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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:

Lohman M. Bailey, 37553742, Sgt (then Cpl), Cav, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 26 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 January 1945, during an attack toward Hosingen, Luxembourg, the Division Reconnaissance Troop was affording flank protection by road patrols. Sgt Bailey, in command of five other members of the troop, volunteered to contact adjoining units in Munshausen, Luxembourg, and shortly before dark when only five hundred yards from the village the patrol was fired upon by an enemy anti-tank gun. Sgt Bailey and his companions, on foot, flanked and captured the enemy gun and ammunition. Voluntarily continuing on into the village they captured thirty one of the enemy and by clearing the town eliminated a possible threat to the attacking Division. The courage, aggressiveness, and steadfast devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Bailey are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Dakota.

~~V~~ Gayle E. Baker, 33525087, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, near St Avold, France, the squad which S Sgt Baker was leading in an attack was temporarily delayed by direct fire from machine guns in a strong enemy position. Realizing that artillery fire was necessary to neutralize the position, S Sgt Baker, even though wounded, advanced across open ground to lead an artillery observer to a position from which artillery fire was directed upon the enemy. With this supporting fire S Sgt Baker continued leading his squad until his painful wounds no longer permitted further activity. His courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

James J. Beauford, 34128472, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 and 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 February 1945, near Biesdorf, Germany, S Sgt Beauford, a squad leader, reorganized and took command of his platoon when the platoon sergeant and the platoon leader were wounded. Further advance was hindered by the fire of an enemy tank which killed the rocket launcher operator. Unable to find a launcher which would

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work, S Sgt Beauford advanced alone against the tank and killing the commander and observer forced the tank to withdraw. On the following day when a machine gun crew was wounded S Sgt Beauford crawled to the exposed gun position and delivered such effective fire that the attack was able to proceed successfully. His courage, leadership, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Grant E. Beitler, 33235320, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 February 1945, during a river crossing in Luxembourg, the only available evacuation route for casualties was under enemy observation and direct artillery fire which prevented ambulances from reaching the aid station. S Sgt Beitler, with a litter equipped quarter ton truck, voluntarily evacuated fifty two seriously wounded men, making twenty trips in all under continual enemy fire. He skillfully drove his vehicle to cover between falling rounds of artillery and mortar fire, saving the wounded from further injury. S Sgt Beitler's courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Alfred J. S. Clark, 35434640, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 9 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 February 1945, near Dillingen, Luxembourg, an infantry battalion was holding a bridgehead across the Sauer River into the Siegfried Line. Sgt Clark was dispatched to repair a communication line which two wire crews had been unable to repair because of the intense artillery fire along the river. Determined to accomplish his mission, he attached a wire to a rifle grenade and fired it across the river. Crossing in a small boat he was swept fifteen hundred yards downstream and returned through intense fire to repair the wire and restore communications. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Clark exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Charles Elliott, 36583841, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 31 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 31 January 1945, while reconnoitering along the Sure River in Luxembourg, Pfc Elliott located activity on the enemy side of the river. With a companion he was returning to warn the patrol leader when the enemy fired grenades at them. Running to escape, his companion fell on a mine, but Pfc Elliott continued on to report the situation. Disregarding the danger, he returned to his wounded comrade and attempted to carry him to safety. When the rest of the patrol found the two men, Pfc Elliott also had been wounded but was still trying to carry his comrade to the rear. His courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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William C. Fite, 35460568, 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 Fite 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 Fite 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 first and third crossings, Pfc Fite continued until six round trips were completed to keep the battalion supplied until a bridge was erected. His courage, determination, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Howard J. Jeschke, 15105136, Sgt, Cav, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Enscherange, Luxembourg, on 23 January 1945, surprise fire forced the temporary withdrawal of a nine man reconnaissance patrol leaving two seriously wounded men on the road where they fell. Sgt Jeschke, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, ordered his armored car to move down the road while he manned the machine gun in the turret. From this exposed position Sgt Jeschke returned the increased enemy fire until the two wounded men were rescued. By his accurate fire two enemy machine guns and a German ammunition distributing point were destroyed. His courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Carl W. Mathews, 38699374, 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, near Biesdorf, Germany, heavy machine gun fire delayed a rifle company advance enabling enemy mortar and artillery fire to register on the position. Realizing that many casualties would result unless the machine gun was destroyed, S Sgt Mathews led his platoon on a flanking movement which drew severe fire from the enemy. Disregarding his own personal safety, he led his men to positions from which they destroyed the machine gun and killed the supporting crew. The courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Mathews exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Joseph J. O'Heiko, 32601332, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, near Vichten, Luxembourg, Pfc O'Heiko and a companion, after performing liaison duties all night under difficult conditions, located enemy guns which were firing on his tank destroyer company, and, crawling to an exposed position, he directed effective fire to destroy the enemy. Ordered to withdraw, he evacuated two wounded infantrymen along a road that was being shelled by enemy artillery. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Pfc O'Heiko later

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returned to give aid to other wounded men he had observed along the road and to evacuate three of the more severely injured soldiers. Pfc O'Heiko's courage, initiative, and profound devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CHARLES E. SCHROEDER, 01016079, 1st Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, while supporting an infantry attack on Ringel, Luxembourg, Lt Schroeder, tank platoon leader, received fire from enemy tanks on nearby commanding ground. Although two of his tanks had been disabled, Lt Schroeder ordered an attack upon the enemy and led his platoon until enemy fire destroyed his command tank. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Lt Schroeder stood on the tank and extricated the wounded members of his crew, evacuating them to safety through intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. His courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

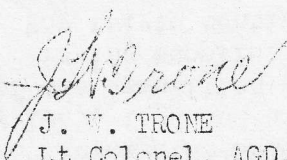
Stephen F. Sikorski, 32691158, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, near Vichten, Luxembourg, Sgt Sikorski and a companion, after performing liaison duties all night under difficult conditions, located enemy guns which were firing on his tank destroyer company, and, crawling to an exposed position, he directed effective fire to destroy the enemy. Ordered to withdraw, he evacuated two infantrymen along a road that was being shelled by enemy artillery. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Sgt Sikorski later returned to give aid to other wounded men he had observed along the road and to evacuate three of the more severely injured soldiers. Sgt Sikorski's courage, initiative, and profound devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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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:

Vincent J. Degrazia, 33921995, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 February 1945, Pfc Degrazia volunteered with two other soldiers to form a rocket launcher team and eliminate an enemy strongpoint which was holding up the advance of his company. Moving toward the objective, they suddenly encountered two enemy soldiers and killed them in the ensuing fire fight. Continuing forward, they succeeded in destroying the enemy position. In this action Pfc Degrazia was mortally wounded. The outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Degrazia are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

Leon G. Anderson, 37306118, Cpl, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany during the period 8 - 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 - 11 February 1945, Cpl Anderson distinguished himself in performing his duties as litter squad leader in a courageous manner. Serving with forward elements of the infantry, he has consistently demonstrated coolness under fire and disregard for his personal safety. Repeatedly he has led his litter bearers forward under intense enemy fire and successfully evacuated battle casualties. His bravery, untiring efforts, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

QUINTUS C. ATKINSON, V, 026317, 1st Lt, FA, United States Army. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944, Lt Atkinson, leading his tank destroyer platoon against an enemy held town, observed an infantryman fall wounded about three hundred yards from his position. With utter disregard for his own safety, Lt Atkinson, under intense enemy fire, jumped out of his tank destroyer, advanced to the wounded soldier, and carried him to a safe position. After administering vitally needed first aid, he had him evacuated. The outstanding bravery, initiative, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lt Atkinson exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from New York.

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James A. Baldassare, 33282580, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Milton E. Beimler, 33226040, Tec 4, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 November 1944, to 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 November 1944, to 1 February 1945, Tec 4 Beimler distinguished himself in performing his duties as radio operator in a courageous manner. Serving with a reconnaissance troop, Tec 4 Beimler has operated his radio under intense enemy fire for long periods of time without relief. His skillful and efficient work in maintaining unbroken communications has greatly contributed to the success of the operations of his unit. The bravery, determination, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Beimler are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Herbert W. Bentzin, 37314025, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 20 November 1944, to 28 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 20 November 1944, to 28 January 1945, Tec 4 Bentzin distinguished himself in performing his duties as radio operator in a courageous manner. Disregarding personal safety, he has operated his radio on many occasions in exposed positions under heavy enemy fire. By maintaining uninterrupted communications, he has greatly assisted in the delivery of timely and accurate artillery fire. The outstanding bravery, skill, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Bentzin are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

PAUL E. CASSELL, 01310979, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 20 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 20 January 1945, Lt Cassell led a patrol into hostile territory to locate enemy installations. After discovering and charting a mine field, the patrol was moving toward a German observation post when their advance was discovered. Despite heavy enemy mortar fire, Lt Cassell continued forward until forced to withdraw under severe tank and small arms fire. The information he secured proved of invaluable assistance to the attacking battalion the following morning. The leadership, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Lt Cassell exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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Paul I. Chapmon, 16051796, S 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, S Sgt Chapmon distinguished himself in performing his duties as platoon guide 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

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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, resourcefulness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Chapmon exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ ED Donald R. Chism, 37709331, 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 period 6 - 8 January 1945, Pfc Chism distinguished himself in performing his duties as light machine gunner 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, resourcefulness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Chism exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.

Charles S. Conley, 33768680, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 February 1945, Pfc Conley volunteered with two other soldiers to form a rocket launcher team and eliminate an enemy strongpoint which was holding up the advance of his company. Moving toward the objective, they suddenly encountered two enemy soldiers and killed them in the ensuing fire fight. Continuing forward, they succeeded in destroying the enemy position. The outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Conley are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Fred F. Davis, 35408672, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 8 August 1944, to 19 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 19 February 1945, T Sgt Davis distinguished himself in performing his duties in a superior manner. Serving as a mortar platoon sergeant, he has demonstrated leadership, courage, and resourcefulness in combat. On occasions, he has acted as platoon leader and forward observer when those officers became battle casualties. From forward vantage points, frequently exposed to hostile fire, his accurate fire directions have contributed materially in neutralizing strong enemy positions. His bravery, initiative, and constant devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN R. DeBOLT, 01172431, 1st Lt, FA, 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, Lt DeBolt was serving as a forward observer with an assaulting infantry company. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he established an observation post in an area which was being subjected to heavy enemy fire. His accurate direction of artillery fire neutralized the hostile positions and permitted

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the safe withdrawal of a reconnaissance patrol. The outstanding bravery, determination, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt DeBolt are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.


Robert M. Fraza, 16067471, Tec 3, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Cleo A. Hagerty, 37596840, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 February 1945, Pvt Hagerty volunteered with two other soldiers to form a rocket launcher team and eliminate an enemy strongpoint which was holding up the advance of his company. Moving toward the objective, they suddenly encountered two enemy soldiers and killed them in the ensuing fire fight. Continuing forward, they succeeded in destroying the enemy position. The outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Hagerty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Dakota.

John C. Hall, 16052369, S Sgt, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 17 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 17 September 1944, S Sgt Hall, serving as a platoon sergeant of a reconnaissance company, found his unit temporarily surrounded on Mousson Hill and volunteered to take out a patrol to determine the strength of the enemy encirclement. Under intense hostile fire, he led his patrol deep into enemy territory returning with valuable information which contributed materially to the successful relief of his comrades. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Hall are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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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:

Charles F. Hampel, 33784195, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 10 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 January 1945, T Sgt Hampel led a patrol of forty men into a wooded area with instructions to harass the enemy. Arriving at a predetermined position, he established listening and observation posts, directed effective artillery fire on enemy positions, and sent out small patrols on reconnaissance. While carrying out his assigned mission he ambushed and captured an entire enemy patrol. The leadership, courage, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Hampel exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Aubrey G. Harris, 35330904, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 10 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 January 1945, Tec 5 Harris was serving as a truck driver with an infantry service company. Disregarding his personal safety and breaking his way through snow drifts over almost impassable roads, he delivered hot food, bedrolls, and ammunition to the line troops of his battalion. His courageous action, despite enemy fire and adverse weather conditions, contributed materially to the comfort and morale of the men. The bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Harris are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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FD DAMON HOLDITCH, 01296695, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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FD Henry B. Jennings, 35330351, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 10 August 1944, to 31 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 10 August 1944, to 31 January 1945, Sgt Jennings distinguished himself in performing his duties in a courageous manner. Serving as Demolition and Reconnaissance Sergeant, he has consistently demonstrated coolness under fire and exceptional ability in reconnoitering enemy positions. His efficiency in locating and removing enemy mines and booby traps, frequently under hostile fire, has greatly contributed to the success of his unit in combat. The outstanding bravery, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Jennings are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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David M. H. Jones, 33693842, S 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, during a withdrawal to better positions, the company with which S Sgt Jones was serving as section leader suffered casualties. Obtaining a truck, S Sgt Jones voluntarily returned to the area still under intense enemy fire and proceeded to evacuate the wounded. Struck by shrapnel, he continued to load the vehicle disregarding his own painful condition. Then he drove the injured men to an aid station under a heavy enemy artillery barrage. His outstanding courage, initiative, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Garlie V. Legg, 35644154, 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 Legg 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 Legg, 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 West Virginia.

MARSHALL J. LEPINE, 01822023, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, Lt Lepine was commanding a platoon of tank destroyers supporting infantry and tanks that had been temporarily delayed because of intense fire from dug-in German positions. Despite the continuing hostile fire, Lt Lepine bravely led his platoon forward against the enemy strongholds. Using small arms, hand grenades, and 90mm fire, Lt Lepine's platoon knocked out one enemy tank and three anti-tank guns, thereby permitting our forces to advance and consolidate positions. His courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Floyd W. Lober, 36464759, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany during the period 9 - 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 9 - 12 February 1945, Tec 5 Lober distinguished himself in performing his duties as radio operator in a courageous manner. Serving with advance elements of his battalion, he has consistently maintained unbroken radio communications even under the heaviest enemy fire. On one occasion, during an assault on a strongly fortified enemy position, Tec 5 Lober operated his radio continuously for seventy two hours without relief thereby contributing materially to the success of the mission. His bravery, technical skill, and untiring devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Manuel E. Lopez, 38459347, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 9 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 February 1945, Pfc Lopez, while serving as an aid man with an assaulting infantry company, observed a wounded soldier lying some five hundred yards in front of the company. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Pfc Lopez advanced under continuous enemy fire to the injured man. He carried him to a safe position, rendered first aid, and successfully evacuated him. The bravery, initiative, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Lopez exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

George W. Lowrey, 38327047, Tec 5, 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 Oklahoma.

Willis W. Roush, 35173944, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 30 November 1944, to 1 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 30 November 1944, to 1 December 1944, Pfc Roush distinguished himself in performing his duties as a rifleman in a courageous manner. He has demonstrated outstanding initiative and aggressiveness under combat conditions. On one occasion, disregarding his own personal safety, he led a group of walking wounded through an area under enemy control to an aid station and later returned with litter squads to evacuate the more serious casualties. The bravery, determination, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Roush exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Harold N. Thorson, 39183660, Tec 4 (then Cpl), FA, 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, Tec 4 Thorson was serving as radio operator of a forward observer crew attached to an advancing rifle company. When the infantrymen were temporarily delayed by intense enemy fire, Tec 4 Thorson, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled to within fifty yards of the German positions, recovered a radio, and, calling for supporting artillery fire, enabled the infantry company to make a successful withdrawal. His bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

IVAN B. TOMPKINS, 02041137, 2d Lt, Inf, 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, Lt Tompkins was in command of a machine gun platoon supporting an infantry rifle company in an assault on an enemy held town. Disregarding personal safety and despite the most intense enemy fire, he fearlessly led his men forward and directed deadly fire on hostile strongpoints. Courageously making repeated trips from his own position to that of the rifle company commander. Lt Tompkins insured a completely coordinated attack. His outstanding leadership, bravery, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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Delbert J. Wehrley, 35125435, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 31 December 1944, to 1 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 31 December 1944, to 1 January 1945, Tec 5 Wehrley distinguished himself in performing his duties as scout and observer in a courageous manner. With total disregard for personal safety, he has repeatedly reconnoitered deep in hostile territory and returned with valuable information concerning enemy gun positions and troop concentrations that has materially contributed to the success of his unit in combat. The outstanding bravery, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Wehrley are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

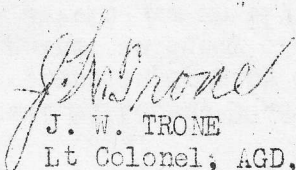
EDGAR C. WILSON, 01165466, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 1 November 1944, to 11 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 1 November 1944, to 11 December 1944, Lt Wilson distinguished himself in performing his duties as battalion liaison officer in a superior manner. His personal courage and outstanding ability have been a source of inspiration to all those serving with him. By maintaining close liaison between forward elements of the infantry and supporting artillery units, he has contributed materially to the success of operations against the enemy. The bravery, efficiency, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lt Wilson exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Arthur Zamarripa, 39295135, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 February 1945, heavy fighting had caused numerous casualties. Pfc Zamarripa, a litter bearer in a battalion aid station, volunteered to contact the collecting station and bring up needed ambulances and additional litter bearers. Proceeding on his mission under intense enemy fire, he encountered twelve wounded whom he treated and led to safety. Reaching his destination, Pfc Zamarripa organized an ambulance-litter bearer shuttle system that was primarily responsible for the rapid evacuation of the wounded. His bravery, initiative, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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