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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:

Norbert W. Bruns, 37585697, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 25 and 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 December 1944, in the attack on Kehmen, Luxembourg, Cpl Bruns, by skillfully using rifle grenades, neutralized enemy strong points and personally captured an enemy machine gunner who had been delaying the attack. On the following day Cpl Bruns with rifle granades destroyed two enemy machine gun positions and alone assaulted and destroyed another gun and crew. His bravery, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

William Odenwald, 32640131, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action 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 and into the Siegfried Line in Germany on 9 February 1945, food and ammunition supply became critical. Pfc Odenwald 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 Odenwald and his companions labored over rough terrain and up steep banks, often necessitating the use of block and tackle to accomplish their mission. Although severely wounded on the first crossing, Pfc Odenwald continued until six round trips were completed and only then allowed himself to be evacuated. The courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Odenwald exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

II. 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:

Forrest H. Davies, 39925469, Pfc, 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

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period 6 - 8 January 1945, Pfc Davies distinguished himself in performing his duties as a rifleman in a courageous manner. His utter disregard for personal safety and his coolness under the most intense enemy fire have been a continual source of 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 outstanding bravery, high resolve, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Davies exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

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:

Robert J. McDonald, 38194471, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 4 September 1944, to 20 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 4 September 1944, to 20 January 1945, Tec 5 McDonald distinguished himself in performing his duties as lineman in a courageous manner. Working tirelessly, often under intense enemy fire, he has successfully maintained continuous communications within his organization. His efficiency and diligence have earned him the respect of all who served with him. The bravery, technical skill, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 McDonald are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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:

HENRY G. FISHER, C15357, Lt Col, Inf, United States Army. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 6 August 1944, to 2 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from California.

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, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded S Sgt Arlo Z. Estabrook, 31221540, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 2 March 1945.

VI. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 63, this Headquarters, dated 4 March 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "S Sgt Arlo Z. Estabrook 31221540 Inf 2 Mar 45" is rescinded.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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/ J. W. TRONE Lt Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General

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