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SECTION I AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDALS

Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

LELAND L. RICE, 0538294, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 28 Sep 44 in France. Lt. Rice was forward observer for his artillery battalion and occupied an observation post jointly with the supported infantry battalion. During an attack by enemy tanks and infantry Lt. Rice, disregarding his own personal safety, continued to adjust the fire of his battalion on the main attacking force although the leading tanks were strafing his observation post and operating to his rear. Lt. Rice, by his acts of heroism, was instrumental in conducting artillery fire which broke up the attack and caused the enemy to withdraw after suffering losses of personnel and material. The courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Lt. Rice reflect the highest credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

GEORGE E. STEJSKAL, 01115428, 2nd Lt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 18 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. During an assault crossing of the Sauer River near *****, Luxembourg, Lt. Stejskal led a crew of five men across a 300 yard flat to the river bank in an effort to get an anchor cable for an Infantry Support bridge across the river before daylight. Upon reaching the river a rubber boat was launched but as the first man entered, an enemy machine gun opened up on them, seriously wounding one man. The remainder of the men immediately dispersed, but Lt. Stejskal realizing it would soon be daylight crawled under machine gun fire and contacted all men and led them back across the flat to cover. Even though it was getting daylight, Lt. Stejskal without hesitation, courageously returned to the river leading two volunteer litter bearers to bring back the wounded man. He then kept his men under cover until machine gun fire was cleared from the river. Realizing the need for the bridge Lt. Stejskal led his platoon to the site and began construction. During the three and one half hours of construction, the heavy artillery and mortar fire continued to fall but Lt. Stejskal kept the crews intact by keeping noticeably cool, by encouraging his men, and by demonstrating an unfailing devotion to duty, thus completing the bridge in a minimum of time. Lt. Stejskal's supreme devotion to duty and conspicuous heroism reflect the highest credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

PAUL E. STEPHENS, 20245720, Sgt., Field Artillery, *** Armd FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 8 Aug 44 in France. An armored infantry and tank task force assault against Lorient was repulsed by stubborn, bitterly fighting German forces from prepared emplacements. The Germans, in a desperate effort to stop the drive on the Port, overwhelmed the attackers with accurate and devastating fire. The attacking troops were suffering heavy casualties and it was vital that enemy artillery positions be located and neutralized. Sgt. Stevens, then Reconnaissance Corporal, located two members of the F.F.I. and persuaded them to guide him through and forward of the leading elements to a house overlooking an enemy 88mm gun position. In spite of warning that the house was under observation, and the refusal of the F.F.I. members to accompany him, Sgt. Stephens established an observation post in the attic of the house. Without regard for his personal safety, and thinking only of the necessity for neutralizing the enemy artillery, Sgt. Stephens adjusted his own battalion fire on the enemy 88mm gun and destroyed it with a direct hit. His display of initiative, marked daring and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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JESSIE T. WIGGINS, 34005609, Tec 4, Medical Department, *** Cml Bn(Mtz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 20 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. The 2nd platoon, Co "A", *** Cml Bn was in position near the town of *****, Luxembourg, in direct support of the *** Infantry, 4th Division in its assault on the enemy held town. When word was received at the mortar position that Co "E", *** Infantry had suffered many casualties who were lying in an area being heavily shelled and under small arms fire, and that assistance was desperately needed to evacuate the wounded, Tec 4 Wiggins voluntarily left the mortar position of the platoon to which he was attached to go to the aid of the wounded men who were lying in an open field exposed to heavy enemy artillery fire. Tec 4 Wiggins rendered medical aid and evacuated the wounded with complete disregard for his personal safety until all the wounded had been brought out of the shelled area. The courage and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Tec 4 Wiggins reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

JOHN J. GRADY, 32776686, Cpl., Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Bn(Mtz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 26 Dec 44 in Luxembourg. Cpl. Grady, a member of a forward observer party of the 2nd platoon, Co "D", *** Cml Bn, although seriously wounded by shrapnel in the town of Berdorf, Luxembourg, went for aid and assisted in the evacuation of his mortally wounded companion during heavy shell fire. Cpl. Grady's concern for his wounded companion, his refusal of medical aid and complete disregard for his personal safety and his own wounds until the mortally wounded member of his party was brought to a Medical aid station, reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from New Jersey.

KENNETH L. HOLTZ, 32835240, Cpl., Cavalry, *** Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 11 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. Troop "C" was given the mission of capturing the town of Machtum, Luxembourg, which was held by an undetermined number of men. Cpl. Holtz was a member of the 1st platoon, and moved his men toward the town so closely behind an artillery concentration to gain the element of surprise that they were showered with flying rocks and dirt. A machine gun nest halted his section and the section Sgt. asked for a volunteer to try and assault the position. Cpl. Holtz volunteered and crawled forward in front of the gun within hand grenade range, slightly behind the section Sgt., covering the section Sgt. with fire from his rifle. When the section Sgt's gun jammed after killing one enemy, Cpl. Holtz's accurate shot killed another enemy and enabled the section Sgt. to kill the remaining enemy with a hand grenade. This permitted the whole 1st platoon to enter the town which later was captured after a house to house fight with the enemy. Throughout the attack Cpl. Holtz's excellent control of his men and his own initiative in clearing the buildings played an important part in the capture of Machtum. Cpl. Holtz's continued display of intelligent combat tactics and leadership has made him invaluable to his organization and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

THOMAS J. LANGAN, 33699539, Cpl., Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Bn(Mtz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 20 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. The 2nd platoon, Co "A", *** Cml Bn., was in position near the town of *****, Luxembourg, in direct support of the *** Infantry, 4th Division, in its assault on the enemy held town. When word was received at the mortar position that Co "E", *** Infantry had suffered many casualties who were lying in an area being heavily shelled and under small arms fire, and that assistance was desperately needed to evacuate the wounded, Cpl. Langan voluntarily left the comparative safety of the mortar position, which was not under fire, to go to the aid of the wounded Infantrymen. He repeatedly entered the area which was under heavy shell fire to aid the wounded and assist in evacuating them to the rear. Cpl. Langan acted entirely on his own volition and with complete disregard for his personal safety which reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CLIFFORD E. ROBINETT, 35057003, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 29 Oct 44 in France. Cpl. Robinett was assisting in the operation of an Observation Post at Malmaison, France, which was subject to enemy harassing fire at irregular intervals. He voluntarily, and with total disregard to his own safety, left the protection of the Observation Post and repaired a telephone line that had been knocked out by shell fire so that the officer conducting fire could continue with his mission. Two rounds landed within 100 yards of him while he was repairing the line.

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On the same day the observers were driven to the basement by direct hits on the Observation Post. After having been warned of the danger of being hit, and that he should wait until the firing ceased; Cpl. Robinett voluntarily and with total disregard to his own safety, proceeded to the top floor of the building and returned with the telephone, thereby enabling the observer to maintain communication with the Battalion Fire Direction Center. While on the top floor one round crashed into the room he was in and showered him with plaster and bricks. The utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Cpl. Robinett reflects the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

BENJAMIN F. HOYT, 32937285, PFC, Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Bn(Mtz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 20 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. The 2nd platoon, Co "A", *** Cml Bn was in position near the town of *****, Luxembourg, in direct support of the *** Infantry, 4th Division, in its assault on the enemy held town. When word was received at the mortar position that Co "E", 12th Infantry had suffered many casualties who were lying in an area being heavily shelled and under small arms fire, and that assistance was desperately needed to evacuate the wounded. PFC Hoyt voluntarily left the comparative safety of the mortar position, which was not under fire, to go to the aid of the wounded Infantrymen. He repeatedly entered the area which was under heavy enemy shell fire to aid the wounded and assist in evacuating them to the rear. PFC Hoyt acted entirely on his own volition and with complete disregard for his personal safety which reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

MORTON K. LANGE, 37622177, PFC, Medical Department, *** Cml Bn(Mtz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 20 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. The 2nd platoon, Co "A", *** Cml Bn(Mtz), was in position near the town of *****, Luxembourg, in direct support of the *** Infantry, 4th Division in its assault on the enemy held town. When word was received at the mortar position that Co "E", *** Infantry had suffered many casualties who were lying in an area being heavily shelled and under small arms fire, and that assistance was desperately needed to evacuate the wounded, PFC Lange, Medical Aid man for Co "A", voluntarily left the mortar position of the platoon to which he was attached to go to the aid of wounded men of another organization who were lying in an area under continuous and heavy enemy shell fire. PFC Lange rendered medical aid and evacuated the wounded with complete disregard for his personal safety until all the wounded had been brought out of the shelled area. The courage and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by PFC Lange reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

SECTION II AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named Enlisted Man:

LESLIE J. PONDER, 35695757, Sgt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism, not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 11 Dec 44 in France. When a truck of his ammunition section, loaded with ammunition, caught fire, Sgt. Ponder, voluntarily, and at the risk of his own life and personal safety, crawled beneath the blazing truck and single-handedly extinguished the fire. The courage and quick thinking of Sgt. Ponder saved the lives of his companions and much valuable government property as well. The cool-headedness of Sgt. Ponder, his initiative, and utter disregard for personal safety reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

SECTION III AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal, previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named Officers:

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JOHN C. WYETH, 03675, Colonel, Field Artillery, *** FA Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 26 Nov 44 to 2 Feb 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

LEO W. CATHER, 018510, Lt. Col., Field Artillery, *** FA Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 1 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. While Lt. Col. Cather was visiting one of the battalion CP's enemy artillery started falling in the immediate area. As soon as the shells started falling Lt. Col. Cather volunteered to go out and obtain a shell report. Accompanying the Battalion Shell-Rep team Lt. Col. Cather assisted them in obtaining an accurate shell report. Shells continued to fall during the entire time it took to get the necessary data. As a result of Lt. Col. Cather's devotion to duty and disregard for his own personal safety, counterbattery fire was promptly conducted on two known enemy batteries. Lt. Col. Cather's heroic action not only set an example for the Shell-Rep team to follow but was an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Virginia.

FRANK E. KNUTZEN, 0523384, 2nd Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 1 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. While his battery position was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, one shell landed near one of the guns causing three casualties. Two of these men died almost immediately, but the third man's life was saved by the immediate first aid rendered by Lt. Knutzen. Completely disregarding the danger to his life, he voluntarily ran to the aid of the wounded man, applied a tourniquet to his leg, and removed him from the shelled area. His courage, initiative, and utter disregard for personal safety reflect the highest credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

SECTION IV AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDALS

Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

WAYNE A. GUDMUNDSON, 0237351, Lt. Col., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 10 Sep 44 to 25 Jan 45 in France, Germany, and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

MELVIN A. McDUFF, 0389808, Lt. Col., Coast Artillery Corps, *** AAA Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 20 Oct 44 to 31 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

LEROY G. RAINHART, 0392032, Captain, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr Maint Co., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 5 Nov 44 to 31 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

JULIAN F. LOCKERMAN, 01039443, 1st Lt., Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Bn(Mtz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 18 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. An enemy strongpoint in ***** repulsed 3 efforts by the Infantry to clear the town of enemy and had held up the progress of the attack for 8 hours. The Commanding Officer, Co "K", *** Infantry requested HE fire of the 3rd platoon Co "A", 4.2" mortars on the enemy strongpoint. Due to communication failure Lt. Lockerman found it necessary to move to within 150 yards of the target. Calling for fire, the 1st round landed in the front yard of the house in which he had established his OP. Remaining in his forward OP Lt. Lockerman adjusted the fire, obtained a target hit, and called for fire for effect. Due to Lt. Lockerman's disregard for personal safety and effective placing of fire on the target, the Infantry was enabled to take the strongpoint without further difficulty. Entered military service from Georgia.

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LESLIE A. WARNER, 01178977, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 1 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. During the shelling of his battery position outside the town of Waldbillig, Luxembourg, Lt. Warner, in company with two enlisted men, went out to take a shell report. In the midst of heavy shelling, they determined the type, direction, and range of fire, and telephoned this data immediately to Observation Posts, which resulted in the location and silencing of the enemy batteries. Lt. Warner completely disregarded the danger to his own life in successfully obtaining this all-important data. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

KENNETH F. DEWING, 0527084, 2nd Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

MARJORIE E. POWELL, N725462, 2nd Lt., Army Nurse Corps, *** Fld Hosp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished herself by meritorious service during the period 10 Aug 44 to 29 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

HERBERT A. FABER, 31358941, M Sgt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 25 Sep 44 in France. On this date an Observation Post from which M Sgt. Faber was trying to detect the location of enemy artillery was subjected to very heavy enemy shellfire. While other men in the Observation Post were seeking cover, M Sgt. Faber was more concerned with locating the enemy from the flash of the guns, than he was for his own safety. During the barrage, one man was seriously wounded and M Sgt. Faber at the risk of his own life carried the man over 100 yards to safety. M Sgt. Faber's initiative and devotion to duty are in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

DONALD J. BOLVIN, 6755074, 1st Sgt., Coast Artillery Corps, *** AAA Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 20 Aug 44 to 31 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LAUREN J. OGSTON, 37022478, T Sgt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Nov 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

RAY BARRON, 6950321, S Sgt., Signal Corps, *** Sig Serv Co., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Jul 44 to 31 Dec 44 in the United Kingdom and France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

CAROL H. BUESING, 37022967, S Sgt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

EDWARD A. GARRETT, 32754947, S Sgt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 16 Sep 44 in France. Sgt. Garrett, did, of his own volition, at Douxville, France, break away from what cover he had, to look for casualties. In doing so, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire. He then, still under heavy fire, mounted one of the abandoned vehicles and evacuated it to a place of safety. Sgt. Garrett's initiative, courage, and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Delaware.

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JACK C. SWENSON, 37022731, S Sgt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Nov 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ARTHUR VINCENT, 39155415, S Sgt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Aug 44 to 24 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

OMER G. HENSEN, 37120968, Sgt., Field Artillery, *** Armd FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 18 Nov 44 in Germany. Shortly after dawn enemy tanks approached the area occupied by Sgt. Hensen's section and immediately took his vehicle and M3 Half-Track under direct fire. All personnel, except Sgt. Hensen promptly secured cover. He, realizing, that the section vehicle and radio would be damaged or destroyed and their sole means of communication would be lost, ran across the heavily shelled field, without regard for his own safety, jumped into the vehicle and drove it through the shelling to a place of comparative safety behind a stone building. A few minutes later, the supported unit commander called for smoke to cover the entry of friendly troops into the town. Sgt. Hensen was able to secure this support from his battalion successfully as a result of his previous actions. Subsequent fire support for the task force was also rendered from Sgt. Hensen's battalion through his section's radio communication which materially aided the task force in accomplishing their mission. Sgt. Hensen's actions won for him the greatest respect from his officers and fellow soldiers and reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ARTHUR O. SPAULDING, 19204345, Sgt., Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Bn (Mtz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 18 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. On this date the mortars of Co "B" were dug in positions south of *****, Luxembourg supporting the *** Infantry Division in its attack on the enemy-held town of ***** and surrounding areas. Counterbattery fire had been constant during this period and at 0800 hours the enemy opened up with an intensive barrage of mortar fire directly on the mortar positions. Shrapnel from the bursts sprayed several of the gun pits. Sgt. Spaulding, a squad leader in the 2nd platoon, although wounded by a piece of shrapnel which lodged in his hand, refused medical attention and assisted the medical aid man in rendering first aid to a more seriously wounded member of his squad and assisted in his evacuation under heavy enemy mortar fire. The courage and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Sgt. Spaulding reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from California.

LESLIE L. BARRINGER, 32852499, Tec 4, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 25 Sep 44 to 31 Dec 44 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

JAMES M. EDENS JR., 34658328, Tec 4, Medical Department, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 16 Sep 44 in France. During an engagement with the enemy near Deuxville, France, several men were wounded. Because of mortar, small arms, and machine gun fire it was impossible to evacuate the wounded men. Tec 4 Edens and another enlisted man volunteered to drive a vehicle across an open field to evacuate the wounded. As no Red Cross flag was available, having been destroyed by enemy fire, Tec 4 Edens displayed his helmet with the Red Cross marking. Despite the fact that the Red Cross was displayed on the vehicle, they were fired on as they approached the wounded men. Proceeding with their job and disregarding the enemy fire, Tec 4 Edens made it possible to evacuate the wounded men to safety. Tec 4 Edens' courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

COLIE F. MEETZE, 34657784, Tec 4, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 19 Sep 44 in France. Realizing that his comrades had been overrun by German Tanks,

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Tec 4 Meetze, by coolly maintaining his outpost and observing tactics of the tanks secured necessary information which he then delivered to a Tank Destroyer Outpost, which in turn destroyed or put to rout the enemy tanks. The route over which Tec 4 Meetze drove a jeep to deliver his message, not only left tanks in his rear, but was also under continuous, observed enemy fire from all caliber enemy guns. The presence of mind, courage, and devotion to duty of Tec 4 Meetze reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

EDMUND O. PTACEK, 37022686, Tec 4, Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 3 Dec 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

GIENN R. SHERWOOD, 36152731, Tec 4, Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

ROBERT W. FOGEL, 36187794, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

HYRON E. GILBERTSON, 37022687, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

DAVE HARRIS, 39383255, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

DARIO E. RUSH, 35144540, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 1 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. During the shelling of his battery position outside the town of Waldbillig, Luxembourg, Cpl. Rush, voluntarily went out to take a shell report. In the midst of heavy shelling, he determined the type, direction, and range of fire, and telephoned this data immediately to Observation Posts which resulted in the location and silencing of the enemy batteries. Cpl. Rush completely disregarded the danger to his own life in successfully obtaining this all-important data. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty reflect great credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

RAYMOND E. SIMONS, 37022643, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ROBERT SINGER, 32511016, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 1 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. During the shelling of his battery position outside the town of Waldbillig, Luxembourg, Cpl. Singer, voluntarily went out to take a shell report. In the midst of heavy shelling, he determined the type, direction, and range of fire, and telephoned this data immediately to Observation Posts which resulted in the location and silencing of the enemy batteries. Cpl. Singer completely disregarded the danger to his own life in successfully obtaining this all-important data. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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STEPHEN E. SMITH, 35608935, Cpl., Medical Department, *** Fld Hosp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 10 Aug 44 to 29 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

DORRIS STEGENGA, 36153216, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Aug 44 to 24 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

LAWRENCE E. STEINKE, 36590709, Cpl., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 18 Sep 44 in France. At this time the *** Engr C Bn was given the mission of preparing for demolition the bridges in and near Luneville, France. As the enemy was then counterattacking in the vicinity, it was of utmost tactical importance that these bridges, which were on the only two available routes, be blown only at the proper time since a Cavalry unit was withdrawing over the bridge in Luneville. Although intense enemy artillery fire was falling within 25 yards of the bridge in Luneville, Cpl. Steinke, although cold and wet from wading in the deep water, and knowing that it was quite likely that his position would be encircled before he would receive orders to destroy the bridge, volunteered to take charge of the blasting machine. He frequently exposed himself during the following hours to check and repair cuts in the blasting wire. Cpl. Steinke's initiative and devotion to duty are in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

OLIVER C. TANGEN, 37041013, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 15 Dec 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

WILLIAM F. JACKSON, 38024410, Tec 5, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 24 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

STUART W. MACKIERNAN, 31360833, Tec 5, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 18 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. At 0300 hours, Tec 5 Mackiernan's platoon commenced construction of a 96 foot Infantry footbridge in support of an assault crossing of the Sauer River near *****, Luxembourg by the *** Infantry Regiment. Immediately after construction started, small arms fire was directed on the bridge site in addition to mortar and artillery fire directed all along the river. This fire caused many casualties. When word of these wounded men reached the final assembly area where Tec 5 Mackiernan was working, volunteers were asked for to attempt the evacuation of the wounded. In spite of the fact that the intensity of the enemy fire had increased, and realizing full well the great personal risk involved, Tec 5 Mackiernan was the first man to volunteer for this hazardous mission. In company with several other men, he crossed almost 300 yards of flat open ground the enemy fire striking all around him, and with the aid of the other volunteers, succeeded in evacuating the wounded men without suffering a single casualty. The courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Tec 5 Mackiernan reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

GRANVILLE J. PICKETT, 37531262, Tec 5, Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 15 Dec 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

ANDREW H. PLASTER, 33527212, Tec 5, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Nov 44 to 24 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

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HARRY RUBINSTEIN, 32624302, Tec 5, Field Artillery, *** Armd FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 19 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. While his battalion area was under heavy artillery fire from the enemy in the vicinity of *****, Luxembourg, Tec 5 Rubinstein was making a shell report when another shell hit within 25 yards of him. Before withdrawing, Tec 5 Rubinstein took a bearing which verified the belief that the shell had come from the same enemy gun which had dropped a shell nearby a few minutes previously and on which he had obtained shelling report data. In addition to obtaining necessary information in these two shelling incidents, Tec 5 Rubinstein on the same day obtained shelling report data in three other incidents, during which time the battalion area was under almost constant enemy fire. In thus exposing himself to danger, not once but several times, Tec 5 Rubinstein demonstrated great courage and devotion to duty which reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

DOUGLAS W. SEEMAN, 39078196, Tec 5, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Nov 44 to 24 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

WILLIAM C. SToudenMIRE JR., 34658207, Tec 5, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 1 Nov 44 in France. While the *** Engr C Bn was acting as Infantry near Bezange La Grande, France, a truck loaded with ammunition and explosives of Co "C" was hit by enemy artillery. Tec 5 Stoudenmire, realizing how the explosives were endangering nearby trucks similarly loaded, went into the area endangering his own life and drove one of the trucks to a safe zone; this saving much valuable equipment and ammunition which at that time was difficult to obtain. The courage and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Tec 5 Stoudenmire reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

RICHARD E. STROHM, 36107252, Tec 5, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 24 Jan 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

JERRY F. CRONIN JR., 31358703, PFC, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 16 Sep 44 in France. PFC Cronin, did, of his own volition, at Deuxville, France, break away from what cover he had, to look for casualties. In doing so, he exposed himself to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. He then, still under heavy fire, mounted one of the abandoned vehicles and evacuated it to a place of safety. The courage, initiative, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by PFC Cronin reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

FRANK J. OLBERG, 39211439, PFC, Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Nov 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

ROBERT C. PEARCE, 36547144, PFC, Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 20 Sep 44 to 3 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

JAMES A. WRIGHT, 34467590, PFC, Medical Department, *** TD Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 22 Dec 44 in Luxembourg. PFC Wright, while serving with Co "C", *** TD Bn, as a first aid man, voluntarily gave first aid and succeeded in evacuating an infantryman who was in such a dangerous position that his own first aid men had abandoned him as impossible to reach. The location of the infantryman was right on the front lines and was under heavy fire from small arms and from artillery fire. PFC Wright displayed great courage and determination in giving first aid under the above conditions. He disregarded his own safety while administering the first aid and while evacuating the injured

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man. PFC Wright's conspicuous and exemplary conduct under intense fire was an inspiration to all who witnessed his acts, and reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

EDWARD J. BIALY, 36869334, Pvt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 15 Sep 44 to 15 Dec 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

PATRICK J. DOWDALL, 36869781, Pvt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 15 Sep 44 to 15 Dec 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

ALVIN E. GALLUP, 38518760, Pvt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 15 Sep 44 to 15 Dec 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

CHESTER McNETT, 37357142, Pvt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 15 Sep 44 to 15 Dec 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

EARNEST P. RICHARDSON, 35796818, Pvt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Nov 44 to 1 Jan 45 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

SECTION V AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO AIR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal, previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following named Officers:

A Third Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to ELMER B. GIBSON, O1183295, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 9 Nov 44 to 25 Nov 44. While serving as Artillery Air Observer Lt. Gibson distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying 35 sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of conducting fire missions against enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lt. Gibson in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

A First Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to THOMAS B. MARRIOTT, O1168355, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 27 Nov 44 to 2 Jan 45. While serving as Artillery Air Observer Lt. Marriott distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying 35 sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of conducting fire missions against enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lt. Marriott in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Illinois.

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