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I. 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:

PRENTISS W. FOREMAN, 01301285, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 February 1945, during the forced crossing of the Sauer River Capt Foreman, while serving as Battalion S-3, distinguished himself by taking a position on the west side of the river and, though under heavy enemy mortar, machine gun, and artillery fire, directed the flow of supplies and troops over the treacherous water until he was rendered unconscious from the concussion of an enemy artillery shell. After regaining consciousness he resumed operations and worked for thirty six hours without sleep or rest. The courageous and tireless efforts of Capt Foreman materially aided the successful river crossing by his battalion. His aggressive leadership, determination, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Edward Pushnik, 33240454, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 February 1945, S Sgt Pushnik, then serving as mess sergeant, and two other soldiers were forced to take cover from enemy mortar and artillery fire while attempting a crossing of the Sauer River near Dillingen, Luxembourg. Observing two men whose boat had capsized and who could not swim, S Sgt Pushnik and his two companions ran out from their cover, secured a boat and, though subjected to heavy enemy fire, started after the drowning men. After successfully rescuing the two men they applied artificial respiration until medical aid men arrived and completed the evacuation. The courage, bravery, and devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Pushnik are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (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 Air Medal and three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

ROBERT R. ANDERSON, 01182318, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 12

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January 1945, to 2 March 1945, as an Artillery Aerial Observer in completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

III. 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 two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc Francis G. Gayton, 33320058, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 14 March 1945.

C 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 Pfc Gerald O. Seltzer, 35388336, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 15 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 dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pvt John D. Wilson	37694932	Inf	14 Mar 45
Sgt Frank Bartels Jr	36672519	Inf	15 Mar 45
Sgt Thomas S. Ryan	32638517	Inf	15 Mar 45
C Sgt Chesley H. Nichols Jr	38602763	Inf	15 Mar 45
C Sgt Edward L. Orcutt	11017519	Inf	15 Mar 45
C Pfc John R. Butler	36715385	Inf	15 Mar 45
A Pvt David B. Epstein	35928118	Inf	15 Mar 45
C Pvt Ralph E. Cruise	36987436	Inf	15 Mar 45

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 for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Pvt Nicholas Banyas	11019532	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Coy Blagg	38191881	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Albert R. Laventure	31428274	Inf	14 Mar 45
Tec 4 Rupert C. Brown	37615316	MD	14 Mar 45
Sgt Peyton B. York	38606861	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc James L. Scott	33376589	Inf	14 Mar 45
CAPT RAYMOND N. TALCOTT	01165579	FA	14 Mar 45
Sgt Floyd R. McConnell	37630800	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Nelson J. Knebel	36979815	Inf	14 Mar 45
Cpl George C. Hill	35833199	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Manoog H. Shabouian	31264718	Inf	15 Mar 45
Cpl Bernard W. Bingham	31360815	Inf	15 Mar 45

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Cpl Phillip S. Garcia	38683399	Inf	15 Mar 45
<i>✓</i> Pfc Charles F. Stribley	39053396	Inf	15 Mar 45
<i>D</i> 2D LT JOSEPH A. BORELLA	02009791	Inf	15 Mar 45
<i>✓</i> Pfc James P. Hamelin	31411672	Inf	15 Mar 45
<i>✓</i> Pvt Robert P. Trauterman	13188830	Inf	15 Mar 45
<i>✓</i> Pfc Peter Siconolfi	33614918	Inf	15 Mar 45
<i>✓</i> Pfc Leroy A. Degner	36809600	Inf	15 Mar 45
<i>13m</i> Pvt Vernon R. Hammond	39467954	Inf	15 Mar 45
Tec 5 Wayne T. Brown	35408759	FA	16 Mar 45

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