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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:

2nd Bn Hq Lewis Kaufman, 20402326, 1st Sgt, Inf, 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. During a pressing counterattack at Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, on 24 December 1944, the command post was threatened. 1st Sgt Kaufman coolly organized all available clerks, wiremen, and messengers into a defense and was an inspiration in the repulse of the enemy. Though wounded he refused to leave his fire position until the threat was overcome. Such aggressiveness and courage are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Co B. Raymond Moreno, 38529655, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. As a member of a nine man squad which had the mission of protecting the company flank on 8 January 1945, in Dahl, Luxembourg, Pfc Moreno capably aided in the fight against a powerful enemy tank and infantry attack. Finally forced to withdraw to a building after carrying three wounded men to the building with him, Pfc Moreno refused to retreat farther and doggedly fought from room to room using hand grenades, bayonet, and captured weapons against the numerically superior enemy. After four hours of savage hand to hand combat, twenty five Germans surrendered to the remaining eight Americans, five of whom were wounded. Pfc Moreno's outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Co B. Warren Nilchee, 38580019, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. As a member of a nine man squad which had the mission of protecting an infantry company flank on 8 January 1945, in Dahl, Luxembourg, Pfc Nilchee capably aided in the fight against a powerful enemy tank and infantry attack. Finally forced to withdraw to a building after carrying three wounded men to the building with him, Pfc Nilchee refused to retreat farther and doggedly fought from room to room using hand grenades, bayonet, and captured weapons against the numerically superior enemy. After four hours of savage hand to hand combat, twenty five Germans surrendered to the remaining eight Americans, five of whom were wounded. Pfc

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Wilchee's outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Mexico.

William G. Penrod, 20731980, T 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. T Sgt Penrod, an officer, and another enlisted man volunteered to destroy the position. While the officer assaulted the front of the pillbox T Sgt Penrod 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, although T Sgt Penrod was painfully wounded in the arm, he and his companion detonated charges against the rear aperture of the pillbox, forcing fourteen Germans to surrender. T Sgt Penrod's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

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:

James F. Barker, 37350770, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.

Co A Frank W. Holland, 33320981, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 5 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 5 December 1944, T Sgt Holland distinguished himself in performing his duties as platoon sergeant in a courageous manner. He has displayed coolness under fire and outstanding ability as a leader. On one occasion, when the platoon sergeant was evacuated, T Sgt Holland, then a squad leader, assumed command and led the platoon to the successful completion of its mission. The outstanding bravery, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Holland 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 (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:

James R. Bevins, 35649359, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 1 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 1 February 1945, in Luxembourg, Tec 4 Bevins, a radio operator for a Field Artillery Battery, observed heavy enemy artillery shells falling in the battery area. At the height of the

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concentration, Tec 4 Bevins left his shelter and, working in the impact area, obtained valuable data for counter-battery fire. Disregarding the steady shelling, Tec 4 Bevins carried this information to the battery headquarters in order that from his shell report the battery could neutralize the enemy fire. Tec 4 Bevins' courage, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Homer I. Peninger, 34435135, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany during the period 6 February 1945, to 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 - 12 February 1945, Tec 5 Peninger distinguished himself in performing his duties as radio operator in a courageous manner. Serving with a liaison section attached to an infantry battalion, he has operated his radio, frequently under the heaviest enemy fire, for long periods of time without relief. His skillful and efficient work in maintaining unbroken communications has greatly contributed to the effective artillery support given the infantry. The bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Peninger exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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:

Otis H. Barron, 18004483, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 15 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

KENNETH C. MARTIN, 0513338, Capt, Ch Corps, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany during the period 21 September 1944, to 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Terry E. Ward, 6249181, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in Luxembourg during the period 24 December 1944, to 6 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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 S Sgt Wayne A. Gardner, 38118997, MD, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 9 February 1945.

VI. 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 the following named personnel:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Sgt Joseph Jones Jr	33613947	Inf	8 Feb

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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1ST LT PHILIP H. WAGNER	01032403	Cav	6 Mar 45
S Sgt Samuel J. Switzer	33111013	Inf	9 Feb 45
Tec 4 Felix Sajewicz	35287822	Armd	8 Mar 45
Tec 4 Lawrence Nicolodi Jr	33621668	Armd	8 Mar 45
Tec 4 Philip E. Gaynor	35232336	Armd	8 Mar 45
Pvt Harris P. Pauley	36993006	Armd	8 Mar 45
Sgt William W. Beard	38132934	Armd	8 Mar 45
Tec 4 Frank W. Martin	39394493	Armd	9 Mar 45
Tec 5 George J. Ellis	33601555	Armd	9 Mar 45
Cpl Jay Lutke	36975093	Armd	9 Mar 45
Sgt Edwin A. Gleizes	32786390	Armd	9 Mar 45
S Sgt Stewart K. Burr	39676847	MD	13 Mar 45
Tec 5 Robert L. Reed	33650497	MD	13 Mar 45
Sgt Thomas S. Ryan	32638517	Inf	13 Mar 45
Cpl Robert M. Watson	35745999	FA	13 Mar 45
Pfc Jacob J. Schwartz	39608692	FA	13 Mar 45
Pvt Sylvester Wadford	34635747	FA	13 Mar 45

VII. So much of Section XII, General Orders Number 55, this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as pertains to "Pfc Coit C. Blake 39694603 Inf 21 Feb 45" is amended to award enlisted man the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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