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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:

WALTER HODGE, 02006425; 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After capturing Biesdorf, Germany, on 13 February 1945, the occupying troops were harassed by artillery and mortar fire registered from a pillbox on a nearby hill. Lt Hodge and two enlisted men volunteered to destroy the position. While his two companions, armed with demolitions, circled to the rear of the pillbox, Lt Hodge boldly assaulted the front to attract attention from the encircling movement and, after killing a guard, placed such effective fire on the entrance that fourteen enemy soldiers were unable to escape and were forced to surrender. Lt Hodge's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Ray L. Hoover, 34710934, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After capturing Biesdorf, Germany, on 13 February 1945, the occupying troops were harassed by artillery and mortar fire registered from a pillbox on a nearby hill. Sgt Hoover, an officer, and another enlisted man volunteered to destroy the position. While the lieutenant assaulted the front of the pillbox Sgt Hoover and his companion, armed with demolitions, moved to the rear where they encountered two guards. In the firefight which followed, they killed the guards and then detonated their charges against the rear aperture of the pillbox forcing fourteen Germans to surrender. Sgt Hoover's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Owen H. Jones, 13076428, Tec 4, 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. Tec 4 Jones and 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. Tec 4 Jones and

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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 Tec 4 Jones are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Reinhold G. Leske, 35313239, Pfc, 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. Pfc Leske and 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. Pfc Leske 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 Pfc Leske are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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:

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Kenneth E. Woodlief, 34311326, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After liberating Dahl in Luxembourg, two infantry battalions repulsed repeated enemy attempts to recapture the town. On 8 January 1945, during an extremely severe attack, S Sgt Woodlief, a squad leader, distinguished himself by the courageous and aggressive manner in which he used his skill to repel the enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he moved from position to position to combat each fierce enemy thrust by ably performing his duties as a squad leader. S Sgt Woodlief's 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 North Carolina.

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:

Edward Campbell, Jr, 34631580, Cpl, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 20 February 1945, hearing a terrific explosion near the anti-aircraft artillery battery with which he was serving as an aid man, Cpl Campbell and a companion rushed to the scene to find that two men had been hit by fragments from an exploding mine. Disregarding the danger to himself, Cpl Campbell rushed into the mine field and

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administered aid to the one man still alive. When a stretcher was brought to him Cpl Campbell and his companion evacuated the wounded man to a clearing station. Cpl Campbell's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Hoyt E. Hollifield, 34760448, Pvt, CAC, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 20 February 1945, after hearing a terrific explosion near the anti-aircraft artillery battery with which he was serving, Pvt Hollifield accompanied an aid man to the scene to find that two men had been hit by fragments from an exploding mine. Disregarding the danger to himself, Pvt Hollifield rushed into the mine field to help administer aid to the one man still alive. Pvt Hollifield left the area, found a stretcher, and returned through the mined area to help the aid man evacuate the wounded man to an aid station. Pvt Hollifield's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Co B Walter Jodik, 33185971, S Sgt, 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. On 23 December 1944, S Sgt Jodik and his squad was assigned the mission of protecting the company flank during the attack on Kehmen, Luxembourg. On entering the town machine gun fire delayed the infantrymen. Despite the grazing fire S Sgt Jodik worked his way to the enemy position and, hurling a hand grenade, destroyed the gun and crew. Encouraged by their squad leader's example the squad advanced rapidly, overran the enemy strongpoint, and took the objective. S Sgt Jodik's courage and initiative exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

med. Anthony C. Meli, 32730659, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a sharp encounter near Goesdorf, Luxembourg, on 7 January 1945, an infantry company was forced to withdraw to a defensive position and leave many wounded in a field exposed to enemy small arms fire. Even though all attempts to reach these men had been thwarted by intense crossfire from hostile machine guns, Pfc Meli, a litter bearer, with the members of his squad, voluntarily attempted to reach the injured men. Undaunted by being driven back on the first attempt Pfc Meli crawled to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Pfc Meli's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Co A Stanley K. Risner, 17025556, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 6 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Goesdorf, Luxembourg, on 6 January 1945, S Sgt Risner performed his duty in a superior manner. Through sound judgment he maneuvered his squad so skillfully that he was able to drive the enemy from strong defensive positions without having a casualty in his squad. S Sgt Risner's courage and judgment made

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possible the capture of twenty enemy soldiers and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Clifford D. Sherrill, 38203697, S Sgt, Inf, 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, near Frettlng, France, the company in which S Sgt Sherrill served as light machine gun section leader was temporarily delayed on its advance through the Maginot Line by heavy small arms fire. Moving his section forward to support the riflemen S Sgt Sherrill, by exposing himself, was able to place such effective fire on the enemy that his company was able to advance and take its objective. S Sgt Sherrill's courage, skill, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded S Sgt Burton A. Kellerstedt, 11104605, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 10 March 1945.

V. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on date indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pfc Lloyd E. Wilson Jr	33278376	Cav	3 Mar 45
Pfc Eugene Elrod	34710900	Cav	3 Mar 45

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