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HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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SECTION

- I - Award of Silver Star.  
II and III - Award of Bronze Star.  
IV and V - Rescission and Amendment.

I. 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:

William Blaszcask; 36977148, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 February 1945, T Sgt Blaszcask, commander of a rifle squad attacking through enemy held woods near Biesdorf, Germany, observed that a German machine gun on the flank was temporarily delaying the advance of the company. Realizing that many casualties would result from this fire, T Sgt Blaszcask voluntarily crawled to within thirty yards of the machine gun and, after throwing two hand grenades, charged the enemy position, capturing the crew. His courageous and timely action enabled the company to seize its objective and prevented many casualties. The bravery, aggressiveness, and steadfast devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Blaszcask exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

E French R. Craig, 35085281, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944, Pfc Craig, a rifleman, volunteered to lead his platoon through the darkness into Heiderscheid, Luxembourg. Accompanied by two companions and armed with rocket launchers they advanced until fired upon by an enemy outpost supported by a tank. Eluding the guards Pfc Craig directed rocket fire against the tank, destroying it and killing the crew. Although wounded Pfc Craig continued with the attack and made it possible for his platoon to reach the town by routing many snipers from buildings. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

E George R. Fleming, 34354050, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944, S Sgt Fleming, a rifle squad leader, volunteered to lead his platoon through the darkness into Heiderscheid, Luxembourg. Accompanied by two companions and armed with rocket launchers they advanced until fired upon by an enemy outpost supported by a tank. Eluding the guards S Sgt Fleming directed rocket fire against the tank, destroying it and killing the crew. Although wounded, S Sgt Fleming continued with the attack and made it possible for his platoon to reach the town by routing many snipers from buildings.

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aggressive leadership, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

6 Robert E. Lee, 42142992, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 February 1945, S Sgt Lee, commander of a rifle squad attacking through enemy held woods near Biesdorf, Germany, observed that a German machine gun on the flank was temporarily delaying the advance of the company. Realizing that many casualties would result from this fire, S Sgt Lee voluntarily crawled through mortar and artillery fire to an exposed position fifty yards from the enemy emplacement, destroying the machine gun and crew with one round of rocket fire. Later, an anti-tank gun prevented the company's advance and again S Sgt Lee destroyed the gun by effective rocket fire. His bravery, aggressiveness, and steadfast devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

ROY F. PACKER, 01060579, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 5 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Previous attempts to cross the Sure River had been defeated by enemy action and the swift river current. On 5 February 1945, Lt Packer led a reconnaissance patrol across the river, through Wallendorf, Germany, and into the Siegfried Line where he encountered, and after a sharp battle, routed an enemy patrol. After thoroughly reconnoitering the enemy territory and acquiring valuable information, he successfully led his patrol back across the river under intense enemy machine gun fire. Such courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty displayed in accomplishing a vital intelligence mission are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Harold W. Rice, 33602052, Sgt, Armd, 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, in the assault against the enemy held town of Kehmen, Luxembourg, Sgt Rice, while serving as a tank commander, was wounded by sniper fire. Realizing the need for experienced tank commanders in the battle which was increasing in its fury, he voluntarily remained on duty in his tank and capably fought for over three hours. Later when the battle subsided, he agreed to have his wounds dressed while his tank was being serviced. Sgt Rice's gallant courage, aggressiveness, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Wilmot L. Weeks, 32837943, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 February 1945, during a rifle company attack through a well fortified and densely wooded area near Biesdorf, Germany, S Sgt Weeks, a squad leader, took command of his platoon after the platoon leader and platoon sergeant had been wounded.



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Constantly exposing himself to enemy fire, S Sgt Weeks reorganized his platoon of recently assigned men and led them through heavy mortar and artillery fire to successfully assault the objective. Throughout the fire fight he moved from man to man instructing and encouraging them, disregarding his own personal safety. S Sgt Weeks' courage, aggressive leadership, and sincere devotion to duty 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:

William H. Arnold, 37597143, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 5 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Previous attempts to cross the Sure River had been defeated by enemy action and the swift river current. On 5 February 1945, Pvt Arnold, as a member of a reconnaissance patrol, accomplished this hazardous task. Continuing through Wallendorf, Germany, and into the Siegfried Line, they encountered, and after a sharp battle, routed an enemy patrol. After thoroughly reconnoitering the enemy territory and acquiring valuable information he recrossed the river under intense enemy machine gun fire which wounded him. Pvt Arnold's courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty contributed greatly in accomplishing a vital mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Anthony Baker, 33122409, S Sgt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 3 August 1944, to 15 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Harold R. Bell, 35385754, 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, on 23 December 1944, heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire forced a temporary withdrawal. Pfc Bell, then serving as a rifleman, volunteered to risk the withering fire of both enemy and friendly troops and made his way back into the devastated city to evacuate two members of his squad who had been seriously wounded. Through skillful maneuvering he succeeded in dragging the two men to safety. His bravery, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Anthony P. Bua, 42101552, Pfc, 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 the attack on Kehmen, Luxembourg, on 25 December 1944, Pfc Bua, then serving as a member of a light machine gun squad, was directed with the rest of the squad to move to better positions. While thus engaged, he discovered a member of the squad had been seriously wounded. Risking his own life, Pfc Bua, assisted by a companion, went to the aid of the injured soldier and, though subjected to intense enemy fire, he succeeded in evacuating the injured man to safety. His courage,

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initiative, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Francis J. Crean, 33074759, Pfc, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 15 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Murrell C. Fortune, 35601492, 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 night of 23 December 1944, the platoon with which Pfc Fortune was serving as platoon runner, was endangered by the approach to the outpost positions of two enemy tanks, one of which inflicted a severe leg wound upon Pfc Fortune. With utter disregard for his own safety and despite his painful wound, Pfc Fortune maintained steady contact by radio with his company command post, enabling reinforcements to be dispatched without delay, thereby alleviating the seriousness of the platoon's position. His courage, determination, and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Pasquale P. Gragnaniello, 35315280, S Sgt, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 15 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.


Ray L. Hoover, 34710934, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 5 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Previous attempts to cross the Sure River had been defeated by enemy action and the swift river current. On 5 February 1945, Sgt Hoover, as a member of a reconnaissance patrol, crossed the river. Patrolling through Wallendorf, Germany, and into the Siegfried Line they encountered, and after a sharp battle, routed an enemy patrol. After thoroughly reconnoitering the enemy territory and acquiring valuable information, Sgt Hoover successfully returned across the river under intense enemy machine gun fire. His courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty contributed greatly in accomplishing a vital intelligence mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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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:

William C. Hughes, 34334892, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 19 January 1945, near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, during a heavy enemy artillery concentration in the battery area, Tec 5 Hughes, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left the security of his shelter and with an officer obtained valuable information to later use in counter-battery fire against the enemy artillery. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

VINCENT E. KNOX, 01167941, 1st Lt, FA, 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. On 7 February 1945, in Luxembourg, during a heavy enemy artillery concentration in the battery area, Lt Knox, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left the security of his shelter and spent an hour in the impact area gaining valuable information for counter-battery fire against the enemy. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

George E. Martin, 6258184, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 19 January 1945, near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, during a heavy enemy artillery concentration in the battery area, S Sgt Martin, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left the security of his shelter and with an officer obtained valuable information to later use in counter-battery fire against the enemy artillery. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Gerald V. Norris, 36867392, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 5 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Previous attempts to cross the Sure River had been defeated by enemy action and the swift river current. On 5 February 1945, Pvt Norris, as a member of a reconnaissance patrol, crossed the river. Patrolling through Wallendorf, Germany, and into the Siegfried Line, they encountered, and after a sharp battle, routed an enemy patrol. After thoroughly reconnoitering the enemy territory and acquiring valuable information Pvt Norris successfully returned across the river under intense enemy machine gun fire. His courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion

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contributed greatly in accomplishing a vital intelligence mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

D Alvis W. Norten, 16015025, Sgt (then Pvt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 December 1944, during the defense of Ringel, Luxembourg, Sgt Norten, then serving as first gunner of a heavy machine gun section, was observing the progress of an enemy infiltration movement. As the advance came nearer to friendly lines, Sgt Norten, sensing the tactical necessity for rapid fire, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved through withering enemy crossfire and made his way to a machine gun, took charge of the gun, and halted the movement by delivering devastating fire. His alertness was directly responsible for the successful repulsion of the enemy. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Norten are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Marcus J. Pierce, 38209748, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 2 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Serving as Battalion Supply Sergeant, S Sgt Pierce, on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, demonstrated exceptional ingenuity and resourcefulness in supplying front line troops, regardless of the weather, terrain, and tactical conditions. During these operations heavy snow made contact by vehicle with the men at the front impossible. Realizing the pressing need for supplies, S Sgt Pierce commandeered a horse and sled which he used to haul food and ammunition, and in spite of the difficulties involved he was able to keep the men well supplied throughout the entire engagement. His courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

B James J. Predieri, 35632494, S Sgt (then Pfc), Inf, 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, at Cote de Suisse, France, S Sgt Predieri, then serving as platoon runner, was moving forward under a heavy concentration of enemy fire to deliver a message to his platoon leader when he discovered a member of his platoon who had been severely wounded. After administering first aid, he proceeded to carry his comrade to the battalion aid station. While enroute S Sgt Predieri was wounded by enemy shrapnel but in spite of his painful injury he persisted in evacuating the injured man. The courage, determination, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Predieri exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Joseph J. Schauman, 33273141, Tec 3 (then Tec 4), Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 5 - 20 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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John Simko, Jr, 36968673, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 5 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Previous attempts to cross the Sure River had been defeated by enemy action and the swift river current. On 5 February 1945, Pvt Simko, as a member of a reconnaissance patrol, crossed the river. Patrolling through Wallendorf, Germany, and into the Siegfried Line, they encountered, and after a sharp battle, routed an enemy patrol. After thoroughly reconnoitering the enemy territory and acquiring valuable information Pvt Simko successfully returned across the river under intense enemy machine gun fire. His courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty contributed greatly in accomplishing a vital intelligence mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Hugh E. Spencer, 11035850, Tec 5, Ord, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 15 February 1945; in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Chester F. Swiniuch, 33950721, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 5 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Previous attempts to cross the Sure River had been defeated by enemy action and the swift river current. On 5 February 1945, Pvt Swiniuch, as a member of a reconnaissance patrol, accomplished this hazardous task. Continuing through Wallendorf, Germany, and into the Siegfried Line, they encountered, and after a sharp battle, routed an enemy patrol. After thoroughly reconnoitering the enemy territory and acquiring valuable information he recrossed the river under intense enemy machine gun fire which wounded him. Pvt Swiniuch's courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty contributed greatly in accomplishing a vital mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

*Ind* Roy E. Terrell, 35359912, Tec 4, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of Tretteling, France, Tec 4 Terrell, then serving as a medical aid man, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, proceeded from cover and advanced two hundred yards under intense artillery and small arms fire to the aid of three soldiers who had been seriously wounded. Despite the withering enemy fire he administered first aid and succeeded in evacuating the wounded men to a place of safety, and although his mission had been completed, he assisted with the treating of other wounded men and on his own established a collecting point for litter bearing vehicles. The courage, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Terrell are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

*D* Earl W. Wimmer, 33186304, Sgt, 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,

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the machine gun platoon in which Sgt Wimmer was serving as a squad leader, was in a defensive position near Kehmen, Luxembourg, when the enemy launched a powerful counterattack. Displaying an exceptional amount of forethought and attention to detail, Sgt Wimmer managed to establish a strong protective line that prevented the enemy from advancing over a ridge four hundred yards to the immediate front of friendly troops. His self confidence and coolness under fire proved to be inspirational to his men as shown in their aggressive determination in preventing the enemy attack from developing. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exhibited by Sgt Wimmer are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

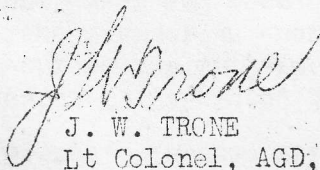
IV. So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 5, this Headquarters, dated 5 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Pvt Donald P. Kiddney 42144241 Inf 26 Dec 44" is rescinded. Soldier was awarded Purple Heart per Section I, GO #4, Hq 135th Gen Hosp, dated 8 Jan 45.

V. Section II, General Orders Number 62, this Headquarters, dated 3 March 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Bronze Star Medal to Pfc Francis P. Zimmerman, 32877582, MD, as reads "Entered military service from Pennsylvania" is amended to read "Entered military service from New York".

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