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I - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant JOSEPH ADLER, 39253661, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery A, 468th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-propelled), United States Army. For heroism at \* \* \*, France, on 21 October 1944. When a Royal Air Force officer and British sergeant, riding in a quarter-ton truck, crashed through a guard rail of a bridge into the deep, swift, icy waters below, Sergeant ADLER immediately proceeded to the scene from an adjacent gun position. The officer appeared temporarily on the surface of the water. Sergeant ADLER unhesitatingly shed his clothes, dove into the cold water and attempted to rescue him. He repeatedly dove beneath the surface of the cold water for fifteen minutes and did not give up his attempts to save the officer until ordered to come out of the water.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Sergeant EUGENE G. LECLERC, 20217483, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 249th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg on 24-25 December 1944. First Sergeant LECLERC, with the company commander and one platoon, was advancing on the town of \* \* \*, Luxembourg, when heavy automatic weapons and mortar fire were encountered which caused the men to become disorganized and separated. Control was temporarily lost. Sergeant LECLERC promptly rallied, reorganized and led the remaining men. The heroic leadership and conspicuous courage displayed by Sergeant LECLERC, enabling his men to extricate themselves from a precarious position, reflect great credit upon him and the military service.

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Staff Sergeant JOHN H. ROTTJER, JR., 32091054, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 249th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg on 24-25 December 1944. Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) ROTTJER, squad leader, with the mission of setting up defensive positions, fearlessly led his squad into the town of \* \* \*, Luxembourg, encountering heavy enemy fire all the way. When he reached the town, he brilliantly conducted both defensive and offensive action. Due to Sergeant ROTTJER's leadership and personal courage in the face of danger, the squad was able to extricate itself after being cut off from the remainder of the company and to acquit itself honorably in engaging a numerically superior enemy.

Sergeant WILLIAM H. PICKLESIMER, 7008528, Cavalry, Troop B, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 2 December 1944. Sergeant PICKLESIMER, as section sergeant, distinguished himself by personally covering his section's withdrawal with small arms fire, after ordering it to withdraw when a counter-attack was made by a superior enemy force. Later the same day his section was surrounded, but due to Sergeant PICKLESIMER's coolness and initiative it was able to withdraw through the enemy lines without a casualty. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant PICKLESIMER exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Technician Fourth Grade JESSE E. WINSTEAD, 7008704, Cavalry, Troop A, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 9 January 1945. Technician Fourth Grade WINSTEAD, a radio operator, distinguished himself when he remained at his radio station, located in an armored car, during a heavy mortar barrage which damaged vehicles in the immediate vicinity. His own vehicle was hit, but realizing the necessity for communications at such a critical moment, Technician Fourth Grade WINSTEAD, with complete disregard for his own safety, remained at his set throughout the barrage. The courageous devotion to duty demonstrated by Technician Fourth Grade WINSTEAD is exemplary of the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade ALBERT VASEK, 35069342, Medical Department, 249th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg on 22 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade VASEK, as a medical aid man, with disregard for his personal safety, unhesitatingly entered a mine field, administered first aid to three soldiers injured by Schu mines and assisted in their evacuation. His efforts are credited with doing much to save the life of one of the injured. Technician Fifth Grade VASEK's heroism and unusual solicitude for the comfort of his comrades are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department.

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III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, is awarded to:

Captain JAMES T. BURKE, 0376250, Cavalry, Company F, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army, 10 January 1945 to 12 January 1945.

Captain SHEALY E. McCOY, 0445773, Cavalry, Troop B, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army, 6 January 1945 to 12 January 1945.

Captain JAMES S. TOWNSEND, 01030847, Cavalry, Troop E, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army, 6 January 1945 to 12 January 1945.

First Lieutenant WALTER W. CARDWELL, JR., 0519976, Cavalry (Tank Destroyer), 8th Tank Destroyer Group, United States Army, 21 October 1944 to 28 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant ROY F. HEDGECOTH, 14004619, Cavalry, Troop A, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army, 10 January 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade RALPH C. EHMKE, 32859902, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 8th Tank Destroyer Group, United States Army, 16 November 1944 to 27 January 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade PETER EISENHAUER, 32118211, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) United States Army, 25 December 1944 to 8 January 1945.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Captain LLOYD T. HANSON, 0478956, Cavalry, Troop C, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium and Luxembourg from 6 January 1945 to 12 January 1945.

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