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I -- SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant Joseph A Mack, 01999957, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 30 and 31 December 1944. Lieutenant Mack, leader of the Antitank Platoon of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, maintained his guns in a position on the right flank of the regiment during a series of enemy counterattacks supported by tanks and armor. When a column of Germans approached his position, he directed fire which killed twelve of the enemy and dispersed the remainder. The mounting intensity of the German fire forced one of his squads to make a limited withdrawal. Lieutenant Mack was the last to leave the area, as he personally assisted in evacuating four wounded members of the squad. On the night of 31 December the enemy infiltrated our lines, and a squad of the antitank platoon. Lieutenant Mack organized and led a group of men toward the beleaguered squad under heavy enemy fire, and was within 50 yards of his goal when he was fatally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Inspired by the intrepidity of their leader, the remaining members of this group fought on and succeeded in rescuing the trapped squad. Lieutenant Mack's heroic self-sacrifice reflects credit upon his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Wilbur G Curry, 36026023, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , France on 8 December 1944. Sergeant Curry, an acting platoon leader, led an assault platoon across the * * * River on an improvised footbridge and up the steep slopes on the hostile shore in the face of intense concentrations of enemy fire of all types, emanating from positions on high ground over-looking the river. He skillfully directed the fire and movement of his troops and, upon reaching the enemy trench system, led his men in a systematic mopping up of enemy positions, and personally assaulted three enemy machine gun positions, killing all members of the crews. Sergeant Curry's aggressive leadership and constant presence at the head of his troops made him the principal target, and he was mortally wounded during this engagement. By his heroic self-sacrifice, he enabled supporting units to cross the river and reach the battalion objective. Sergeant Curry's intrepidity, superb leadership and tenacity of purpose contributed immeasurably to the successful establishment of a bridgehead over the * * * River and are in accord with the military traditions of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Theodore B DeRoer, 31289077, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Luxembourg on 7 January 1945. After Corporal DeRoer, an acting squad leader, had led his squad in an attack which carried them to positions ahead of adjacent units, intense enemy fire of all types forced him to make a limited withdrawal. During the withdrawal, a member of his squad was seriously wounded and fell between the lines. Corporal DeRoer immediately started crawling to the wounded man despite aimed small arms fire. He was twice wounded by rifle fire but continued on until he reached the wounded soldier. He administered first aid to the wounded man and was prepared to drag him to a position of safety when he was killed by enemy fire. Corporal DeRoer's gallant self-sacrifice in an attempt to save the life of a wounded comrade is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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Private George Shaw, 35218163, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Luxembourg on 3 January 1945. During the course of a sharp fire fight near * * * , one of the foremost riflemen of the platoon to which Private Shaw was attached was wounded and fell near an entrenched position exposed to enemy fire and observation. Although advised not to attempt to reach the wounded man until the platoon had made a further advance, Private Shaw, an aid man, dashed into the open field where he was killed by enemy fire before reaching his wounded comrade. His heroic self-sacrifice served as an inspiration to all soldiers witnessing his gallant act and reflects the highest credit upon himself and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

II -- SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man, now missing in action:

Technical Sergeant Gerrit J Scott, 36865411, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Belgium on 29 December 1944. Sergeant Scott, acting platoon leader, had deployed his unit in a building at * * * in preparation for an expected enemy counterattack. Seven German tanks approached his position, firing directly into the house. In an effort to defend his platoon and protect other elements of the company, Sergeant Scott made his way to the front of the house armed with a bazooka and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, fired directly against the approaching tanks. He succeeded in destroying two of the hostile armored vehicles, and in temporarily delaying the remaining five. Sergeant Scott was reported missing in action later in the day. The dash and intrepidity of Sergeant Scott were an inspiration to the men under his command and are in keeping with the best traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

III -- SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man of this command:

Staff Sergeant Louis P Davis, 33256980, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 20 December 1944. During the attack of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, on strong enemy positions in the forest of * * * , a rifle squad led by Sergeant Davis was pinned down by intense fire from a well concealed enemy machine gun emplacement. Signaling his squad to engage the enemy in a fire fight, Sergeant Davis made his way to the rear of the emplacement and killed all three machine gun crew members. As he prepared to rejoin his squad, eight German riflemen appeared on the scene. Sergeant Davis stood fast and, by accurate rifle fire, killed four of the Germans and forced the remainder to flee. His courage, initiative and personal bravery, exemplified by his eagerness to close with the enemy, reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV -- SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer, now missing in action:

First Lieutenant Alfred G Davis Jr, 01303862, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France on 23 November 1944. Lieutenant Davis, commanding Company C, * * * Infantry, led his unit, as part of the first battalion action, in an attack against enemy positions in * * * , France. He led his troops across open terrain without armored support, until pinned down by heavy enemy fire after traversing half the distance to the village. Without thought of personal safety, he moved among his men, reorganized them and assumed a position in the point of the advance, inspiring his troops to move relentlessly forward. Lieutenant Davis and his men were again pinned down by enemy fire after reaching positions about 150 yards from the village. Despite direct fire from five enemy tanks, and mounting casualties in his ranks, Lieutenant Davis led his unit in a running attack which carried them into the village. Lieutenant Davis was wounded by machine gun fire and carried to the shelter of a building. Unable to physically be in the attack, he continued to direct the attack of his troops which succeeded in driving the Germans from the village. Lieutenant Davis' courageous leadership and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as an officer and leader men. Entered military service from Alabama.

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V -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant Warren G Campbell, 15041228, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * and * * * , Belgium on 30 December 1944. When his platoon leader became a casualty during the course of a strong enemy counterattack which resulted in Company E, * * * Infantry, being surrounded, Sergeant Campbell, platoon sergeant, assumed command of the platoon and moved calmly among the troops who had become disorganized under the intense enemy fire from all directions, and formed them into a cohesive group. While so engaged he was wounded but, disregarding his personal condition, he continued in active command of his platoon, and assisted an officer who had assumed command of the Company, in reorganizing all troops in the area. He then led his men in a fierce fire fight through the enemy lines and back to the original battalion positions. His heroic actions and coolness in the face of an apparently hopeless situation reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

VI -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E Coony, 0903381, Finance Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

Major John R Munkres, 01036313, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France and Belgium from 11 July 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain Robert L Stephenson, 0414886, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg from 11 July 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Robert F McDonnell, 01320065 (then second lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Luxembourg on 4 January 1945. When one of his machine guns and its crew was lost during an attack near * * * , Lieutenant McDonnell, a platoon leader, procured a larger caliber gun and reorganized his unit so as to obtain maximum fire power. He then made a personal reconnaissance for better gun positions, advancing well beyond friendly troops through heavy enemy artillery fire, and discovered enemy activity which represented a distinct threat to the battalion left flank. Upon returning to his platoon, he instructed his newly organized and inexperienced squad to move a fifty caliber machine gun to a vantage point ahead of our lines. When this task had been accomplished, Lieutenant McDonnell sent his men back, set up and manned the weapon alone, and delivered such effective fire against the German positions that a building used as an enemy command post was set on fire, two automatic weapons were destroyed and advancing enemy riflemen were halted. Lieutenant McDonnell's brilliant and aggressive leadership was an inspiration to his men and a vital factor in the repulse of the German assault. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant John W Spain, 01822642, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 12 July to 31 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant Arnold Hallanger, 01999997, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Luxembourg on 5 January 1945. In order to establish an observation post from which he could observe enemy activity threatening the left flank of his battalion, Lieutenant Hallanger, a mortar section leader, voluntarily and at great personal risk moved forward to the front of friendly riflemen across

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open terrain, braving intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. He established his post at a point which had no protection from our troops, and directed the fire of his mortar section with such accuracy that the enemy was completely disorganized and suffered heavy losses in men and materiel. The unselfish courage, initiative, and keen tactical ability of Lieutenant Hallanger reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Sergeant Henry C VanDyk, 6817387, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany and Belgium from 29 October 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Richard H Armstrong, 36011840, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 31 December 1944 and 1 January 1945. When his platoon leader had become a casualty, Sergeant Armstrong assumed command of his antitank platoon and reorganized it, in spite of the darkness of the night and heavy concentrations of enemy fire of all types falling in the area. He went from man to man, checking positions and uttering words of encouragement, continually exposing himself to artillery and sniper fire as he made his way between widely separated points. On the following morning, a squad of riflemen, new in combat, were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire near Sergeant Armstrong's gun emplacement. Sergeant Armstrong advanced toward these men, calmed them, led them to a place that afforded cover and returned to his platoon. He arrived there in time to lead his men in the successful repulse of a determined enemy counterattack, inspiring his men by his bravery and dash. Sergeant Armstrong's sterling leadership under the most adverse and hazardous conditions materially contributed to the success of his organization and reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Lawrence J Gettings, 37189213, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Luxembourg on 5 January 1945. Sergeant Gettings, an acting platoon leader, led his troops across open terrain under heavy enemy fire to a group of houses on high ground controlling the western exit of the enemy-held village of * * * . Here he was joined by another platoon and, together, the two units engaged the enemy in a fire fight which resulted in heavy casualties among the Germans, including fourteen prisoners captured. The enemy brought up reinforcements and an armored vehicle which rendered the position of the Americans untenable. The leader of the second platoon was killed, whereupon Sergeant Gettings assumed command of all troops in the area, planned and directed the disengagement, and personally supervised the evacuation of the wounded under extremely hazardous conditions of darkness and enemy fire. He was the last man to leave the village. Upon reaching the new positions, Sergeant Gettings reorganized both platoons. His leadership ability and keen tactical knowledge displayed on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself, his unit and the service. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Lester H McMann, 20723513, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Harold W Cox, 38396471, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 20 and 21 December 1944. During an enemy counterattack on vital American positions near * * * , Sergeant Cox directed the action of his platoon after his platoon leader and platoon sergeant had become casualties. Despite the fact that he was protecting the most vulnerable portion of the American lines and that the attackers outnumbered his defending forces more than two to one, Sergeant Cox so successfully led his men that the first German attack was repulsed. When a friendly tank arrived to assist in the defense, Sergeant Cox was ordered to effect a slow withdrawal of his force to previously prepared positions, thereby luring the enemy into a carefully arranged trap. The maneuver was accomplished with great skill, the entire enemy force of two SS companies was annihilated and the threat to American positions in * * * nullified. Sergeant Cox's courageous and brilliant leadership in the face of fierce assaults by enemy troops eliminated a dire threat to our positions and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Staff Sergeant Ronald E Johnston, 36558820, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 21 December 1944. The First Battalion, * * * Infantry, launched an attack against strong enemy positions near * * * , and, as the battle increased in intensity, called for mortar fire to break up enemy concentrations which had been observed forming in the outskirts of * * * for a counterattack. Despite heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Johnston, a section leader, accompanied by another enlisted man, made his way through a sniper-infested woods and to an open field ahead of the first battalion. Although exposed to direct enemy fire, Sergeant Johnston and his companion effectively directed and adjusted mortar fire upon the German formations which succeeded in disrupting enemy preparations for a counterattack in this area. Sergeant Johnston's heroic devotion to duty under fire reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Thomas D LaMunyon, 38396282, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Edward E Nichols, 34505078, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Sergeant Otto H Poling, 15331247, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Luxembourg on 29 December 1944. On 29 December, friendly aircraft were strafing American troops in the town of * * * . Sergeant Poling, in charge of an anti-aircraft gun position close to the front lines, ordered his men to take cover, left the gun pit and in the face of machine gun fire from the planes, fired a rocket signal into the air which caused the aircraft to cease their activities and prevented further damage. Sergeant Poling's presence of mind and courageous devotion to duty kept the loss of men and materiel to a minimum and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Eliga R Ray, 37144657, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 10 January 1945. On 10 January, infantry troops attacking near * * * encountered very heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Noting that a rifleman had been seriously wounded and had fallen to the ground, Sergeant Ray and another soldier crawled across thirty-five yards of exposed terrain to the side of the wounded man, disregarding shells bursting about them. The two men then administered first aid to their injured comrade, applied a tourniquet to his leg, improvised a litter and carried him to the battalion forward collecting point. Sergeant Ray's prompt and courageous action saved a comrade from bleeding to death and is a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Edward J Shaw, 20222320, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 31 December 1944. Sergeant Shaw was serving as a first gunner in a heavy machine gun squad when an enemy mortar shell landing in the vicinity destroyed his weapon and he suffered severe concussion. Despite his condition, Sergeant Shaw managed to evacuate a wounded man to a position where he could be given medical treatment; he then returned to the area, which was still subjected to heavy enemy fire, and administered first aid to several wounded comrades. When this had been accomplished, he voluntarily carried ammunition to machine guns still in operation. He would only desist from his efforts and submit to medical treatment when the unit objective had been attained. The intrepid actions of Sergeant Shaw are a credit to his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Leo J Buchcusi, 36185097, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. For a period of three hours, while the men of his company were engaged in a bitter struggle for possession of a road junction near * * * , Private Buchcusi, an aid man, worked tirelessly and without regard for his personal safety, administering first aid to the wounded, leading the walking-wounded to a collecting point and directing the evacuation of

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litter patients. He rendered medical assistance to at least fifteen wounded soldiers during the heat of battle. Private Puchowski's efficient performance of his duties under fire undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades-in-arms. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class William D Cheatham, 36900812, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 18 December 1944. Private Cheatham was a member of a detail which was to lay a hasty mine field in front of defensive positions near * * * to impede an expected enemy counterattack. The men hand-carried twenty mines through a dense woods and across exposed terrain and, in spite of heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, placed them at strategic points. As the group was returning from its mission, a mortar shell burst seriously wounded Private Cheatham and one of his comrades, and rendered the remaining members of the crew unconscious. By assisting each other, however, the men were finally able to make their way back to friendly lines. Private Cheatham's unusual courage and devotion to duty mark him an honor to the military service and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Charles L Jones, 39860201, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 4 January 1945. Private Jones was a member of a seven-man group which was to follow an attacking rifle company with the mission of clearing a vital road junction of mines and of laying a defensive mine field in order to prevent recapture of the cross-roads by the enemy. As the men were carefully advancing along the road, they were subjected to withering fire by a well-camouflaged enemy machine gun which had been by-passed by the rifle unit. Private Jones and several of his comrades immediately directed intense fire against the German position, allowing another member of the group to outflank the machine gun emplacement and destroy it with a hand grenade. Braving heavy artillery and mortar fire, and although forced to work under constant enemy observation, the men then proceeded on their mission, swept the road of enemy mines, and constructed a defensive mine field. After their task had been completed, Private Jones and his companions assisted in evacuating casualties of the rifle company on improvised litters before returning to their unit. Private Jones' courage, resourcefulness and unusual zeal reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Arizona.

Private First Class James D Langley, 37607687, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Luxembourg on 4 January 1945. Private Langley, an ammunition handler in the machine gun platoon of his company, volunteered to man a machine gun secured by his platoon leader to replace a weapon which had been knocked out by enemy fire. He moved the weapon well forward of the attacking rifle troops in the face of heavy enemy fire. He was directed to return to the rear but, a short while later, went forward again and received permission to man the machine gun while his platoon leader observed and adjusted the fire. By his accurate fire, he silenced several enemy automatic weapons emplacements and inflicted heavy casualties among counterattacking German troops. His courage, initiative and effective marksmanship reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Eugene L LeNoue, 37096230, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 30 December 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private Charles C Johnson, 6135343, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 10 January 1945. On 10 January, infantry troops attacking near * * * encountered very heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Noting that a rifleman had been seriously wounded and had fallen to the ground, Private Johnson and another soldier crawled across thirty-five yards of exposed terrain to the side of the wounded man, disregarding shells bursting about them. The two men then administered first aid to their injured comrade, applied a tourniquet to his leg, improvised a litter and carried him to the battalion forward collecting point. Private Johnson's prompt and courageous action saved a comrade from bleeding to death and is a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private Loren M Parker, 17161642, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 9 January 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Howard S Risley Jr, 32957415, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 9 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

VII -- PRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and 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 the following enlisted man, now missing in action:

Sergeant Virgil G Strong, 37070673, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 20 December 1944. On 20 December, Sergeant Strong, a wire chief, and several members of his wire section were given the mission of laying telephone lines from the battalion observation post to two company command posts. The men made their way across open ground under direct enemy observation, laying wire and making repairs whenever the lines were disrupted by hostile fire. As they were approaching a woods, however, they encountered such heavy artillery shelling that further progress was impossible, and started back. Before the group had reached the observation post, two of the men were wounded by artillery fire, and Sergeant Strong, together with a comrade, retraced his steps to administer first aid to the wounded crew members. He then went to the battalion aid station in order to secure litter bearers, but finding that none were available, returned to his wounded comrades in an apparent effort to evacuate them himself. Sergeant Strong has been reported missing since this action. His heroic determination and unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier and are an honor to the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

VIII -- PRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and 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 the following officer and enlisted men of this command:

First Lieutenant August M Renner, 0536913, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium on 31 December 1944. Five minutes before his unit was scheduled to launch an attack against the enemy, Lieutenant Renner, a platoon leader, was wounded by shell fragments when the area received a heavy concentration of mortar fire. Disregarding his personal condition, and refusing to be evacuated, he reorganized his platoon and led it in the attack. After an advance of about 300 yards, Lieutenant Renner was again wounded. Before permitting himself to be evacuated, he personally oriented his platoon sergeant and placed him in command of the platoon. Lieutenant Renner's tenacity of purpose and determination that the success of the mission at hand be given primary consideration, reflect high credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant Leland R Shawgo, 37006040, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * and * * * , Belgium on 28 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Hiram Gross, 35506848, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Germany on 21 December 1944. The First Battalion * * * Infantry, launched an attack against strong enemy positions near * * * and, as the battle increased in intensity, called for mortar fire to break up enemy concentrations which had been observed forming in the outskirts of * * * for a counterattack. Despite heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Gross, a section leader, accompanied by another enlisted man, made his way through a sniper-infested woods and to

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an open field ahead of the first battalion. Although exposed to direct enemy fire, Sergeant Gross and his companion effectively directed and adjusted mortar fire upon the German formations which succeeded in disrupting enemy preparations for a counterattack in this area. While so engaged, Sergeant Gross was wounded by shell fragments. Sergeant Gross' heroic devotion to duty under fire reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Sidney E. Roark, 34038490, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium on 9 and 10 January 1945. During this period, Company K, * * * Infantry, was ordered to maintain radio silence, making telephone communication between all units essential. Sergeant Roark, a communications sergeant, laid and maintained approximately four miles of wire connecting six outposts, two company command posts, and three platoon command posts at great personal risk. Heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, as well as friendly tanks passing through the area, frequently cut the wire, making numerous repairs necessary. To maintain uninterrupted communications, Sergeant Roark constantly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire, and in many places struggled through snow waist deep. In spite of the extreme cold, snow, and enemy action, he succeeded in maintaining wire communications at all times, going without sleep or rest during a forty-eight hour period. Sergeant Roark's courage, resourcefulness, perseverance and unstinting devotion to duty deserve high praise and emulation and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant David R. McNaught, 0437962, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * and * * * , Belgium on 28 December 1944. Lieutenant McNaught led a platoon of tank destroyers in support of the attack of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, against a strongly defended enemy hill position between * * * and * * * , Belgium. While directing the attack of his platoon from the open turret of his tank destroyer, Lieutenant McNaught was wounded by machine gun fire. After receiving first aid from a member of his crew, he continued forward until ordered evacuated. He then took up a position at the battalion observation post and directed the activities of his platoon by radio, despite his weakening condition, until relieved by another officer. His courage, bravery and zealous devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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