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I. 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 Rodolfo Garza, 38462452, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 26 November 1944.

II. 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 two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc Samuel L. Fennimore, 39313323, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 27 February 1945.

III. 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 Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
T Sgt Paul L. Engleka	33254119	Inf	18 Feb 45
S Sgt Clement M. Reck	33505041	Inf	26 Feb 45
S Sgt Richard E. Weber	35313053	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc William L. Brewer	34981140	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc Roscoe Locklear	34674863	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc Fred Meckel Jr	32761498	Inf	26 Feb 45
4 Sgt Dominick J. Casulli	42146681	Inf	27 Feb 45
4 Sgt Joseph D. Beach	33735794	Inf	27 Feb 45
4 Pfc Hamilton J. Lachney	38486272	Inf	27 Feb 45

IV. 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 Germany on dates indicated:

Pvt Russell L. Smith	37449065	Inf	21 Feb 45
Pvt Thomas H. McGee	38402057	MD	21 Feb 45
Pfc Jerry C. Spielman	15311632	MD	21 Feb 45

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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pvt Clarence G. Stieglitz	35327195	MD	21 Feb 45
Cpl Grover W. Green	34353980	MD	21 Feb 45
Tec 5 Edward J. Ischer	37382236	Inf	25 Feb 45
Pvt Edward W. Kech	35906968	Inf	26 Feb 45
2D LT GEORGE SAMUELS	0556931	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pvt Jefferson D. Crowdis	6934773	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc Ralph Howe	37632576	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pvt John L. Grimsley	34928436	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pvt Martin A. Ariza	39592957	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pvt Harold J. Heckman	42097739	Inf	26 Feb 45
S Sgt Lionel E. Carr	12016355	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pvt Lee H. Gathagan	33877113	Inf	26 Feb 45
A Pvt Leonard E. Beatty	42146655	Inf	27 Feb 45

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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:

Lee S. Confer, 33502053, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 February 1945, near Biesdorf, Germany, heavy mortar and artillery fire balked many attempts to lay communication wire across open ground. Pfc Confer, a regimental wireman, and a companion voluntarily ran over the open ground laying wire as they went. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Pfc Confer remained exposed to enemy fire for forty five minutes in order to establish the communications. His courage, determination, and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Owen Dodson, 33659166, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 February 1945, near Biesdorf, Germany, T Sgt Dodson, serving as platoon sergeant of an assaulting rifle company which was delayed by enemy automatic fire, found that the rifles of many of his platoon were not functioning properly. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he crawled through the intense fire to two wounded men and taking their rifles to cover cleaned them and returned to exchange the two clean pieces for two dirty ones of men still able to fight. He repeated this until all weapons of the platoon were functioning. The bravery, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Dodson exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Charles V. Hannan, Jr, 37477024, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg and Germany on 9 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 February 1945, Pfc Hannan, a regimental wireman, aided by a companion, succeeded in establishing the first wire communication across the Sauer River at the Dillengen, Luxembourg, bridgehead. Despite the severe mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, Pfc Hannan boated across the swollen and treacherous river laying wire as he went, thus maintaining communications in a very critical phase of the assault. His courage, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Clifford H. Lince, 36865573, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Biesdorf, Germany, on 12 February 1945, Pfc Lince, an aid man, observed wounded infantrymen lying in

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an exposed position forward of the attacking rifle companies. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Pfc Lince and a companion crawled to the wounded men and gave them first aid. He then aided in their evacuation, making three trips under fire to complete the self appointed mission. The courage, aggressiveness, and tireless devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Lince are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

William T. McAllister, 33213193, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg and Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Biesdorf, Germany, on 10 February 1945, Tec 5 McAllister, serving as battalion wire chief, repeatedly risked his life in the turbulent waters of the Sauer River to maintain communications with the forward elements of the battalion. Realizing the importance of the communications Tec 5 McAllister supervised the laying of the wire and by making repeated trips through the swollen stream under artillery and mortar fire, built up an adequate supply of wire for the rapid advance of the battalion. His courage, resourcefulness, and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Chris L. Milette, 35385906, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, on 18 January 1945, an infantry battalion headquarters was subjected to continual artillery shelling. S Sgt Milette, supply sergeant, observed that an ammunition truck was on fire and was endangering nearby vehicles loaded with ammunition and gasoline. With utter disregard for his own safety, S Sgt Milette ran through artillery fire to the burning truck and with an extinguisher brought the fire under control. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Henry B. Pannill, 33213292, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, on 18 January 1945, an infantry battalion headquarters was subjected to continual artillery shelling. Tec 5 Pannill, armor artificer, observed that an ammunition truck was on fire and was endangering nearby vehicles loaded with ammunition and gasoline. With utter disregard for his own safety, Tec 5 Pannill ran through artillery fire to the burning truck and with an extinguisher brought the fire under control. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Charles L. Radcliffe, 35386835, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg and Germany on 9 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 February 1945, Pfc Radcliffe, a regimental wireman, aided by a companion succeeded in establishing the first wire communication across the Sauer River at the Dillengen, Luxembourg, bridgehead. Despite the severe mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, Pfc Radcliffe boated across the swollen and treacherous

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laying wire as he went, thus maintaining communications in a very critical phase of the assault. His courage, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Neil E. Rasmussen, 37584923, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In preparation for the attack across the Sauer River, near Dillengen, Luxembourg, on 7 February 1945, it was necessary to lay communication wire beyond friendly lines to the bank of the river so that control could be maintained during the initial crossing. Pfc Rasmussen and a companion volunteered for the task and successfully laid a mile and one half of wire across terrain exposed to direct enemy machine gun fire. His utter disregard for personal safety, determination, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Warren Rexrode, 35386861, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In preparation for the attack across the Sauer River, near Dillengen, Luxembourg, on 7 February 1945, it was necessary to lay communication wire beyond friendly lines to the bank of the river so that control could be maintained during the initial crossing. Tec 5 Rexrode and a companion volunteered for the task and successfully laid a mile and one half of wire across terrain exposed to direct enemy machine gun fire. His utter disregard for personal safety, determination, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Dan Saporito, 32879595, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Biesdorf, Germany, on 12 February 1945, Pfc Saporito, an aid man, observed wounded infantrymen lying in an exposed position forward of the attacking rifle companies. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Pfc Saporito and a companion crawled to the wounded men and gave them first aid. He then aided in their evacuation, making three trips under fire to complete the self appointed mission. The courage, aggressiveness, and tireless devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Saporito are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Gerard J. Warren, 42131055, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 February 1945, near Biesdorf, Germany, heavy mortar and artillery fire balked many attempts to lay communication wire across open ground. Pfc Warren, a regimental wireman, and a companion voluntarily ran over the open ground laying wire as they went. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Pfc Warren remained exposed to enemy fire for forty five minutes in order to establish the communications. His courage, determination, and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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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 Pfc Chester N. Malishewsky, 33465107, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 19 February 1945.

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VII. So much of Section VIII, General Orders Number 92, this Headquarters, dated 2 December 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Pvt Rodolfo S. Garcia 38030635 Inf 27 Nov 44 Texas" is rescinded.

VIII. So much of Section VIII, General Orders Number 53, this Headquarters, dated 22 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads:

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"S Sgt Paul L. Engleka 33254119 Inf 18 Feb 45  
Pfc Chester N. Malishewsky 33465107 Inf 19 Feb 45" is rescinded.

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