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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

Philip Levine, 32893307, Pfc, MD, 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. During the attack on Kehmen, Luxembourg, on 24 December 1944, Pfc Levine, serving with an infantry company as medical aid man, received a radioed appeal for medical assistance from another area. Always willing to assist, Pfc Levine went to the area, and, although exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, moved among the wounded rendering aid with exceptional fortitude and courage. After completing his assigned tasks he voluntarily made a further search for casualties. During this search he was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. The valor, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Levine exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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:

K Paul Blackwell, Jr, 42081963, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Merzig, Luxembourg, the squad in which Pfc Blackwell served as rifleman had the mission of clearing buildings of hostile forces in a sector of the town. The squad was retarded in its advance by small arms fire emanating from a building heavily defended by enemy troops. Through skillful maneuvering Pfc Blackwell fired a rocket grenade into the structure and with utter disregard for his own safety rushed in with such speed and ferociousness that the enemy did not have time to recover their positions, and were so taken by surprise that they immediately surrendered. A total of twenty five prisoners were taken in the engagement. The bravery, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Blackwell exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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K James W. Green, 35618492, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 November 1944, Sgt Green, machine gun squad leader, while directing the fire of his section against heavy enemy fire that was retarding the withdrawal of a rifle platoon, distinguished himself by disregarding the personal danger involved when he alone withdrew twice under intense fire from the enemy and carried ammunition back to his section. His aggressive action made it possible for the rifle platoon to withdraw without sustaining a casualty. The courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Green are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

C John F. Morgan, 33305058, 1st Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 17 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Chemery, France, by an infantry company in which 1st Sgt Morgan was serving, the terrain favored the enemy with excellent observation and afforded little cover or protection to the attacking forces. Due to the pressing need for officer leadership elsewhere, 1st Sgt Morgan assumed command of a platoon and led it across the open terrain. His display of courage and valor before the enemy so inspired his men that they went into the attack with such aggressiveness and ferocity that they were able to attain their objective with a minimum of casualties. The bravery, aggressive leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by 1st Sgt Morgan exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

AT Frank Soltysiak, 33279199, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the enemy counterattack in the vicinity of Ringel, Luxembourg, on 28 December 1944, Sgt Soltysiak, serving as Assistant Squad Leader, distinguished himself in repelling the enemy. As the intensity of the battle increased, the Browning Automatic Rifleman became wounded and, realizing the seriousness caused by loss in fire power, Sgt Soltysiak left his foxhole, retrieved the automatic rifle, and though subjected to intense enemy fire, skillfully operated the weapon, killing six and wounding many more enemy soldiers. His courageous action was largely responsible in relieving the threat of a successful counterattack. The courage, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Soltysiak are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

6 Earl S. Webb, 34983196, Sgt (then Pfc), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 19 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 19 December 1944, at Epping Urback, France, Sgt Webb, serving as Browning Automatic Rifleman, displayed outstanding ability and courage when one of the platoons of his company, moving up to relieve a platoon occupying high ground, encountered a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and machine gun fire which temporarily retarded its advance. Sensing the danger involved if the enemy were successful in preventing the movement, Sgt

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Webb, from an exposed position and with utter disregard for his own safety, fired upon the enemy emplacements. His intrepid actions resulted in silencing the enemy positions and enabled the relief platoon to move forward. The bravery, determination, and sincere devotion to duty shown by Sgt Webb exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Harry Wyslutsky, 33624450, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 18 - 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 18 - 19 January 1945, Pfc Wyslutsky distinguished himself in performing his duties in a courageous manner. Serving as an ambulance driver he has by his untiring efforts contributed materially to the rapid evacuation of casualties. On one occasion, disregarding his own safety, Pfc Wyslutsky, despite adverse weather conditions and difficult terrain, effected the safe removal of more than fifty wounded in thirty six hours under intense enemy fire. His bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Francis P. Zimmerman, 32877582, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 18 - 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 18 - 19 January 1945, Pfc Zimmerman distinguished himself in performing his duties in a courageous manner. Serving as an assistant ambulance driver he has by his untiring efforts contributed materially in assisting the rapid evacuation of casualties. On one occasion, disregarding his own safety, Pfc Zimmerman, despite adverse weather conditions and difficult terrain, assisted in effecting the safe removal of more than fifty wounded in thirty six hours under intense enemy fire. His bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify 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 (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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

ALFRED E. WRENN, 01105939, Capt, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 11 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 11 January 1945, Capt Wrenn distinguished himself in performing his duties in a superior manner. Commanding a company of combat engineers continually operating with forward elements of the infantry and frequently under enemy fire, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the successful completion of all assigned missions. By capable supervision he has developed and maintained a high standard of operational efficiency within his company. The bravery, initiative, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Capt Wrenn are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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:

ELDON J. BABIN, 01285351, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 9 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Forrest J. Barnes, 34287735, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 17 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

John W. Beebe, 33348140, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 14 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the attack on Suisse, France, on 14 November 1944, T Sgt Beebe, serving as mortar platoon sergeant, was faced with the problem of getting his men across an unfordable stream. The only possible means by which the stream could be crossed was over a footbridge that proved to be interdicted by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Realizing the importance of the platoon to the attack, T Sgt Beebe, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, stood at the bridge site and skillfully directed the infiltration of the platoon. Because of his meticulous and aggressive leadership the crossing was made without the loss of a single man. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Beebe exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Richard G. Crawford, 33376830, T Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

L Hugh J. Fullerton, 32690414, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 6 - 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 - 8 January 1945, Sgt Fullerton distinguished himself in performing his duties as a light machine gun squad leader in a courageous manner. His coolness under fire and disregard for personal safety have been an inspiration to the men serving with him. Demonstrating outstanding ability as a leader, he has, by his aggressive spirit and determination, contributed materially to the success of his company in combat. The bravery, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Fullerton exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Leo W. Garner, 34653475, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 18 - 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 18 - 19 January 1945, Pfc Garner distinguished himself in performing his duties in a courageous manner. Serving as an assistant ambulance driver, he has, by his untiring efforts, contributed materially in assisting the rapid evacuation of casualties. On one occasion, disregarding his own safety, Pfc Garner despite adverse weather conditions and difficult terrain assisted in effecting the safe removal of more than fifty wounded in thirty six hours under intense enemy fire. His bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Nelson R. Hamilton, 33376586, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 19 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Stanley L. King, 33304852, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ELLIS D. KNAPP, W2105236, CWO, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 25 August 1944, to 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Andrew Lizonitz, 33354593, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 18 - 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 18 - 19 January 1945, Pfc Lizonitz distinguished himself in performing his duties in a courageous manner. Serving as an ambulance driver, he has, by his untiring efforts, contributed materially to the rapid evacuation of casualties. On one occasion, disregarding his own safety, Pfc Lizonitz, despite

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adverse weather conditions and difficult terrain, effected the safe removal of more than fifty wounded in thirty six hours under intense enemy fire. His bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Harry L. Martin, 36975463, Sgt (then Cpl), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on Kehmen, Luxembourg, on 25 December 1944, the weapons platoon in which Sgt Martin was serving as messenger was compelled to advance across an open field exposed to enemy fire. During the movement a squad leader was killed and it was not discovered until later that he had been carrying a mortar sight which was indispensable in the firing of the weapon. Realizing the importance of the instrument to the entire platoon, Sgt Martin unhesitatingly volunteered to risk the severe enemy fire and crossed the open field to retrieve the vital piece of equipment. His display of courage in performing the mission merited the respect of the entire command. His bravery, courage, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Lawrence Flacone, 33302169, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

2 Vito A. Pugliese, 32960026, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 6 - 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 - 8 January 1945, Pvt Pugliese distinguished himself in performing his duties as ammunition bearer of an infantry company in a courageous manner. His coolness under fire and disregard for personal safety have been an inspiration to the men serving with him. By his aggressive spirit and determination he has greatly contributed to the success of his company in combat. The bravery, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Pugliese are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Edward A. Richard, 34734038, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 18 - 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 18 - 19 January 1945, Pvt Richard distinguished himself in performing his duties in a courageous manner. Serving as an assistant ambulance driver, he has, by his untiring efforts, contributed materially in assisting the rapid evacuation of casualties. On one occasion, disregarding his own safety, Pvt Richard, despite adverse weather conditions and difficult terrain, assisted in effecting the safe removal of more than fifty wounded in thirty six hours under intense enemy fire. His bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

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Marcus W. Robinson, 33006171, Tec 3, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 November 1944, to 15 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Philip Solomon, 33937310, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 19 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack to seize the high ground west of Eppingen, France, on 19 December 1944, a Browning Automatic Rifleman was severely wounded. Realizing the necessity of the automatic fire in the attack, Pfc Solomon, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled through intense enemy fire and retrieved the weapon. His courageous action was largely responsible for the success of the platoon in securing the position. The aggressiveness, courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Solomon are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Harry F. Speerstra, 33297131, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 19 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

OWEN SUMMERS, 08066, Brig Gen, United States Army. For meritorious service in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 19 December 1944, to 1 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Horace J. Vaughn, 38506286, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 18 - 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 18 - 19 January 1945, Pfc Vaughn distinguished himself in performing his duties in a courageous manner. Serving as an ambulance driver, he has, by his untiring efforts, contributed materially to the rapid evacuation of casualties. On one occasion, disregarding his own safety, Pfc Vaughn, despite adverse weather conditions and difficult terrain, effected the safe removal of more than fifty wounded in thirty six hours under intense enemy fire. His bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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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 and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded S Sgt Jack H. Randle, 39049150, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 1 March 1945.

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 Sgt Norman P. Park, 36579650, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 2 February 1945.

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 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>
E Sgt Robert E. McQueen	42125644	Inf	21 Feb 45
P Tec 5 Harold H. Grimme	37593601	MD	27 Feb 45
E Pvt Robert T. Hall	35842733	Inf	27 Feb 45

VIII. 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 Harold Jacoby, 39562131, OMC, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 3 December 1944.

IX. 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 Luxembourg on dates indicated:

Pvt Lawrence E. Spritzer	42177811	Inf	7 Feb 45
Pvt William E. Martin	44030178	Inf	7 Feb 45
Tec 4 Elmer D. Tener	39249365	Inf	21 Jan 45

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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 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>
6 Sgt Joseph L. Moyher	33294596	Inf	11 Feb 45
6 Sgt Robert C. Howell	34964000	Inf	19 Feb 45
6 Pvt William L. Dunn	34607800	Inf	21 Feb 45
HPfc Jim T. Roberts	34196058	Inf	21 Feb 45
FPfc Harlan D. Wilson	37695761	Inf	21 Feb 45
FPfc Clyde D. Howard	37742647	Inf	21 Feb 45
FPvt Thomas H. Sabolcik	33278926	Inf	21 Feb 45
6 2D LT WILLARD T. WINBORNE	01329655	Inf	21 Feb 45
6 Pvt Delano W. Cooper	38533506	Inf	21 Feb 45
6 Pvt Robert J. Conard	36829967	Inf	21 Feb 45
6 Pfc Harry W. Myers	33871640	Inf	21 Feb 45
6 Pvt Byron E. Sparks	14013511	Inf	22 Feb 45
Cpl Paul E. Myers	33294521	FA	23 Feb 45
FPfc William A. Campbell	38691334	Inf	23 Feb 45
FPvt Dock E. Mast	38047182	Inf	23 Feb 45
Tec 5 George L. Rathfon	33435130	Inf	27 Feb 45
Tec 4 Herbert W. Bentzin	37314025	FA	27 Feb 45
Pfc Eugene M. Wing	33832598	MD	27 Feb 45
Pvt Joseph M. Smith	33876611	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pvt Amasa R. Robinson	14012978	Inf	28 Feb 45
Pvt John C. Martin	33712845	Inf	28 Feb 45
Pfc Andrew E. Grosclaude Jr	31468369	Inf	28 Feb 45
S. Sgt Walter Pilger	33844075	Inf	28 Feb 45
1ST LT HENRY J. RASSIER	0516135	Inf	1 Mar 45
Tec 4 James V. Denson	34895257	MD	1 Mar 45
Pvt Edward J. Cockerham	18129703	Inf	1 Mar 45
Sgt Doyle R. Gustin	6293761	FA	2 Mar 45

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