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SECTION

I - Award of Bronze Star.

I. 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:

Co L. George R. Anderson, 36456440, Pfc, 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, Pfc Anderson, a rifle grenadier, 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 rifle grenadier. Pfc Anderson'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 Michigan.

Co A. Chester P. Benben, 42025153, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 9 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 January 1945, near Dahl, Luxembourg, Pvt Benben volunteered to help evacuate a wounded patrol leader who was lying three hundred yards beyond friendly lines. Disregarding the intense enemy mortar and small arms fire, Pvt Benben advanced with two other men to the wounded officer and after placing him on a litter took turns carrying him and firing at the enemy to cover the party's withdrawal. Pvt Benben's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

med. Adolph B. Brown, 39577892, 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 Brown, 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 Brown crawled to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Pfc Brown's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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Co L Max A. Coleman, 35750601, Pfc, 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, Pfc Coleman, a rocket launcher operator, 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 rocket launcher operator. Pfc Coleman'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 West Virginia.

Co L Jessie E. Cummins, 38459580, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In clearing the town of Merzig, Luxembourg, on 22 December 1944, the platoon leader of the platoon in which Pvt Cummins was serving as assistant squad leader was wounded by the intense fire. Pvt Cummins assisted in leading the platoon to a covered position and then attempted to go to the aid of the wounded officer. Enemy tank fire forced him to withdraw until a friendly tank was brought up. Again Pvt Cummins entered the danger zone to successfully evacuate the wounded platoon leader. Pvt Cummins' courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

med Bernard R. Hellsten, 16010185, Pvt, 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, Pvt Hellsten, 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, Pvt Hellsten crawled to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Pvt Hellsten's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

med Dewey E. Hendley, 39557713, 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 Hendley, 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 Hendley crawled to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Pfc Hendley's

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courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Co A Eddie L. LaGrange, 31399093, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 9 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 January 1945, near Dahl, Luxembourg, Pfc LaGrange volunteered to help evacuate a wounded patrol leader who was lying three hundred yards beyond friendly lines. Disregarding the intense enemy mortar and small arms fire, Pfc LaGrange advanced with two other men to the wounded officer and after placing him on a litter took turns carrying him and firing at the enemy to cover the party's withdrawal. Pfc LaGrange's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maine.

Co A Arzie McIntyre, 35386415, Sgt (then Pfc), Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 9 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 January 1945, near Dahl, Luxembourg, Sgt McIntyre volunteered to help evacuate a wounded patrol leader who was lying three hundred yards beyond friendly lines. Disregarding the intense enemy mortar and small arms fire, Sgt McIntyre advanced with two other men to the wounded officer and after placing him on a litter took turns carrying him and firing at the enemy to cover the party's withdrawal. Sgt McIntyre's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Co A SAM D. MERRILL, 01313699, 1st Lt, 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, Lt Merrill led his platoon against strongly held defensive positions in the town. With utter disregard for his own safety he led a squad through intense enemy fire to skillfully outmaneuver the defenders and succeeded in killing or wounding all of the enemy. Lt Merrill's resourcefulness, courage, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

med Uber E. Robinson, 33124638, 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 Robinson, 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 Robinson crawled to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Pfc Robinson's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service

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Med. Matilde Rodriguez, 38629771, Tec 5 (then 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, Tec 5 Rodriguez, 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, Tec 5 Rodriguez crawled to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Tec 5 Rodriguez's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Co B Frank B. Sorrell, 35313133, S 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. On 6 January 1945, in the attack on Goesdorf, Luxembourg, S Sgt Sorrell was leading his squad through the edge of the town. Having cleared a number of buildings they were further delayed by machine gun and rocket fire from another house. With half of his squad he moved against the strongpoint and by exposing himself to fire located the enemy guns which were promptly destroyed and the crews killed. His courage, coolness under fire, and leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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