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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:

med John A. Corbin, 42081822, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action 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 to leave many wounded in a field exposed to enemy small arms fire. While aiding a wounded man, Tec 5 Corbin, a medical corpsman was dazed by the impact of an enemy machine gun bullet hitting his helmet. Recovering, he finished his mission and on reaching the aid station volunteered to lead litter squads to the other injured soldiers. Undaunted by being driven back on the first attempt, Tec 5 Corbin advanced to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Tec 5 Corbin's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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:

Co B Shelley L. Bates, 37211613, T Sgt (then S Sgt), 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, while defending the newly liberated town of Ringel, Luxembourg, against determined German counterattacks the company in which T Sgt Bates served as a mortar section leader was subjected to heavy enemy preparatory fire which destroyed all communication wires in the area. Realizing that the enemy foot troops were attacking on a front to which he had no observation, T Sgt Bates moved through the terrific artillery barrage to an advance foxhole from which, by radio, he directed effective mortar fire on the enemy materially aiding in repelling the attack. His timely action, courage, and efficiency are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

med John W. Boire, 19201775, Cpl (then Tec 5), 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

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these men had been thwarted by intense crossfire from hostile machine guns, Cpl Boire, 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, Cpl Boire crawled to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Cpl Boire's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Ronald S. Law, 35228769, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany 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.

med. William R. Littleton, 34703722, Tec 5 (then Pfc), MD, 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, near Kehmen, Luxembourg, a battalion aid station was notified that a seriously wounded soldier was lying in the deep snow a hundred yards to the front of friendly lines. Tec 5 Littleton, realizing that unless immediately evacuated this man would soon succumb to the intense cold, with utter disregard for his own safety shouldered a Red Cross flag and boldly advanced to the wounded soldier. Sporadic enemy rifle fire met his advance but he continued onward, rendered necessary aid, and successfully evacuated the wounded man. Tec 5 Littleton's courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

med. Tomas M. Martinez, 38441541, Tec 5, 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 Martinez, 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 Martinez crawled to the wounded soldiers and aided in evacuating all of them to safety. Tec 5 Martinez's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

6.6 III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded Pfc Nicholas C. Catalano, 32917805, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 10 March 1945.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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