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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (MISSING IN ACTION): 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 (Missing in Action):

Julian S. Mascoveta, 33317065, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 12 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 September 1944, during the assault across the Moselle River at Dieulouard, France, Pfc Mascoveta, aided by a comrade, accompanied the initial wave into the bridgehead to establish and maintain telephone communications between the battalion command post and the line units. Disregarding the danger from enemy shell fire Pfc Mascoveta and his companion located and repaired all breaks in the wire as they occurred and successfully maintained the vital communication lines. His courage, determination, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Paul S. Thomas, Jr, 20423877, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 12 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 September 1944, during the assault across the Moselle River at Dieulouard, France, Sgt Thomas, aided by a comrade, accompanied the initial wave into the bridgehead to establish and maintain telephone communications between the battalion command post and the line units. Disregarding the danger from enemy shell fire Sgt Thomas and his companion located and repaired all breaks in the wire as they occurred and successfully maintained the vital communication lines. His courage, determination, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

II. 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:

Seldon Chandler, 35726934, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 9 and 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a bridgehead had been forced across the Sauer River into Germany on 9 February 1945, food and

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ammunition supply became critical. Pfc Chandler and six members of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon volunteered for the arduous work of hand carrying supplies across the river through shell fire to the advance units. For thirty continuous hours Pfc Chandler and his companions labored over rough terrain, and up steep banks, often necessitating the use of block and tackle, to accomplish their mission. Six round trips were completed to keep the battalion supplied until a bridge was erected. 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 Indiana.

Gerrald W. Daniell, 34353833, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 1 February 1945, near Folkendange, Luxembourg, Cpl Daniell, a scout for a field artillery battalion, volunteered to repair vital communication lines which had been severed by enemy artillery fire. With a companion Cpl Daniell followed the wire through waist deep snow, under continuous artillery fire, splicing the breaks and restoring communications despite the intense cold and the hazard of shell fragments, some of which slightly wounded him. By restoring these vital lines Cpl Daniell made it possible to effectively fire on enemy installations. His courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Ira A. Ferguson, 35901947, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 9 and 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a bridgehead had been forced across the Sauer River into Germany on 9 February 1945, food and ammunition supply became critical. Pfc Ferguson and six members of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon volunteered for the arduous work of hand carrying supplies across the river through shell fire to the advance units. For thirty continuous hours Pfc Ferguson and his companions labored over rough terrain and up steep banks, often necessitating the use of block and tackle, to accomplish their mission. On the final crossing, Pfc Ferguson was seriously wounded and evacuated. 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 Indiana.

Anthony L. Garguilo, 32905908, Pfc, Armd, 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, at the height of a tank attack against Hosingen, Luxembourg, Pfc Garguilo, a tank gunner observed that his platoon leader's tank had been hit and the platoon leader and gunner were abandoning the tank to take shelter in a nearby ditch. Leaving the protection of his tank despite the intense fire in the area, Pfc Garguilo and a companion gave aid to the wounded gunner and carried him to a place of safety until the platoon leader returned with aid men. The courage, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Garguilo exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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Iner A. Isaacson, 36824093, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 9 and 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a bridgehead had been forced across the Sauer River into Germany on 9 February 1945, food and ammunition supply became critical. Pfc Isaacson and six members of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon volunteered for the arduous work of hand carrying supplies across the river through shell fire to the advance units. For thirty continuous hours Pfc Isaacson and his companions labored over rough terrain and up steep banks, often necessitating the use of block and tackle, to accomplish their mission. Although wounded on the third crossing, Pfc Isaacson continued until six round trips were completed to keep the battalion supplied until a bridge was erected. 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 Wisconsin.

Joseph H. McDonald, 33012351, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 1 February 1945, near Folkendange, Luxembourg, Cpl McDonald, a non-commissioned officer of a field artillery wire section, volunteered to repair vital communication lines which had been severed by enemy artillery fire. With a companion, Cpl McDonald followed the wire through waist deep snow, under continuous artillery fire, splicing the breaks and restoring communications despite the intense cold and the hazard of shell fragments. By restoring these vital lines Cpl McDonald made it possible to effectively fire on enemy installations. His courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Theodore L. Mendelsschn, 36881475, Sgt, Armd, 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, at the height of a tank attack against Hosingen, Luxembourg, Sgt Mendelsschn a tank commander observed that his platoon leader's tank had been hit and the platoon leader and gunner were abandoning the tank to take shelter in a nearby ditch. Leaving the protection of his tank despite the intense fire in the area, Sgt Mendelsschn and a companion gave aid to the wounded gunner and carried him to a place of safety until the platoon leader returned with aid men. The courage, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Mendelsschn exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Robert H. Moser, 35900148, Pfc, MD, 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. On 18 January 1945, during an attack against Buckholz, Luxembourg, intense mortar, artillery, and small arms fire hindered the evacuation of many seriously wounded from the town. Pfc Moser and his litter squad voluntarily labored all day to carry eighteen men to safety over icy hills blanketed by enemy artillery. At night when the infantry was ordered to withdraw, two seriously wounded men were still in the town. Disregarding the risks of shell fire and capture, Pfc Moser, re-entered with his squad and evacuated the two remaining men. His courage, determination, and

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steadfast devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Joseph A. Perreault, 31366922, Pvt, MD, 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. On 18 January 1945, during an attack against Buckholz, Luxembourg, intense mortar, artillery, and small arms fire hindered the evacuation of many seriously wounded from the town. Pvt Perreault and his litter squad voluntarily labored all day to carry eighteen men to safety over icy hills blanketed by enemy artillery. At night when the infantry was ordered to withdraw, two seriously wounded men were still in the town. Disregarding the risks of shell fire and capture, Pvt Perreault re-entered with his squad and evacuated the two remaining men. His courage, determination, and steadfast devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

John J. Redmond, 32638474, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 9 and 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a bridgehead had been forced across the Sauer River into Germany on 9 February 1945, food and ammunition supply became critical. Pfc Redmond and six members of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon volunteered for the arduous work of hand carrying supplies across the river through shell fire to the advance units. For thirty continuous hours Pfc Redmond and his companions labored over rough terrain and up steep banks, often necessitating the use of block and tackle, to accomplish their mission. Although wounded on the third crossing, Pfc Redmond continued until six round trips were completed to keep the battalion supplied until a bridge was erected. 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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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:

Oscar W. Robinson, 35828129, Pfc, MD, 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. On 18 January 1945, during an attack against Buckholz, Luxembourg, intense mortar, artillery, and small arms fire hindered the evacuation of many seriously wounded from the town. Pfc Robinson and his litter squad voluntarily labored all day to carry eighteen men to safety over icy hills blanketed by enemy artillery. At night when the infantry was ordered to withdraw, two seriously wounded men were still in the town. Disregarding the risks of shell fire and capture, Pfc Robinson, re-entered with his squad and evacuated the two remaining men. His courage, determination, and steadfast devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Otto Washington, 37459802, Pfc, MD, 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. On 18 January 1945, during an attack against Buckholz, Luxembourg, intense mortar, artillery, and small arms fire hindered the evacuation of many seriously wounded from the town. Pfc Washington and his litter squad voluntarily labored all day to carry eighteen men to safety over icy hills blanketed by enemy artillery. At night when the infantry was ordered to withdraw, two seriously wounded men were still in the town. Disregarding the risks of shell fire and capture, Pfc Washington re-entered with his squad and evacuated the two remaining men. His courage, determination, and steadfast devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Richard G. Wolff, 35067067, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 9 and 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a bridgehead had been forced across the Sauer River into Germany on 9 February 1945, food and ammunition supply became critical. Pfc Wolff and six members of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon volunteered for the arduous work of hand carrying supplies across the river through shell fire to the advance units. For thirty continuous hours Pfc Wolff and his companions labored over rough terrain and up steep banks, often necessitating the use of block and tackle, to accomplish their mission. Although wounded on the third crossing, Pfc Wolff continued until six round trips were completed to keep the battalion supplied until a bridge was erected. 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 Ohio.

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IV. 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 Raymond E. Broadbent, 36229733, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 27 February 1945.

V. 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>
Sgt Leon P. Jenkins	31403629	Inf	26 Feb 45
S Sgt David A. Dicks	33688871	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc Louis Leviton	20607484	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc Marshall L. Rau	33185996	Inf	27 Feb 45
S Sgt Clyde S. Schaeffer	35408709	Inf	27 Feb 45
Sgt Kenneth C. Henson	37331363	Inf	27 Feb 45
A Pfc Joseph J. Coscia	34990526	Inf	28 Feb 45
Pfc William Ostrom	35434749	Inf	28 Feb 45

VI. 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:

Pfc John J. Konechy	32476308	Inf	21 Feb 45
Pfc Cleo A. Hagerty	37596840	Inf	26 Feb 45
T Sgt Fred May	35434635	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc Ralph Howe	37632576	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pvt Jefferson D. Crowdis	6934773	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc Frank Lamartina	33555702	FA	27 Feb 45
Pvt Elwin W. Johnson	31471573	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pfc Joseph A. Grugel	35842666	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pvt Peter R. Hussman	31411569	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pvt Everett A. Johnson	42145892	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pvt J. T. Watts Jr	44031140	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pvt Raphael Z. Perlman	32807301	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pvt Victor Kapchuck	42001486	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pvt Jesse W. Brunson	34381445	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pvt Thorvald E. Pedersen	37736762	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pvt Joel M. Yates	44030031	Inf	27 Feb 45
A Pvt Amarante L. Lucero	38167679	Inf	28 Feb 45
A Pvt Drue C. Wilson Jr	38693913	Inf	28 Feb 45
S Sgt Robert Johnson	35243832	Inf	28 Feb 45

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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 previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc William W. Bailey, 33305082, FA, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 5 September 1944.

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VIII. So much of Section V, General Orders Number 115, this Headquarters, dated 28 December 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster), as reads "CAPT JESSE R. MILES JR 024979 Inf 24 Dec 44" is rescinded. Officer was awarded Purple Heart per GO 6, Hq 135th Gen Hosp, dated 12 Jan 45.

*1st Lt
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IX. So much of Section VIII, General Orders Number 115, this Headquarters, dated 28 December 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Sgt Henry S. Burch 34827296 Inf 25 Dec 44" is rescinded. Enlisted Man was awarded Purple Heart per GO 56, Hq 32d Evac Hosp, dated 26 Dec 44.

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X. So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 1, this Headquarters, dated 1 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Pvt Grover J. Strickland 6393323 Inf 25 Dec 44" is rescinded. Enlisted Man was awarded Purple Heart per GO 56, Hq 32d Evac Hosp, dated 26 Dec 44.

XI. So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 1, this Headquarters, dated 1 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Pvt John W. Siebert 36868885 Inf 25 Dec 44" is rescinded. Enlisted Man was awarded Purple Heart per GO 6, Hq 135th Gen Hosp, dated 12 Jan 45.

*2nd Lt
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XII. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 9, this Headquarters, dated 9 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster), as reads "CAPT BERNARD ROSENBLAT 0411887 DC 6 Jan 45" is rescinded.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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