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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster).

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Colonel CORNELIUS A LICHIRIE, 018371, Cavalry, Headquarters Division Trains, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 21 March 1945, during an advance on ST MARTIN, GERMANY, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel) LICHIRIE fearlessly made a lone reconnaissance of enemy held terrain and secured information which enabled his mechanized squadron to by-pass an enemy road block and continue their attack. Later that day he courageously braved intense hostile small arms, machine gun and rocket fire and led a dismounted patrol to successfully neutralize an enemy strongpoint. The next morning, when intense enemy automatic weapons fire halted the advance of his column, he audaciously manned a tank-mounted machine gun and silenced one of the hostile positions. Colonel LICHIRIE'S heroic leadership and gallant actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Captain EARL COCKE JR, 0441300, Infantry, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. During the period 22 - 24 April 1945, while engaged in a series of actions against the enemy in KIRCHHEIM, UNION and OBERWILZINGEN, GERMANY, Captain COCKE repeatedly displayed great personal courage and heroic leadership. Fearlessly entering an enemy-held town while attempting to contact an isolated battalion, he captured three prisoners, but was later captured himself by a numerically superior hostile force. While marching to the rear he audaciously obtained food and rest for his fellow prisoners and assisted one of them to escape. This intrepid officer later accomplished the surrender of 200 enemy soldiers and captured an additional forty, but was severely wounded in a subsequent fire-fight against overwhelming odds and re-captured. Captain COCKE'S utter disregard for his personal safety and fearless, aggressive actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain WILLIAM K COOLRICK JR, 0438144, Infantry, Headquarters Third United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 11 November 1944, near ROUENNEVILLE, FRANCE, Captain COOLRICK fearlessly exposed himself to intense hostile small arms, mortar, and artillery fire to make a reconnaissance of a bitterly defended area. With utter disregard for his own safety, this intrepid officer proceeded forward, crossed the flooded Meselle River, advanced beyond friendly elements and audaciously used an untraveled, enemy-mined road in order to accomplish his mission. Captain COOLRICK'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Bronze
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Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Major GEORGE F MURNANE JR, 01010331, General Staff Corps, Headquarters Third United States Army. 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in GERMANY.

Captain OSCAR C LEAF, 0352317, Field Artillery, Battery B, 12th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, United States Army. 29 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in HOLLAND and GERMANY.

By command of General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

L. L. MANLY,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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