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

LOUIS J. HAVERLANDT, O1175734, 2d Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg during the period 28 December 1944, to 27 January 1945, as an Artillery Aerial 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 Montana.

MARION S. KING, O1999359, 2d Lt (then S Sgt), FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 4 October 1944, to 15 November 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 Oklahoma.

ARDON A. McFATRIDGE, JR, O1177521, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 2 December 1944, to 25 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 Indiana.

II. 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:

JOHN W. BROWNING, O20767, Lt Col, FA, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 15 August 1944, to 3 February 1945, as an Artillery Aerial 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 United States Military Academy from Texas.

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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:

Edmund D. Sullivan, 12006969, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, while serving as a member of a tank destroyer section attached to a rifle regiment attacking the heavily defended town of Kehmen, Luxembourg, Pvt Sullivan observed a friendly tank burning on a ridge exposed to mortar and small arms fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he and a companion, ignoring the intense enemy fire, crawled and ran to the aid of three men trapped within the tank, one of whom they withdrew to safety, returning later to attempt to save the remaining two men hopelessly trapped within the tank. Despite wounds received from enemy fire, Pvt Sullivan refused to return to an aid station for treatment in a vain effort to continue trying to extricate the men. These injuries later proved fatal to Pvt Sullivan. His heroic bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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:

James P. Addis, 33669516, Tec 5, 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, Tec 5 Addis, serving as a tank driver, was engaged in refueling his tank when he and the crew were surprised by a rapidly developing early morning enemy attack. Perceiving the situation, he immediately leaped into the gunner's seat of the tank and with utter disregard for his own safety commanded the weapons located thereon despite wounds received from enemy fire. His actions completely and successfully disorganized the enemy and proved a decisive factor in liberating the town of Heiderscheid. The bravery, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Addis exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

B Donald N. Murdock, Jr, 34800589, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 8 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When the company in which he served as a rifleman was temporarily delayed by machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox located on the outskirts of the town of Lixierres, France, on 8 October 1944, Pfc Murdock, accompanied by another rifleman, crawled forward in spite of the heavy enemy fire to a position from where he threw a hand grenade at the pillbox. Under cover of the explosion he charged forward and took cover on the blind side of the pillbox and then, after hurling several additional grenades into the embrasures, he fired two clips of carbine ammunition into the pillbox attempting to kill the occupants by ricochets. At the close of this action one officer and three enlisted German soldiers surrendered to Pfc Murdock. His courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the

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

Henry Smooke, 32690066, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, while serving as a member of a tank destroyer section attached to a rifle regiment attacking the heavily defended town of Kehmen, Luxembourg, Pvt Smooke observed a friendly tank burning on a ridge exposed to mortar and small arms fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he and a companion, ignoring the intense enemy fire, crawled and ran to the aid of three men trapped within the tank, one of whom they withdrew to safety, returning later to attempt to save the remaining two men hopelessly trapped within the tank. Despite painful burns received, Pvt Smooke continued in a vain effort to extricate the men. The heroic bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Smooke exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

*9nd Pm* SAMUEL L. WILLIAMS, 0362978, Maj, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg during the period 22 - 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 22 - 24 December 1944, the battalion in which Maj Williams served as Executive Officer, received repeated attacks from the enemy determined to retake the town of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg. The speed and ferocity of the assaults carried the infantry supported tank attacks well into the inner defenses of the battalion and subjected the defenders to direct fire from self propelled artillery and machine guns. Maj Williams, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved about the battle area organizing rocket launcher teams and strengthening defensive positions after which he mounted a self propelled tank destroyer and charged the enemy tanks, throwing them into complete rout and inspiring his own men to successfully fight back. The bravery, outstanding leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exhibited by Maj Williams exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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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:

STEVE ARTHUR, JR, 01181629, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 20 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on Burscheid, Luxembourg, on 20 January 1945, Lt Arthur, while serving as a forward observer with the infantry which was temporarily delayed by enemy fire, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved to an exposed observation point and skillfully directed artillery fire on the enemy, a part of the concentration coming within seventy five yards of his position. By his heroic action Lt Arthur made it possible for the infantry to proceed with the attack. His outstanding courage, determination, and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

E William A. Denton, 35484978, S. Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic 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. During the period 7 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, S Sgt Denton distinguished himself in performing his duties as Communications Sergeant and Supply Sergeant in a superior manner. Despite the hazards of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, without regard for his personal safety, S Sgt Denton succeeded in keeping communications intact at all times. As Supply Sergeant, his untiring efforts and practical solution of supply problems greatly contributed to the combat efficiency of the company. His outstanding 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 Kentucky.

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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:

Paul Munoz, 39704843, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 10 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 10 December 1944, Pfc Munoz performed his duties as lead scout in a superior manner. On 26 November 1944, the platoon to which Pfc Munoz was assigned was advancing in support of a rifle company with the mission of preparing positions and were temporarily delayed by the fire of enemy machine guns. Realizing the gravity of the situation, he commenced firing upon the machine gun nests and kept up a constant volume of fire, thus enabling his squad to continue its work. He continued firing upon the enemy positions until all his comrades were in position to accomplish their mission. The bravery, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Munoz are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

JAMES C. ROMO, 01285504, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 26 December 1944, Capt Romo performed his duties as commander of a rifle company in a superior manner. On 26 November 1944, during the attack on St Avold, France, as the intensity of the battle increased, one of the platoon leaders was wounded. Disregarding his own personal safety, Capt Romo commanded the platoon and so encouraged and inspired the men that they successfully accomplished the assigned mission. The courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Capt Romo exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JAMES RUSSELL, 0887665, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 15 September 1944, to 8 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Lt Russell has performed his duties as forward observer for a cannon company in a superior manner throughout the period 15 September 1944, to 8 December 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he chose observation posts with the objective in mind of accomplishing his mission and in spite of the artillery and small arms fire usually directed at these installations he accurately adjusted fire and ably assisted the infantry with cannon support. The courage, resourcefulness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Russell are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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John S. Siembieda, 35315490, T Sgt, 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, T Sgt Siembieda performed his duties as platoon sergeant of a rifle platoon in a superior manner. On the night of 1 October 1944, when two squads of his platoon became separated from the unit, T Sgt Siembieda searched over two square miles of terrain during intermittent mortar and artillery fire to locate and reorganize his own two squads and one of another platoon in time to attack and capture the objective of the platoons. The courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Siembieda are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Max S. Smith, 33253631, S Sgt, Sig C, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 12 - 16 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Serving as Radio Team Chief during the period 12 - 16 September 1944, S Sgt Smith distinguished himself by maintaining radio communications from advance points in support of division troops while subjected to intense enemy fire. His coolness under fire, courage, determination, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Roy E. Sommer, 12189668, Cpl, 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. During an enemy attack on Dahl, Luxembourg, on 9 January 1945, Cpl Sommer, with a comrade, was engaged in repairing a wire line that had been severed when his companion was injured by enemy shell fragments. Under heavy artillery fire and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Cpl Sommer searched for and obtained medical aid for the wounded man, after which he continued repairing the line until communication was reestablished. Because of his efforts the liaison sections were able to direct fire which was largely responsible for stopping the enemy attack. The personal bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Sommer are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Robert Y. Suey, 37622612, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 4 September 1944, to 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 4 September 1944, to 22 December 1944, Pfc Suey performed his duties as a scout in a rifle company in a superior manner. On 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of St Avold, France, he voluntarily crawled to an exposed position in order to fire at the enemy and to draw enemy fire forcing them to disclose their positions. On another occasion, unaided, he covered the withdrawal of his squad. The bravery, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Suey exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

✓ Stevan Szoke, 33185106, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

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During the period 7 August 1944, to 26 November 1944, S Sgt Szoke performed his duties as a section leader in a heavy weapons company in a superior manner. On numerous occasions, in the absence of both the platoon leader and platoon sergeant he assumed command and ably led the platoon earning the respect and admiration of the men who served with him. The courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Szoke are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Joseph W. Thompson, 32601772, Pfc, Inf, 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. At Niederfeulen, Luxembourg, on 24 December 1944, while serving as an ammunition handler, Pfc Thompson was called on to serve a tank destroyer which was being subjected to intense artillery and rocket fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he proceeded with his duties toward completing the task when he was seriously wounded and his driver killed. His heroic action enabled the tank destroyer to carry on in support of the infantry. The courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Thompson are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

William M. Thurman, 35359064, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 15 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 15 January 1945, T Sgt Thurman distinguished himself by performing his duties in a superior manner. His aggressive and constant service as a non-commissioned officer with reconnaissance and forward observer parties in extremely hazardous locations, contributed substantially to the fulfillment of company firing missions. Often under fire he demonstrated personal courage and initiative in locating enemy targets and in adjusting fire on such targets, and on occasions has unhesitatingly assumed command of his platoon and demonstrated sound judgment and leadership. The courage, aggressiveness, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Thurman are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

✓ *3rd Lt* John W. White, 33227099, 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 White served as intelligence sergeant, infantry battalion, and performed his duty in a superior manner. By placing his duty above personal safety at all times, he has organized and manned observation posts under hazardous conditions, and when terrain features obstructed the view of enemy activities, without hesitation, he established observation posts in advance of the front lines in order to effectively observe the enemy. The personal bravery, courage, and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt White are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

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VII. 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 three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on date indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
✓ Pfc Glenn W. Gainer	35749367	Inf	8 Feb 45
✓ Sgt Olander J. Barrett Jr	14118744	Inf	8 Feb 45

VIII. 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 Sgt Leroy Jackson 14030418, CE, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 3 February 1945.

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 Sgt Leroy Jackson, 14030418, CE, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 8 October 1944.

X. 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 Sgt Leroy Jackson, 14030418, CE, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 14 September 1944.

XI. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 54, this Headquarters, dated 12 October 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Sgt Leroy Jackson 14030418 CE 8 Oct 44 North Carolina" is rescinded.

XII. So much of Section VII, General Orders Number 115, this Headquarters, dated 28 December 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Pvt Vincent Petroski Jr 31231730 Inf 24 Dec 44" is rescinded.

XIII. So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 37, this Headquarters, dated 6 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster), as reads "Sgt Leroy Jackson 14030418 CE 3 Feb 45" is rescinded.

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