

HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 80, U. S. Army

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m Emery E. Freeman, 38209325, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on St Avold, France, on 26 November 1944, S Sgt Freeman ordered the machine gun section which he commanded to move forward in order to relieve pressure on a rifle platoon delayed by heavy enemy fire. All of the members of one of his gun crews were wounded leaving no one to man the gun. Disregarding personal danger, S Sgt Freeman, alone, carried the heavy gun and a box of ammunition two hundred and fifty yards into a position from which he so effectively fired that the riflemen were able to move to cover. Ordering his men to withdraw, he then assisted his wounded men to safety after securing the weapon. S Sgt Freeman's courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

GORDON D. GOERKE, 01060461, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 2 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 2 March 1945, Capt Goerke, a rifle company commander, was leading his men in an assault on Aach, Germany. A heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire temporarily delayed the attack. Exposing himself to the severe shelling, Capt Goerke moved from man to man and soon encouraged the company to advance to its objective. On entering the town another mortar concentration was registered among the men during which Capt Goerke was mortally wounded. Capt Goerke's courage, leadership, and devotion to duty inspired his men to continue under great odds and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

II. 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:

William C. Bateman, 38175417, 1st Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 February 1945, in combat military operations against an enemy of the United States. At

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February 1945, 1st Sgt Bateman, while returning to a supply point from his company near Biesdorf, Germany, heard German conversation in a field by the road along which he was gnoping his way. Crawling slowly towards the source of the sound he fired at the noise, killing one German, wounding another, and took a third one prisoner. After conducting his prisoner to the ration point and turning him over to an officer, he organized a detail to carry the much needed supplies to his men at the front. 1st Sgt Bateman's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

RICHARD J. CONNER, 01285551, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg during the period 25 - 27 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When the commander and two staff members were wounded just prior to an attack in Luxembourg on 25 January 1945, Capt Conner led the battalion in a daring night attack which so surprised the enemy that the objective was attained without one casualty and at great loss to the enemy. Continuing the initiative on the following day Capt Conner, although suffering from frost bitten feet, ably led his men in adverse weather conditions of snow and severe cold to seize in succession objectives near Lamicht, Niedhausen, and Dorschied, Luxembourg. His courage, aggressiveness, and superb leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Paul E. Fought, 36727642, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 5 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 5 February 1945, Pfc Fought, an aid man, volunteered to accompany a patrol across the Sauer River into the Siegfried Line near Dillingen, Luxembourg. As their boat neared the enemy shore it was fired upon by enemy machine guns which wounded seven men, one of whom was Pfc Fought. The enemy fire forced the patrol to return to the friendly side of the river where those who were able took cover. Disregarding his own safety and painful injuries, Pfc Fought made six trips carrying and leading the wounded from the boat. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

ANDREW E. HOLMES, 01170421, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 February 1945, Lt Holmes, an artillery observer, made the hazardous crossing of the Our River in support of a rifle company and through his effective registration of artillery fire aided them in penetrating well into the enemy lines. On the following day, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Lt Holmes moved to the aid of an adjoining company which was delayed by heavy enemy fire. Exposing himself repeatedly, he adjusted a smoke screen in front of the riflemen to enable them to dig in. The personal bravery, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty of Lt Holmes are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Leon P. Jenkins, 31403629, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 17 February 1945, in connection with military

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operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Biesdorf, Germany, on 17 February 1945, Sgt Jenkins, while locating fields of fire for the machine gun which his men were emplacing, surprised and killed a German whom he saw leaving a pillbox which was camouflaged as a hay stack. However, before he could warn his men, a numerically superior force of Germans attacked and overran his gun positions and captured a machine gun. Locating friendly troops Sgt Jenkins obtained hand grenades and alone returned to kill four, wound seven, drive off the remainder of the enemy, and recapture his gun. Sgt Jenkins' courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Vermont.

Fred May, 35434635, 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. When the rifle company in which he served as a weapons platoon sergeant, was temporarily delayed in its attack near Biesdorf, Germany, on 13 February 1945, T Sgt May left the safety of his foxhole to man a 60mm mortar. In spite of the intense small arms and machine gun fire directed at him he skillfully registered his mortar rounds on the German positions and destroyed both guns and crews. His courageous action, skill, and devotion to duty enabled the company to advance and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Edward H. Miller, 33811903, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Biesdorf, Germany, on 11 February 1945, the company in which S Sgt Miller served as a squad leader was temporarily halted by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Realizing that unless this fire was stopped many casualties would result, S Sgt Miller, alone, carried a 60mm mortar to a position from which to fire and then made an additional trip for ammunition. Having been observed in his movements, all the machine guns concentrated on him but in spite of the danger he destroyed one gun by mortar fire and permitted the riflemen to flank and destroy the remaining guns. His courage, skill, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

C Albert E. Santino, 33450985, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After liberating Chemery, France, on 16 November 1944, and while still consolidating the position, the company in which Sgt Santino served as communications sergeant was subjected to an intense artillery barrage which destroyed wire communication to the command post. Realizing that a counterattack was imminent, Sgt Santino moved about the area with his radio seeking a position from which he could contact the battalion. Even though wounded by a shell fragment, he operated the radio until exhaustion forced his evacuation. Sgt Santino's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

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L Clifford D. Sherrill, 38203657, S Sgt, 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. On 8 January 1945, the enemy launched a fierce tank attack against Dahl, Luxembourg, which through the weight of superior numbers, drove to within fifty yards of S Sgt Sherrill's light machine gun position. Disregarding the disparity of fire power, S Sgt Sherrill opened fire on the tank causing its crew to close the hatches. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he ran to a tank destroyer and effectively directed fire on the enemy tank, destroying it. S Sgt Sherrill's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

K Will A. Waters, 34002327, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 December 1944, near Merzig, Luxembourg, Pfc Waters, an automatic rifleman, observed an enemy platoon attacking on the flank of the rifle squad to which he was attached. As the enemy had taken advantage of a covered route of approach, they were in defilade only one hundred yards from his position. Disregarding the danger, Pfc Waters charged over the crest of the hill firing effectively into the enemy ranks and putting them to rout. His courage and aggressiveness are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

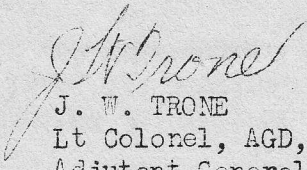
RAYMOND H. WEIERSHAUSER, 01317453, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 and 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 February 1945, near Biesdorf, Germany, Lt Weiershauser was leading his platoon in an assault through a strongly defended enemy woods. Forced by the loss of key personnel to reorganize his own and an adjacent platoon, he lead them on throughout the day. On the following day, 12 February 1945, he again led a headlong assault through thick woods to relieve a surrounded company. Lt Weiershauser's courage, aggressiveness, and skill enabled him to achieve the mission assigned and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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III. 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:

Robert E. Wilson, 33873705, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an infantry platoon attack near Biesdorf, Germany, on 11 February 1945, S Sgt Wilson, a squad leader, assumed command of his platoon when all his superior officers were wounded by intense mortar fire. While leading the platoon against a well concealed enemy pillbox, S Sgt Wilson was wounded but, realizing the need of adequate leadership, he continued to control the platoon until the objective was attained and the position consolidated. His courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

H Fay A. Wirth, Jr, 16106180, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 25 November 1944; in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the attack on Frettelung, France, on 25 November 1944, Cpl Wirth, acting as liaison between a rifle company and his own heavy weapons company, discovered an emplaced 88mm gun fully manned which was preparing to fire on an American platoon. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Cpl Wirth opened fire on the crew, killing one and putting the remainder to rout. His courageous and aggressive action destroyed a strong enemy position and saved many lives, and is commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

C Sam F. Wyatt, 33225898, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, after a limited attack into and a planned withdrawal from Graincourt, France, Pfc Wyatt, an automatic rifleman, voluntarily remained in enemy territory to harass the enemy throughout the night. The following morning his company again attacked the town, while Pfc Wyatt gave invaluable aid by attacking the enemy from the rear and so confusing them that the town was seized with few casualties to the attackers. Pfc Wyatt's courage, aggressiveness, and initiative exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

IV. 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:

Hubert W. Watson, 39452384, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 11 February 1945, in connection with

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military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 11 February 1945, near Dillingen, Luxembourg, T Sgt Watson and a companion, while waiting to cross the Sauer River by boat, were forced by a heavy mortar concentration to take cover on the river bank. A boat returning from the other side of the river capsized while the mortar rounds were falling about these two men. Disregarding personal danger, T Sgt Watson and his comrade left their comparative safety and rescued two men who could not swim. T Sgt Watson'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 Washington.

V. 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 previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

JACK J. FLYNN, O1167838, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 6 February 1945, to 2 March 1945, as an artillery aerial observer in successfully 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 New Jersey.

VI. 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 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>
C S Sgt Harley F. Baldwin	35754518	Inf	14 Mar 45
Sgt Donald W. Swanson	36859807	Inf	14 Mar 45
2D LT ROBERT D. DAVIS	0887656	Inf	14 Mar 45

VII. 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:

Pvt John Roberts	34989968	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc William S. Czopek	33668521	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Van B. Tucker	38641344	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Louis J. Miceli	12227041	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Gerald W. Tegtmeyer	35543588	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Howard M. Lucas	42081380	Inf	14 Mar 45
B Sgt Samuel A. Trachtman	33341417	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Alejandro G. Garza	38678821	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Joseph S. Greenwalt	42056207	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Edward P. Feddeler	36641697	Inf	14 Mar 45
S Sgt Frederick W. Osterbeck	36890646	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Ralph F. Naessig	33937295	Inf	14 Mar 45

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VIII. 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:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pfc Orvin G. Johnson	39147522	Inf	17 Feb 45
Pvt James D. Woodcock	33923547	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Charles L. Haywood	35782203	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Ted J. Polzin	37125514	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Carl Schantz	37361585	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Edward N. Armanini	31417887	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Stanley S. Kinney	32948028	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Kenneth E. Johnson	37683419	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Joseph Agnello	33592330	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Robert E. Snavelly	19052757	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt U. L. Gregory	38664485	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Kenneth D. Steinkruger	37750691	Inf	14 Mar 45
Sgt Walter J. Wojtkowski	33373104	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt William L. Cook	35239699	Inf	14 Mar 45
T Sgt Herbert H. Hafer	33075667	Inf	14 Mar 45
Cpl William J. Matthews	33686766	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt James J. Gardner	33950746	Inf	14 Mar 45
Sgt Paul P. D'Amico	36877805	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Colvin C. Cooper	44011050	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Carroll B. McDonald	38684967	Inf	14 Mar 45
S Sgt John W. Hambel	20512303	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt George R. Figge	37597320	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Milton H. Cohen	31467470	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Leo W. Kile	33942894	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt John L. Kennedy	42183217	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Walter S. Zayschly	42006486	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Michael A. D'Ambra	31446712	Inf	14 Mar 45
T Sgt William Blaszcak	36977148	Inf	14 Mar 45
Sgt Clarence Marcy	33320427	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Reuben D. Walters	35239166	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Frank Neal	35075269	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Vernea L. Mills	37743121	Inf	14 Mar 45
Sgt Charles W. Hill	33607616	Inf	14 Mar 45
B Cpl Andrew L. Anderson Jr	32917278	Inf	14 Mar 45
B Pfc Sam Rose	35391896	Inf	14 Mar 45
D Pfc Robert L. Durbin	36985459	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt William K. Fahringer	33876591	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Clarence H. Allersma	36474637	Inf	14 Mar 45
S Sgt Orville E. Henry	36785027	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Leslie T. Hendricks	35907292	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Carl V. Anderson	6582957	Inf	14 Mar 45
Sgt Allen H. Kostenbader	33367683	CE	14 Mar 45
B Pfc Russell L. Westerhold	37748815	Inf	14 Mar 45

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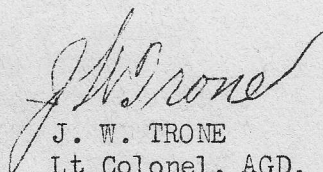
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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pvt Luther O. Black	36486934	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Isaac L. Earney	37643764	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt William E. Shurm	33859653	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Peter Terantino	32917447	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Stewart K. Wallace Jr	33905560	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Arnold E. Dieringer	39211995	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Willard W. Breedlove	34596066	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Irving D. Hazell	33816261	Inf	14 Mar 45
Cpl Burnell H. Broadwater	33206640	Inf	14 Mar 45
1ST LT ROY F. PACKER	01060579	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Alexander A. Marcello	42097787	Inf	14 Mar 45
1ST LT HERMAN WEISE	01322661	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Ernest W. Abbott	37733345	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Albert Mackay Jr	42034952	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt Ralph F. Baker	33909462	Inf	14 Mar 45
Sgt Arley V. Downs	35245872	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt William Kenny	42183206	Inf	14 Mar 45
1ST LT ROBERT R. SINGLETON	0482526	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pvt William R. Vaughn	34990991	Inf	14 Mar 45
Pfc Lou Matalon	20228490	Inf	14 Mar 45
Tec 4 Roger Emmons	31040392	Inf	14 Mar 45
S Sgt Lawrence E. Hoal	33844932	Inf	14 Mar 45

IX. Section I, General Orders Number 84, this Headquarters, dated 19 November 1944, as reads "Sgt Edward F. Hofmann 32642278 Inf 9 Nov 44 New York" is amended to read "Sgt Edward F. Hofmann 32642278 CE 8 Nov 44 New York".

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