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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:

Thomas E. Charlton, 35387490, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For heroism in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations not involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States. On 18 January 1945, while on his way to the mess truck, Tec 5 Charlton discovered that the battery command post tent was in flames and his battery commander was trapped within. With total disregard for his own safety, Tec 5 Charlton climbed over the parapet surrounding the tent, tore a hole in the burning canvas, and, assisted by another soldier, carried the seriously burned officer to safety. His prompt action and presence of mind saved his battery commander from certain death. The outstanding courage and alertness displayed by Tec 5 Charlton reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Robert W. Colley, 33128980, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroism in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations not involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States. On 18 January 1945, while on his way to the mess truck, S Sgt Colley discovered that the battery command post tent was in flames and his battery commander was trapped within. With total disregard for his own safety, S Sgt Colley climbed over the parapet surrounding the tent, tore a hole in the burning canvas, and, assisted by another soldier, carried the seriously burned officer to safety. His prompt action and presence of mind saved his battery commander from certain death. The outstanding courage and alertness displayed by S Sgt Colley reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

James F. Hawthorne, 6351408, 1st Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroism in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations not involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States. On 18 January 1945, 1st Sgt Hawthorne discovered that the battery command post tent was in flames and a comrade was trapped within. With total disregard for his own safety, 1st Sgt Hawthorne climbed over the parapet surrounding the tent, tore a hole in the burning canvas, and, assisted by another soldier, carried his seriously burned comrade to safety. His prompt action and presence of mind saved his fellow soldier from certain death. The outstanding co

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alertness displayed by 1st Sgt Hawthorne reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Ernest A. Wofford, 14129542, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For heroism in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations not involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States. On 18 January 1945, Pfc Wofford discovered that the battery command post tent was in flames and a comrade was trapped within. With total disregard for his own safety, Pfc Wofford climbed over the parapet surrounding the tent, tore a hole in the burning canvas, and, assisted by another soldier, carried his seriously burned comrade to safety. His prompt action and presence of mind saved his fellow soldier from certain death. The outstanding courage and alertness displayed by Pfc Wofford reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

II. 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):

John A. Lakey, 33367652, Pfc, 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 unavoidably 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. Pfc Lakey, after disregarding the enemy's initial fire to successfully drive his vehicle into a defilade position, took up position along with other members of the section. During the course of the fight the ammunition supply of the section was expended. Voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, Pfc Lakey crossed an open stretch of ground in the face of heavy enemy fire to obtain ammunition from his one quarter ton vehicle. His actions enabled the trapped section to continue to engage the enemy as other elements of the platoon withdrew to safety. The courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Lakey exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Emory Makrancy, 33282554, Cpl, 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. On 31 August 1944, Cpl Makrancy, while on mounted reconnaissance, noticed that the lead section of a platoon was unavoidably ambushed by enemy tanks and infantrymen. The crews of the two lead vehicles had dismounted and taken up positions, but were being subjected to heavy enemy fire. Cpl Makrancy, an occupant of the third vehicle, and two companions, disregarding orders to withdraw to safety, dismounted, worked their way under direct enemy fire to the trapped men, and engaged the enemy despite the overwhelming odds. The support given by Cpl Makrancy and his companions enabled the trapped men to put down a base of fire and permitted the rest of the platoon to withdraw to safety. The aggressiveness, dauntless courage, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Makrancy are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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III. 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:

H Allen F. Conway, 33247350, S Sgt, Inf. Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 13 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Andrew B. Cox, 33305081, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 29 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 29 January 1945, S Sgt Cox, while serving as a reconnaissance sergeant, has many times on his own volition gone into enemy territory and returned with valuable information. On one occasion, while making a panoramic sketch of a mine field, he was subjected to enemy small arms and mortar fire. Without regard for his own safety, he continued working on the drawing and remained in the area until all the details of the minefield had been sketched out. The courage, perseverance, and tireless devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Cox are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

James L. Dunham, 33436034, Sgt, 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. On 22 December 1944, in the attack on Mertzig, Luxembourg, the platoon in which Sgt Dunham served as a tank commander supported the infantry in successfully liberating the town. On the outskirts of the town a few of the enemy had established a strong defense to harass and delay the occupation of the town. Sgt Dunham voluntarily committed his tank, supported by infantry troops, to the task of clearing this section of the town. In accomplishing this mission he destroyed two half tracks, one anti-tank gun, and killed approximately thirty enemy soldiers. The courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Dunham are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Samuel Gay, Jr, 33348881, Tec 4, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 17 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the severe fighting along the Moselle River in France on 17 October 1944, the route of evacuation for casualties was across a bridge which was constantly under heavy enemy artillery fire. Tec 4 Gay, with utter disregard for his own safety, repeatedly made trips throughout the day and night across the structure to render aid and evacuate the wounded despite the intense enemy shelling. His bravery, determination, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

George F. Gearhart, 33602270, Cpl, Armd, 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. On 24 December 1944, Cpl Gearhart, while serving as a tank gunner with an infantry combat team, observed an enemy column of eleven vehicles approaching our position.

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faced with overwhelming odds, Cpl Gearhart immediately opened fire, destroying or damaging six enemy vehicles and completely routing the rest of the column. The cool courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Gearhart exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles H. Graeff, 33185027, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 October 1944, to 6 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Carl A. Hoffman, 35409114, Tec 4, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 29 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 29 January 1945, Tec 4 Hoffman, while serving as a radio operator, has been on numerous reconnaissance missions deep in enemy territory and secured valuable information. On one occasion, when accosted by two enemy soldiers, by cool and decisive action, he avoided capture and successfully completed his mission. The courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Hoffman are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

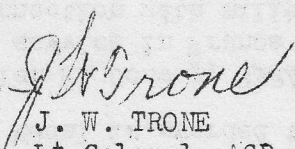
LOYD A. HUDSON, 01056416, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, Lt Hudson was serving as platoon leader with an infantry company. A sudden German attack temporarily disorganized the troops, but Lt Hudson, in the face of intense hostile fire, quickly reorganized his men and so successfully defended the company area that the enemy was repulsed with heavy casualties. During the fighting, Lt Hudson was himself wounded, but refused medical aid until every injured man under his command was evacuated. The courage, leadership, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lt Hudson are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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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:

William E. Koski, 32369304, S Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 29 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 29 January 1945, S Sgt Koski, while serving as a reconnaissance sergeant, has repeatedly gone deep into enemy territory and returned with valuable information despite enemy mortar and small arms fire. His superior reconnaissance work has been of the greatest assistance in the selection of possible crossing and bridge sites and materially aided the advance of the Division. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Koski exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Eddie Martinez, 38676164, Sgt, 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. On 26 December 1944, Sgt Martinez was a member of a patrol which worked its way forward through enemy infested woods into a town held by besieged American forces. Wearing camouflaged clothing improvised from a white parachute to blend with the snowy terrain, he moved unobserved past enemy machine gun positions, made contact with the besieged troops and helped to secure vital information. The excellent patrol work, executed under the most hazardous conditions, greatly contributed to the success of the assault on the following day which relieved the encircled forces. The outstanding bravery, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Martinez are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Walter S. Ogletree, 34763398, 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, Sgt Ogletree performed his duty as assistant squad leader in a superior manner. On numerous occasions, in the absence of his squad leader, he has assumed command and led the squad to the successful accomplishment of its mission. The outstanding leadership, courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Norman A. Otto, 33621440, Cpl, Armd, 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. On 24 December 1944, Cpl Otto was serving as a tank gunner with an infantry combat team during a concentrated enemy attack. Although his tank was struck six times by enemy tank fire at almost point blank range, Cpl Otto, without regard for

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safety, continued to fire his 75mm gun until it was finally disabled. It was only then that Cpl Otto abandoned the tank. The bravery, determination, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Otto are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Homer I. Peninger, 34435135, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, Tec 5 Peninger was serving as a radio operator with a Liaison Section of the Field Artillery. Despite intense enemy artillery fire, he maintained radio communication between forward observers and the rear. His fearless action enabled our artillery to give timely and effective support to the attacking infantry companies. The courage, outstanding initiative and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Peninger are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Willis G. Ransone, 13118215, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 13 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 13 December 1944, Sgt Ransone performed his duties as a light machine gunner and squad leader of a weapons platoon in a superior manner. On numerous occasions, while under attack, he has left his own protective shelter and advanced into areas which were being heavily shelled by enemy fire and succeeded in evacuating wounded men to a place of safety. The leadership, courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Ransone are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

JACK M. ROARK, 01318311, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 27 December 1944, Lt Roark performed his duties as platoon leader and executive officer in a superior manner. On numerous occasions, with complete disregard for his own safety, he made personal reconnaissance and led his platoon forward under intense enemy fire in order to support the attacking companies. His excellent tactical knowledge and ability to cope with combat conditions have won for him the respect of the entire command. The outstanding leadership, courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed by Lt Roark are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Howard W. Seiler, 33335360, Tec 4, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 29 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 29 January 1945, Tec 4 Seiler, while serving as radio operator and driver, has been on numerous reconnaissance missions deep in enemy territory. His resourcefulness and ingenuity in installing radios in vehicles and lengthening the sending power of radios has contributed materially to the successful use of this type of communication in combat. With utter disregard for his own safety, he has steadfastly remained at his post under heavy enemy mortar fire until ordered to wit

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outstanding courage, technical knowledge, and untiring devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

William H. South, 37641854, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Belgium on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 December 1944, while serving as an automatic rifleman with an infantry company, Pfc South received a temporary concussion from enemy artillery fire. Recovering consciousness a short time later, he observed that the company's advance was being delayed by enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Crawling some one hundred yards, Pfc South outflanked the enemy machine gun position and opened fire with his automatic rifle. He wounded two and captured four members of the enemy machine gun crew. As a result of his fearless action, the company successfully reached its objective. The outstanding courage, determination, and untiring devotion to duty displayed by Pfc South exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

PAUL A. STATON, 01182717, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 9 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 January 1945, Lt Staton had established his artillery observation post in a house on the outpost line of resistance when an enemy attack overran the area. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Lt Staton remained at his post and continued to direct artillery fire bringing it within fifty yards of his own position. The resulting fire inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy, disabled a tank that had come within thirty yards of the house, and successfully prevented the enemy from attaining its objective. The bravery, perseverance, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lt Staton are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

V. 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 four bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fifth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

GERALD H. REBENS DORF, 01999355, 2d Lt (then S Sgt) FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 28 November 1944, to 1 January 1945, 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 South Dakota.

VI. 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 three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

HUBERT H. KENYON, 01170448, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 3

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December 1944, to 1 January 1945, 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 Illinois.

VII. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 82, this Headquarters, dated 17 November 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster), as reads "1ST LT CHARLES J. COWARD 01318965 Inf 9 Nov 44 Illinois" is rescinded.

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