He then marked the cleared area thereby making it possible to bring anti-tank guns through without assistance from the engineers. The initiative, courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Parker are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

James R. Puckett, 36692081, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 4 September 1944, to 30 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 4 September 1944, to 30 December 1944, Sgt Puckett performed his duties as Assistant Squad Leader of an infantry rifle platoon in a superior manner. On 25 November 1944, in the attack on Laudrefang, France, the squad leader became a casualty. Assuming command of the squad, Sgt Puckett courageously led it forward under heavy enemy fire and successfully accomplished the mission assigned. His bravery, leadership, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

LEO W. REGAN, JR, 01314838, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious 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. Entered military service from Texas.

318- Solomon Sargis, 31281235; Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 3 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 3 December 1944, while leading a six man patrol into the town of Freyming, France, four armed enemy soldiers were discovered in the cellar of a house which was being reconnoitered. Without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own safety, Pfc Sargis entered the dwelling, surprised and captured the four men. His courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut. 3 DEC

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702. Paul D. Thomas, 33111409, Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 21 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 21 January 1945, in the attack toward Burden, Luxembourg, aid men were having great difficulty in evacuating casualties due to heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire in the area and because of deep snow immobilizing wheeled vehicles. Sgt Thomas, in command of a tank supporting the infantry, observed three wounded men in a field exposed to the heavy enemy fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he moved his tank to where the injured lay and leaving the protection of the tank lifted the casualties onto the tank and returned to safety despite the intense fire concentrations. The courage, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Thomas exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. 21 Jan

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II. The Civil Affairs Section, 80th Infantry Division, is redesignated Military Government Section. Auth: Letter, Headquarters Twelfth Army Group, File 014.1 (G-5), 5 October 1944.

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III. 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:

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Shelton Thompson, 33111036, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 9 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 November 1944, T Sgt Thompson, while leading his light machine gun section in support of a rifle company attack near Graincourt, France, observed an enemy machine gun crew approaching. Disregarding his own safety and of his own volition, T Sgt Thompson attacked and destroyed the weapon and crew by the use of hand grenades. Throughout the assault, although wounded several times by shell fragments, he continued in advance of his machine gun section in order to locate targets, and by his example inspired his men to help immeasurably in the accomplishment of the company mission. The bravery, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Thompson exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. 9 NOV

IV. 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:

W 20 William F. Carr, 33354639, 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. On 26 December 1944, while serving with a battalion anti-tank platoon which was stationed in a field north of Burnon, Belgium, Pfc Carr observed a truck which was moving along a road near his position and which returned the rifle fire of American soldiers with machine gun fire from a gun mounted on the vehicle. Perceiving that the occupants were enemy, he fired his rifle and ran to intercept the truck which passed only to stop twenty yards beyond and to turn the machine gun fire on him. Falling to the ground, Pfc Carr crawled in spite of the raking fire to within five yards of the vehicle. He then rose to his feet, ran and jumped upon the running board, firing a pistol into the cab, killing one and wounding the other occupant. The courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Carr are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. 26 DEC

C 6 L Claude J. Sieta, 38496620, Sgt, 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. On 13 January 1945, in the attack on Langerscheid Hill, Luxembourg, the assaulting platoon was temporarily delayed by the steep ice covered slope and the intense fire from entrenchments surrounding the enemy command post at the crest of the hill. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sgt Sieta voluntarily advanced under raking machine gun 13 JAN

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fire to a flank position some thirty yards from the enemy, effectively firing into the emplacement to kill the gunner and capture the position. His actions enabled the platoon to take the hill. The courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Sieta are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

V. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (PRISONER OF WAR): 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 (Prisoner of War):

copy Kurt W. Kochan, 33601848, Pvt, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 31 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While on a mounted reconnaissance on 31 August 1944, the advance section of a platoon was ambushed by enemy tanks and infantrymen. Members of the two lead vehicles immediately dismounted and engaged the enemy, but the intense fire prevented them from maneuvering to safety. Pvt Kochan, an occupant of a third vehicle, along with two companions, voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, proceeded under direct enemy fire to successfully reach the trapped men. The effective support given by Pvt Kochan and his companions enabled the remainder of the platoon to withdraw to safety. During the ensuing fire fight Pvt Kochan was taken prisoner by the enemy. His courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. 31 Aug

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:

K Vincent W. McNulty, 33323247, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Trütteling, France, the company in which S Sgt McNulty served was being subjected to heavy fire from enemy artillery and automatic weapons. Realizing the action necessary to relieve the situation, he maneuvered his squad to the flank of the enemy and by effectively destroying two enemy machine gun emplacements enabled the company to advance and seize the objective. The courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt McNulty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. 25 Nov

L Talbert L. Murray, 34658706, 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, in the vicinity of Landrefang, France, Pfc Murray, under intense enemy fire, covered the tactical withdrawal of the company he served to a more advantageous position by the skillful employment of his Browning Automatic Rifle. His courage, efficiency, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina. 26 Nov

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VII. 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 previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

GEORGE R. FREDLUND, O1177803, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 17 August 1944, to 7 October 1944, as an Artillery Liaison Pilot 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 New York.

JOHN W. SIMONSON, O1165569, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 December 1944, to 1 January 1945, as an Artillery Air 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 Illinois.

VIII. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

LLOYD C. COLE, O1174536, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 17 August 1944, to 20 December 1944, as an Artillery Liaison Pilot 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 Tennessee.

IX. 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 Sidney Scher, 32658143, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 23 January 1945.

X. So much of Section V, General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, dated 29 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Pfc Sidney Scher 32658143 Inf 23 Jan 45" is rescinded. Soldier was awarded Purple Heart per GO #15 Hq 6th Convalescent Hosp, dated 5 Oct 44.

XI. So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 30, this Headquarters, dated 30 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal, as pertains to "JAMES R. HUBBARD, O1173297, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States" is rescinded.

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