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I --- SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, a Silver Star is awarded to the following:

Lieutenant Colonel (then Captain) William Walton, O-391809, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Torigni-sur-Vire, France, on 31 July 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Walton assumed command of the First Battalion, 320th Infantry, in the absence of both the battalion commander and the battalion executive officer while the battalion was engaged in an attack against heavily entrenched enemy forces in the vicinity of Torigni-sur-Vire, France. Leaving his normal duties as S-3 of the battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Walton left the comparative safety of the town of Torigni-sur-Vire to move the location of the two front line rifle companies of the battalion which were becoming disorganized and had been stopped in their attack by heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. It was necessary for him to cross about four hundred yards of open terrain which was under enemy observation and which was being heavily shelled by both enemy mortars and 88 mm guns. Upon reaching the location of the front line companies, Lieutenant Colonel Walton contacted the company commanders and, remaining with them under continuing heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, directed the organization of the disorganized troops and redeployed them so decisively and in such a manner that the enemy forces were forced to retire and the battalion objective was secured. Entered the military service from Kansas.

Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant) Richard E Rutledge, O2017283, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Harlange, Belgium, on 3 January 1945. Lieutenant Rutledge was in charge of a three man outpost near Harlange, Belgium. In the course of the evening this outpost received a counter-attack by a combat patrol intent on wiping out this outpost. The enemy combat patrol was armed with machine pistols and rapid firing hand machine guns. Setting up fire, the outpost was able to hold its own until the ammunition ran low. Lieutenant Rutledge, sensing the final outcome in remaining ordered a bayonet charge on the entrenched enemy. Forgetful of the odds and personal safety and in the face of withering cross-fire, Lieutenant Rutledge led the attack which resulted in the killing of four of the enemy patrol and in the capture of the remaining fourteen. His initiative and bravery in leading this attack proved an inspiration to the men who followed him and made successful the charge. His devotion to duty, utter disregard for personal safety and gallantry has proven a continued inspiration to his men, and is in accord with the highest military traditions.

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II --- BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and two bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Colonel Alford C Boatsman, O-243360, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany during the period 1 December 1944 to 9 May 1945. Entered the military service from Nebraska.

III --- BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and bronze Oak-Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following:

Brigadier General Theodore L Futch, O-8572, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg and Belgium for the period 30 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered the United States Military Academy from North Carolina.

Brigadier General (then Colonel) Butler B Miltonburger, O-197801, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg and Belgium for the period 30 December 1944 to 2 January 1945. Entered the military service from Nebraska.

IV --- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Major Stephen A Ucherek, O-343082, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on the English Channel on the night of 28 December 1944. During the sinking of an Army Transport in the English Channel, Major Ucherek, though wounded in the leg, organized the confused passengers into a smoothly working team for removal of all personnel, which action undoubtedly saved many lives of American soldiers. Such action was in accordance with the highest military traditions. Entered the military service from Illinois.

Captain Vernon A Ingle, O-523444, Medical Corps, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Dortmund, Germany, on 11 April 1945. On this date Captain Ingle was treating a wounded man in a forward aid station when the building in which he was working came under direct artillery fire. Captain Ingle directed his medical personnel to take shelter in the basement of the building, but because his patient could not be moved, he remained on the street floor of the building with him and continued his treatment after placing the wounded man under a large table for protection. The building was hit and Captain Ingle himself was wounded, but, because of his actions, his patient received no further wounds or injuries. Entered the military service from California.

Captain Robert K Royce, O-475650, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany during the period 4 to 6 May 1945. Entered the military service from Mississippi.

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Captain Ralph W Towne, O-323553, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium and Germany for the period 11 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered the military service from California.

First Lieutenant Richard O Kiser, O-526950, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany for the period 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered the military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant James G Robertson, O-545737, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg and Germany for the period 1 October 1944 to 28 December 1944. Entered the military service from Mississippi.

First Lieutenant Robert Shapiro, O1057680, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Holland and Germany for the period 9 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered the military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Ronald A Taylor Jr, O1333199, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany for the period 11 February 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

Second Lieutenant Owen L Hibarger, O3007975, Signal Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany for the period 10 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered the military service from Kansas.

Master Sergeant Lawrence W Adams, 13118616, Signal Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany for the period 10 July 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered the military service from Virginia.

Technician Grade Five Arthur E Sellers, 37642366, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Holland, and Germany for the period 21 January 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered the military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Nicholas J Grillo, 42105201, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 2 November 1944 to 20 November 1944. During this period Private Grillo constantly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to aid the advance of his unit. On one occasion he voluntarily left shelter and assisted in the evacuation of two wounded men in the face of heavy enemy artillery fire. On another occasion when most of the men in his platoon were casualties and were cut off from medical aid, Private Grillo voluntarily exposed himself to enemy small arms fire in order to obtain medical aid for his comrades. After contacting the battalion aid station, he again ran the gauntlet of enemy fire to direct the medical aid men to his platoon and then assisted in evacuating the wounded members of his unit. His courage and devotion to duty and comrades reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered the military service from New Jersey.

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Private First Class Charles V Hardee, 34934490, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany for the period 17 January 1945 to 8 April 1945. During this period Company K, 320th Infantry, was actively engaged in combat with the enemy. Private Hardee, in his capacity as a rifle platoon scout, constantly exposed himself to enemy small arms and artillery fire in order to ascertain the strength and disposition of the enemy. Regardless of his assigned mission he has always accomplished it. On several occasions he voluntarily accompanied and led patrols. His conduct under fire during this period has been a challenge and inspiration to the members of his unit. His courage and devotion to duty honors his character as a soldier. Entered the military service from Florida.

V --- PURPLE HEART. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on dates and in countries indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE AND PLACE WOUNDED</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
MAJOR STEPHEN A UCHEREK, O-343082, FIELD ARTILLERY	28 Dec 44, English Channel	Illinois
CAPTAIN WALLACE P CHAPPELL, O-439110, INFANTRY	11 Dec 44, France	Unknown
CAPTAIN JOSEPH E STEVENS, O-292742, CORPS OF ENGINEERS	24 Jan 45, Belgium	California
FIRST LIEUTENANT THEODORE J DULCHINOS, 01328339, INFANTRY	12 Feb 45, Germany	Massachusetts
FIRST LIEUTENANT DANIEL A NEEL, 01327648, INFANTRY	26 Feb 45, Germany	Indiana
FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM NOLAN, 01183145, FIELD ARTILLERY	16 Dec 44, France	Oklahoma
FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT A SAUNDERS, O-928035, INFANTRY	11 Mar 45, Germany	New York
SECOND LIEUTENANT RALPH W BOYLE, 03005563, INFANTRY	12 Feb 45, Germany	Connecticut
First Sergeant Jack H Keller, 37642788, Infantry	26 Feb 45, Germany	Unknown
Sergeant James E Stewart, 36370157, Infantry	8 Nov 44, France	Michigan
Corporal Robert E Ciriello, 31420307, Field Artillery	20 Apr 45, Germany	Unknown
Private First Class Clyde G Clampit, 38686563, Infantry	21 Nov 44, France	Texas
Private First Class Walter F Riley, 31410733, Infantry	23 Nov 44, France	Connecticut
Private First Class George Smerek Jr, 15316959, Infantry	30 Dec 44, Belgium	West Virginia
Private First Class Stanley H Wilson, 37025480, Infantry	12 Jan 45, Belgium	Minnesota
Private First Class Harold E Witt, 35670568, Infantry	10 Jan 45, Belgium	Kentucky
Private First Class John H Zaffuto, 32216531, Infantry	19 Jul 44, France	New York

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VI --- PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers for wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on dates and in countries indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE AND PLACE WOUNDED</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
FIRST LIEUTENANT PETER F FLEISCHMANN, 0-535600, FIELD ARTILLERY	27 Feb 45, Germany	New Jersey
FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD O KISER, 0-526950, INFANTRY	18 Nov 44, France	Ohio
FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY A THOMPSON, 01592657, INFANTRY	8 Mar 45, Germany	Pennsylvania

VII --- PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, in addition to the Purple Heart and bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers for wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on dates and in countries indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE AND PLACE WOUNDED</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES DALTON III, 0-533064, INFANTRY	11 Jul 44, France	North Carolina
FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD O KISER, 0-526950, INFANTRY	30 Dec 44, Belgium	Ohio

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