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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:

Kenneth C. Beck, 37450115, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 10 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 September 1944, when information on enemy installations across the Moselle River was of vital importance to the battalion commander, S Sgt Beck volunteered and, alone, waded the river, remaining concealed in enemy territory for twenty four hours in order to locate machine guns and other military installations. When S Sgt Beck returned, his information was found to be immeasurably valuable to the battalion in their crossing of the Moselle River on 13 September 1944. His bravery, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER), POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

Kenneth C. Beck, 37450115, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 17 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 17 September 1944, near Autreville, France, S Sgt Beck assumed command of his platoon when his superior officers were injured. He immediately inspired his men by his conspicuous bravery and led them in successfully repulsing a violent enemy attack. The bravery, leadership, and constant devotion to duty exhibited by S Sgt Beck exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.



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:

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ROY F. BAKER, 0480164, Capt, MC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 12 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Nicola Costaras, 35314287, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Richard S. Davis, Jr, 36836814, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 November 1944, to 20 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 November 1944, to 20 January 1945, Cpl Davis distinguished himself in performing his duties as radio operator with a forward observation crew in a superior manner. Disregarding personal safety and heavy enemy fire, he consistently directed timely and accurate artillery fire, thereby neutralizing enemy positions. On one occasion, in addition to acting as radio operator, he rendered first aid under hostile fire to eight wounded men and evacuated them safely. His courage, initiative, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sabino C. DeSanto, 33348446, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

John A. Dierkson, 38399711, Pfc, FA, 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 the night of 7 January 1945, Pfc Dierkson volunteered to assist in repairing a radio at a forward observation post. Nearing the position, he encountered an extremely heavy artillery and mortar barrage. Without regard for his own safety he continued with his mission and repaired the radio while under intense enemy fire. The courage, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty of Pfc Dierkson exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Charles J. Doerflein, 35359901, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 14 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 14 January 1945, Sgt Doerflein and his wire corporal repaired a wire line to a forward observation post which had been severed by enemy artillery fire. Although exposed to observed fire, they replaced lengths of wire destroyed beyond repair and diligently maintained communications with the artillery liaison officer. The courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Doerflein are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.



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Thomas L. Dunbar, 33282739, Tec 3, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 2 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles W. Early, 33278361, Tec 4, FA, 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 the night of 7 January 1945, Tec 4 Early volunteered to assist in repairing a radio at a forward observation post. Nearing the position, he was caught in an extremely heavy artillery and mortar barrage. Without regard for his own safety he continued with his mission and repaired the radio while under intense enemy fire. The courage, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Early are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

MITCHELL ENICH, 01822256, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 21 - 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 21 - 22 December 1944, Lt Enich distinguished himself in performing his duties as platoon leader in a superior manner. Disregarding his personal safety, he removed enemy mines under intense hostile fire permitting his platoon to advance and destroy an enemy ammunition dump. His thorough reconnaissance and careful selection of gun positions aided materially in repelling an enemy attack. Though wounded, he refused evacuation until the enemy had been repulsed. His courage, inspiring leadership, and untiring devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Gary G. Grass, 32990064, 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. On 24 December 1944, Pfc Grass, serving as a member of an IPW Team, distinguished himself as a member of a patrol seeking to capture a wounded German sergeant who reportedly had information vital and essential to the progress of troops in the vicinity of Oberfeulen, Luxembourg. Despite the danger involved in infiltrating through enemy lines, Pfc Grass covered the party on their advance and later returned alone to bring up transportation and assistance. Information received from interrogation of the injured enemy aided in the subsequent capture of other Germans and to the rapid advance of our troops. The courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Grass are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

*Ind* ALBERT R. HAMEL, 0482045, Capt, MC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 1 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

*D* Donald O. Hauck, 36688655, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 2 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 2 January 1945, Cpl Hauck



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distinguished himself in performing his duties in an outstanding manner. Besides serving as mortar gunner, he has been a radio operator, instrument corporal, and observer. His efficiency, versatility, and coolness under fire have contributed materially to the successful completion of company missions. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Hauck exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Fritz B. Hirschel, 39212449, Tec 5, CMP, 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, Tec 5 Hirschel, while interrogating prisoners of war, ascertained that a wounded German sergeant possessed information vital and essential to the progress of troops in the vicinity of Oberfeulen, Luxembourg. Despite the danger involved in infiltrating through enemy lines, Tec 5 Hirschel led a searching party and succeeded in capturing an enemy soldier. Information received from the interrogation of this man aided in the subsequent capture of other Germans and in the rapid advance of our troops. The courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Hirschel are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

James L. Kuti, 32069711, 1st Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 13 - 15 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 13 - 15 September 1944, 1st Sgt Kuti distinguished himself in performing his duties in a superior manner. His coolness under fire and disregard for personal safety have been an inspiration to those serving with him. While the company was holding an important position against powerful enemy attacks, 1st Sgt Kuti assumed command when the officers were wounded and demonstrated outstanding ability as a leader. His courage, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

IV. Sections IV through XII published as an extract.

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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:

Charles W. Lewis, 33273365, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 1 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 1 January 1945, T Sgt Lewis distinguished himself in performing his duties as platoon sergeant in a superior manner. He has displayed coolness under fire and outstanding ability as a leader. On one occasion, when the platoon was being subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, T Sgt Lewis, disregarding his own safety, moved about the exposed area, contacted his squads, and led them to safe positions. His courage, resourcefulness, and tireless devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Richard T. Moran, 36407557, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 23 December 1944, to 1 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 23 December 1944, to 1 January 1945, Pfc Moran distinguished himself in performing his duties as wire lineman in a superior manner. Working tirelessly, often under intense enemy small arms and artillery fire, he maintained continuous communications between the platoon's observation posts and gun positions, thereby contributing materially to the combat efficiency of the unit. The bravery, technical skill, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Moran are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

John T. Murphey, 6367318, 1st Sgt, Inf, United States Army. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 6 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 6 February 1945, 1st Sgt Murphey distinguished himself in performing his duties in a superior manner. Working under adverse conditions, his ability to shoulder additional duties, solve administrative problems, and maintain a high standard of morale among the men have contributed materially to the success of the company in combat. The courage, determination, and untiring devotion to duty displayed by 1st Sgt Murphey are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

ROY F. PACKER, 01060579, 2d Lt, Inf, 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. Ordered to lead his platoon into the enemy held town of Burscheid, Luxembourg, on 21 January 1945, and to contact friendly troops engaged there, Lt Packer skillfully maneuvered his platoon into the outskirts of the town to a point where intense enemy fire delayed

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the advance temporarily. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Lt Packer made his way through the enemy fire to the portion of the town under friendly control. Returning to his platoon he so capably directed the advance against the strong points he had observed, that he lost no men and the platoon killed ten and captured forty four of the enemy. The courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Lt Packer are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Ernest A. Patton, 35835038, Sgt (then Pfc), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, Sgt Patton, as radio operator for a rifle company commander, accompanied his unit on the attack against Kehmen, Luxembourg. Because of the intense enemy fire the attack was temporarily halted and the forward elements scattered. Sgt Patton, realizing the need for radio communication, crawled forward to the company commander, who was then able to adjust artillery on the enemy. Although the company commander was wounded Sgt Patton maintained contact with battalion headquarters and when the tactical situation demanded a temporary withdrawal he was the last man to leave the area. His bravery, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Charles W. Pecoroni, 32638597, Pfc (then Pvt), FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 15 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 November 1944, Pfc Pecoroni, a forward observer with field artillery, was attached to a rifle company in the town of Boustroff, France. When the company was withdrawn, Pfc Pecoroni remained in the town with two companions and in spite of heavy artillery fire patrolled an eight hundred yard gap in front of his position, taking two prisoners and administering first aid to wounded comrades who had been hit by the constant artillery. The courage, determination, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Pecoroni exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

*3rd Bn* Quincy L. Petty, 33659843, Pvt, 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. On 24 December 1944, Pvt Petty, a member of a five man battalion wire crew, was dispatched in a one quarter ton truck to establish a communication line through heavy enemy fire. During the operation the enemy artillery and small arms fire became so intense that he could not continue. Dismounting, he set up a temporary observation post and telephoned information of the battle to the Regimental Command Post. Later, although the vehicle was destroyed by shell fire, Pvt Petty and his companions courageously completed laying wire despite the hazards involved. His bravery, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

William E. Ragland, 13120490, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 27 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 January 1945,

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during the course of the attack on Hosingen, Luxembourg, the squad in which Sgt Ragland served as assistant squad leader was subjected to heavy enemy mortar, automatic, and small arms fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, heedless of wounds, Sgt Ragland led his depleted squad in successfully reaching the objective after waging a bitter house to house battle with the enemy. His outstanding leadership, courage, and untiring devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

James D. Riley, 7010006, S Sgt, FA, United States Army. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 5 - 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 5 - 8 January 1945, S Sgt Riley distinguished himself in performing his duties in a courageous manner. Serving with a forward artillery observer, S Sgt Riley and a comrade, disregarding personal safety, carried his radio seventy five yards across terrain exposed to heavy enemy fire and established a new observation post. He continuously maintained unbroken communication with the Fire Direction Center and directed effective artillery fire in support of the infantry. His bravery, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Eugene M. Wilson, 36993217, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 27 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the fiercely contested assault on Hosingen, Luxembourg, Pvt Wilson, a rifleman, was seriously wounded by small arms fire. Unconscious for some time, he revived only to observe an armed enemy soldier approaching. Feigning unconsciousness, he was able to surprise and capture the enemy and escort him rearwards despite his painful wounds and heavy mortar and sniper fire. The courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Wilson 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 three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

LAWRENCE F. MARRIOTT, 01183356, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg during the period 24 December 1944, to 20 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.

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 and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named



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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>
1ST LT JEAN P. WILLIS	01055766	Inf	7 Feb 45

I 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 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded S Sgt Joseph P. McHugh, 33354577, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 15 February 1945.

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 previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pvt Chester M. Kulpa, 31232583, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 9 February 1945.

IX. So much of Section VII, General Orders Number 44, this Headquarters, dated 13 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Pvt Chester M. Kulpa 31232583 Inf 9 Feb 45" is rescinded.

X. So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 44, this Headquarters, dated 13 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster), as reads "1ST LT JEAN P. WILLIS 01055766 Inf 7 Feb 45" is rescinded.

XI. So much of Section VIII, General Orders Number 50, this Headquarters, dated 19 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "S Sgt Joseph P. McHugh 33354577 Inf 15 Feb 45" is rescinded.

H XII. Section II, General Orders Number 38, this Headquarters, dated 7 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal, as reads "LEWIS T. KALIL, 01304735, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States" is amended to read "LEWIS T. KALIL, 01304739, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States".

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