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SECTION I AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. (POSTHUMOUSLY)

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, posthumously, to the following named Enlisted Man:

ARTHUR V. BOHLINGER, 12064822, S Sgt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 8 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. During assault crossing operations of the Sauer River near Berdorf, Luxembourg, S Sgt. Bohlinger took platoon command after his platoon officer replaced the wounded company commander. Despite intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, S Sgt. Bohlinger left the comparative safety of the final assembly area and made several reconnaissances under direct observation. As a result of his personal information the coordination between Engineer and Infantry elements was greatly aided. For the remainder of the day S Sgt. Bohlinger was at the crossing site aiding operations in every way possible. His outstanding leadership 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.

SECTION II 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:

JULIAN R. LOWE, 01113812, 1st Lt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 6 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. While attempting to build a foot bridge across the Sauer River, Lt. Lowe was fearlessly striding among men of his platoon, bolstering their morale, and directing them at their task. He directed the evacuation of infantrymen wounded by violent mortar fire. Another large unit of Infantry were pinned down by mortar shells and Lt. Lowe calmly directed them to cover and safety. He continued at his difficult task of building a foot bridge until approaching dawn made it necessary to cease operations. His gallantry exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

FRED W. BAKER, 02000223, 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 7 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. Lt. Baker courageously led his platoon to reinforce troops manning assault boats for an assault crossing of the Our River. Shortly after his arrival at the site, the operation had to cease due to the fog lifting permitting excellent enemy observation from the far shore. Lt. Baker was wounded shortly thereafter when a heavy barrage smashed in the vicinity of the [illegible] however, he refused medical evacuation and stayed with his men thinking only of their welfare. Later in the operations Lt. Baker was forced to accept evacuation when his arm became useless due to the wound in his shoulder. By his determination to successfully complete the mission at hand and his fearless courage he remained an example to his men throughout the remainder of the operation. The superb leadership and dauntless heroism displayed by Lt. Baker reflects the highest credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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CAD E. BUTLER, 6277755, S Sgt., Field Artillery, *** FA Obsn Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 11 Dec 44 in France. Braving intense mortar and artillery shellfire, S Sgt. Butler led aid men and litter bearers to treat and evacuate an American officer and 14 soldiers who had been without assistance for 3½ hours. S Sgt. Butler displayed exemplary leadership and personal courage of the highest type in order to save the lives and render aid to his comrades. In addition, S Sgt. Butler continued his mission of installing communications to an OP, disregarding the peril of the shelling encountered. His bravery and leadership reflect exceptional credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

THOMAS B. DUNNE, 37478205, Sgt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 6 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. While engaged in construction of a foot bridge, Sgt. Dunne volunteered to cross the Sauer River with three comrades and drag a line to the far shore. He and his comrades swam with the line to the far shore amid a lethal hail of enemy fire. The line was broken by overturned assault boats. Undaunted, a second and third attempt was made to secure the line but it was again broken. Sgt. Dunne's brave determination in the face of great danger reflects the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

LINDSAY LOGAN JR., 31357701, Sgt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action from 15 Nov 44 to 1 Dec 44 in France. During the attack on the village of Moncourt, France, Sgt. Logan proved himself a highly efficient and gallant soldier. He helped to successfully sweep the road of mines from Concourt, France to Moncourt, France, fully exposing himself to a tremendous amount of enemy fire. He also crawled through a murderous barrage of mortar fire and dragged three wounded enlisted men and one officer, to a point of cover where they could be given first aid and removed from the field of battle. Sgt. Logan's devotion to duty 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 Massachusetts.

CURTIS A. PHILLIPS, 35730099, Tec 5, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 6 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. While engaged in construction of a foot bridge, Tec 5 Phillips volunteered to cross the Sauer River with three comrades and and drag a line to the far shore. He and his comrades swam with the line to the far shore amid a lethal hail of enemy fire. The line was broken by overturned assault boats. Undaunted, a second and third attempt was made to secure the line but it was again broken. Tec 5 Phillips' brave determination in the face of great danger reflects the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

EDWARD J. SHEEHEY, 31369290, Tec 5, Cavalry, *** Cav Ron Sq (Mecz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 20 Feb 45 in Germany. Tec 5 Sheehey, while a volunteer member of a wire-laying crew in an attack on Wincheringen, Germany, was checking a communication line when two of his comrades were hit by mortar fire. Tec 5 Sheehey injured his knee while seeking cover, but nevertheless crawled approximately a half-mile under continuous mortar and artillery fire to obtain aid. He then led the way back to the wounded men and assisted in the evacuation of the one man still alive. His courage and devotion to his fellow soldier despite personal injury and exposure to heavy fire is in accord with the high standards of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

NICOLA COSTA JR., 31348241, PFC, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 7 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. Company "A" was attempting to construct a foot bridge across the Our River at Hesdorf, Luxembourg for the purpose of assisting the 80th Infantry Division in an assault crossing. The bridge site was continually under heavy artillery and mortar fire for the entire operation. During a particularly heavy barrage PFC Costa was wounded by shrapnel from a shell burst along with his platoon commander and several others. Despite continued enemy artillery fire and the withdrawal of the platoon, PFC Costa, though wounded and at further risk of his own life, stayed with his platoon commander until medical aid men could evacuate him to the aid station. PFC Costa's outstanding heroism and courageous actions reflect high credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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JOHN TOTH, 35219536, PFC, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 6 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. While engaged in construction of a foot bridge, PFC Toth volunteered to cross the Sauer River with three comrades and drag a line to the far shore. He and his comrades swam with the line to the far shore amid a lethal hail of enemy fire. The line was broken by overturned assault boats. Undaunted, a second and third attempt was made to secure the line but it was again broken. PFC Toth's brave determination in the face of great danger reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

KENNETH WILSON, 35702887, PFC, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 6 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. While engaged in construction of a foot bridge, PFC Wilson volunteered to cross the Sauer River with three comrades and drag a line to the far shore. He and his comrades swam with the line to the far shore amid a lethal hail of enemy fire. The line was broken by overturned assault boats. Undaunted, a second and third attempt was made to secure the line but it was again broken. PFC Wilson's brave determination in the face of great danger reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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 and Enlisted Men:

HUGH J. GAFFEY, 08435, Major General, United States Army, 4th Armd Div., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 5 Mar 45 to 20 Mar 45 in Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

GLENN S. MEADER, 0230589, Lt. Col., Signal Corps, *** Sig Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Mar 45 to 20 Mar 45 in Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ACIE C. McADA, 0531868, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 11 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. Lt. McAda was in charge of a shell report team assigned to cover the site where a pontoon bridge was being constructed across the Sauer River at Echternach, Luxembourg. Twice while the enemy were attempting to shell the bridge and its approaches Lt. McAda, disregarding his own personal safety, led his team to the area under fire, and while rounds were falling within thirty or forty yards of them, measured the azimuth of fire and obtained other pertinent data. So expeditously were these shell reports obtained that the information reached XII Corps Fire Direction Center within an average elapse time of forty-five minutes from the time when the first round hit. As a result of Lt. McAda's aggressive and daring action Corps Artillery was able to execute prompt and effective counter-battery fires. The courage, devotion to duty and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Lt. McAda reflect high credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

ARTHUR L. VASS, 35348370, Tec 4, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 11 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. Tec 4 Vass was a member of a shell report team assigned to cover the site where a pontoon bridge was being constructed across the Sauer River at Echternach, Luxembourg. Twice while the enemy were attempting to shell the bridge and its approaches, Tec 4 Vass, disregarding his own personal safety, went to the area under fire and while rounds were falling within thirty or forty yards of the team assisted in measuring the azimuth of fire and obtaining other pertinent data. So expeditously were these shell reports obtained that the information reached XII Corps Fire Direction Center within an average elapsed time of forty-five minutes from when the first round hit. As a result of Tec 4 Vass' daring and aggressive action

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Corps Artillery was able to execute prompt and effective counter-battery fires. The courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Tec 4 Vass reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

DONALD N. MORGAN, 12215164, PFC, Cavalry, *** Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 3 Aug 44 to 28 Feb 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

SECTION IV AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDALS. (POSTHUMOUSLY)

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, posthumously, to the following named Officer and Enlisted Man:

CHARLES D. SHUFELT, 01117531, 2nd Lt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 7 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. Following the first assault wave across the Our River Lt. Shufelt led a detail down to the bridge site and attempted to commence the construction of a foot bridge. The enemy on the far shore discovered the attempt and lighted up the area with flares, opening up with small arms and mortar fire and forcing Lt. Shufelt and his men to withdraw. Lt. Shufelt led his men in a second attempt to construct the bridge after the barrage had partially quieted but the enemy again opened fire seriously wounding Lt. Shufelt. By his aggressive determination to complete his mission and his fearless courage and devotion above and beyond the call of duty under enemy fire, Lt. Shufelt in this operation reflects the highest credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

RICHARD C. YARNELL, 36681050, S Sgt., Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Mortar Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 23 Dec 44 to 9 Mar 45 in Luxembourg and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

SECTION V 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:

HAROLD S. DAVIS, 0422038, Major, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 13 Aug 44 to 2 Mar 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

CHARLES K. BRANTON, 0404600, Captain, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 23 Aug 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

PETER J. HARTMAN, 01181289, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 7 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. Lt. Hartman's battery had just completed occupation of position in preparation to support an offensive, and enemy fire threatened to interrupt the work of the battery. He immediately called in a preliminary shell report, then, with total disregard for his own safety, left the protection of the command post and procured shell fragments and an accurate azimuth from one of the shell craters. Five additional shells landed in the position while he was thus exposed. Lt. Hartman's heroic action enabled the battalion to get early and valuable information on an enemy battery that was causing damage and great danger to the men in his command. Lt. Hartman's courage 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 New Jersey.

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JOHN A. MORTIMER, 01039808, 1st Lt., Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Mortar Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 7 - 8 Feb 45 in Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

EDWARD R. NEILL, 01030819, 1st Lt., Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Mortar Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 7 - 8 Feb 45 in Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN P. PERFETTI, 01173031, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 6 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. On this date from 1515 to 1530 hours, Battery "C" received counter-battery fire from German 155mm Howitzers. Approximately six HE shells landed in the area. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Lt. Perfetti on his own volition went out into the area being shelled and during the shelling obtained accurate shell report information, including shell fragments. During the shelling several rounds fell in the vicinity of this officer; one round landing within 100 yards of him. This information, thus received, was reported to higher headquarters and was accurate enough to permit the firing of a counter-battery mission at 1603 hours. Lt. Perfetti's heroic action reflect the highest credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

LOUIS STEINBERG, 01105207, 1st Lt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 7 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. Lt. Steinberg's platoon was engaged in an assault crossing of the Sauer River. Although devastating fire was being laid by the enemy, he coolly directed his platoon in crossing infantrymen over the treacherous river. One of his men was wounded by shrapnel and was slowly bleeding to death but Lt. Steinberg quickly summoned medical aid which resulted in saving the wounded soldier's life. His calm leadership and utter disregard for personal safety in order to safeguard the lives of his comrades are a distinct credit on himself and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

EDWARD H. NEUBAUER, 32019959, M Sgt., Coast Artillery Corps, *** AAA Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 2 Mar 45 in Luxembourg. Seeing that a civilian lying in a field was still alive although injured by the explosion of a mine, M Sgt. Neubauer with utter disregard for his own personal safety entered the mined area and after calling for a litter removed the injured person. M Sgt. Neubauer's display of courage and individual initiative reflect the highest credit on his character as a non-commissioned officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

JOHN M. MURPHY, 12146171, S Sgt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 31 Dec 44 in Luxembourg. On this date from 0945 to 1050, Battery "C" received counter-battery fire from German 88mm Guns. Approximately ten rounds of HE ammunition fell in the area. With utter disregard for his personal safety, S Sgt. Murphy of his own volition went out into the area being shelled and during the shelling gathered accurate shell report information, including fragments. A shell fell within 100 yards of S Sgt. Murphy while he was thus exposed. This information was reported to higher headquarters and was accurate enough to permit the firing of a counter-battery mission at 1115 hours. S Sgt. Murphy's heroic action reflects the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

PERCY J. DAVIS JR., 34774201, Sgt., Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 6 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. Sgt. Davis voluntarily manned a telephone during an assault crossing of the Sauer River although the position on the river bank was highly vulnerable to the terrific bombardment of enemy mortar and artillery fire. Undaunted, he remained at his post with complete disregard for his own personal safety throughout the night. When shell fire disrupted phone communications, he proceeded back and forth thru shell torn streets to deliver messages to his headquarters. His courage and supreme devotion to duty reflects credit on himself and upon the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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RAY L. CHURCH, 35143825, Tec 4, Corps of Engineers, *** Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 7 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. Tec 4 Church was serving as an assault boat crewman during his mission of crossing an infantry assault team to the far shore of the Sauer River in the face of direct enemy fire. While on the far shore he entered the icy current and rescued an infantryman who was badly wounded in the arm and leg and flounderin helplessly in the water near the rivers bank. His daring courage and complete di regard for his own personal safety in the face of the enemy reflects the highest c dit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

RAYMOND MILLER, 34526689, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 14 Nov 44 in France. While the Battery position was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, Cpl. Miller, who was temporarily in charge of his howitzer section due to the absence of his section leader, organized his men and fired his missions thereby destroying two enemy pieced and neutralizing the enemy fire. His brave and determined leadership in the face of grave danger was beyond the ordinary call of duty and reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

SAMUEL J. YERKES JR., 13153117, Cpl., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 15 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. On this date from 2030 to 2115 hours, Battery "C" received counter-battery fire from German 88mm Guns. Approximately 20 rounds of HE ammunition fell in the area. During the shelling several rounds fell within 100 yards of Cpl. Yerkes. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Cpl. Yerkes on his own volition went out into the area being shelled and during the shelling obtained accurate shell report information, including shell fragments. The information furnished to higher headquarters was sufficient and accurate enough to permit fire on an enemy battery. Cpl. Yerkes' heroic action reflects the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT D. BEARD, 36482758, Tec 5, Cavalry, *** Cav Ron Sq (Mecz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 3 Aug 44 to 28 Feb 45 in France and Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROY D. CLARK, 39326169, Tec 5, Medical Department, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 16 Feb 45 and 17 Feb 45 in Germany. During an intense artillery shelling by the enemy on 16 Feb 45, Tec 5 Clark, upon learning that two men had been wounded in an area nearby and were in need of first aid, proceeded across an open field, exposing himself to shell fire and assisted in giving first aid and evacuating the wounded men. On the 17th of February 1945, upon receiving another report that casualties had been suffered by an attached unit, Tec 5 Clark again proceeded into the area where enemy artillery shells were falling and assisted in evacuating a soldier who had been covered by dirt in his fox hole. The devotion to duty and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Tec 5 Clark reflect high credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

EUGENE SALYERS, 36636459, Tec 5, Cavalry, *** Cav Ron Sq (Mecz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Jan 45 to 28 Feb 45 in Luxembourg, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service fro Illinois.

ROBERT D. VAN SCOY, 37661907, Tec 5, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 16 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. During an intense enemy shelling Tec 5 Van Scoy volunteered to drive his vehicle to the scene of an accident where an enlisted man had been seriously wounded when his vehicle struck a mine. Tec 5 Van Scoy proceeded to the scene of the accident while shells continued to fall, placed the wounded soldier on a stretcher and evacuated him to the nearest aid station. Tec 5 Van Scoy's utter disregard for his own personal safety to rescue a wounded comrade while under enemy artillery fire reflects great credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

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THOMAS L. CROSSLEY, 32366859, PFC, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 26 Dec 44 in Luxembourg. PFC Crossley at the risk of his life, took an exposed position, actually under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, in advance of Infantry out posts and close to the targets, in order to participate in bringing artillery fire upon an enemy occupied village holding up the advance of our Infantry forces, and actually did so, with the result that our forces were thereby enabled to take th village with a minimum of losses. His actions were courageous and heroic and reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

LEWIS M. GILES, 20444127, PFC, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 11 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. PFC Giles was a member of a shell report team assigned to cover the site where a pontoon bridge was being constructed across the Sauer River at Echternach Luxembourg. Twice while the enemy were attempting to shell the bridge and its approaches, PFC Giles, disregarding his own personal safety, went to the area under fire and while rounds were falling withing thirty or forty yards of the team, assisted in measuring the azimuth of fire and obtained other pertinent data. So expeditously were these shell reports obtained that the information reached XII Corps Fire Direction Center within an average elapsed time of forty-five minutes from when the first round hit. As a result of PFC Giles' daring and aggressive action Corps Artillery was able to execute prompt and effective counter-battery fires. The courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by PFC Giles reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

ANGELO KASTELIOTES, 39123334, PFC, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 16 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. During an intense enemy shelling PFC Kasteliotes volunteered to drive his vehicle to an AAA position located nearby to pick up a wounded soldier. Enemy artillery shells were falling in the position at 3 to 5 minute intervals as PFC Kasteliotes evacuated the wounded soldier to a clearing station. PFC Kasteliotes' utter disregard for his own personal safety to rescue a wounded comrade while under enemy artillery fire reflects the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from California.

HERBERT B. PETERS, 32946453, PFC, Medical Department, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 16 Feb 45 and 17 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. During an intense artillery shelling by the enemy on 16 Feb 45, PFC Peters, upon learning that two men had been wounded in an area nearby and were in need of first aid, proceeded across an open field, exposing himself to shell fire and assisted in giving first aid and evacuating the wounded men. On the 17th of February 1945, upon receiving another report that casualties had been suffered by an attached unit, PFC Peters again proceeded into the area where enemy artillery shells were falling and assisted in giving first aid and evacuating a soldier who had been completely covered by dirt in his fox hole. The devotion to duty and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by PFC Peters reflect high credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

ROMNELL PINKSTON, 34224479, PFC, Coast Artillery Corps, *** AAA AW Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 17 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. At about 0415 hours, near Echternach, Luxembourg, PFC Pinkston's 40mm Antiaircraft Gun Section was subjected to prolonged and heavy enemy artillery fire. When one shell seriously wounded his Chief of Section, PFC Pinkston left the comparative safety of his fox hole to help him. On seeing him, he realized that experienced medical aid was needed immediately. Under continued enemy shelling, he, with two other men, crawled and ran to an aid station and returned with aid men to the scene, but the Chief of Section was dead. PFC Pinkston's loyal devotion to his fallen comrade and his heroic action, were an inspiration to all who saw it and reflect great credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

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JOSEPH H. WEIR, 6978435, PFC, Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 15 Jan 45 in Luxembourg. On this date from 2030 to 2115 hours, Battery "C" received counter-battery fire from German 88mm Guns. Approximately 20 rounds of HE ammunition fell in the area. With utter disregard for his personal safety, PFC Weir on his own volition went out into the area being shelled and during the shelling obtained accurate shell report information, including shell fragments. During the shelling several rounds fell in the vicinity of PFC Weir; one round landing within 100 yards of him. The information furnished to higher headquarters was sufficient and accurate enough to permit fire on an enemy battery. PFC Weir's heroic action reflects the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CARROLL HUSSER, 34120383, Pvt., Coast Artillery Corps, *** AAA AW Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 17 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. At about 0415 hours, near Echternach, Luxembourg, Pvt. Husser's 40mm Antiaircraft Gun Section was subjected to prolonged and heavy enemy artillery fire. When one shell seriously wounded his Chief of Section, Pvt. Husser left the comparative safety of his foxhole to help him. On seeing him, Pvt. Husser realized that experienced medical aid was needed immediately. Under continued enemy shelling, he, with two other men, crawled and ran to an aid station and returned with aid men to the scene, but the Chief of Section was dead. Pvt. Husser's loyal devotion to his fallen comrade and his heroic action, were an inspiration to all who saw it and reflects great credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

SECTION VI AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER 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 Officer:

A Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to DOUW V. FONDA, 01176337, 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 Luxembourg and Germany during the period 31 Dec 44 to 25 Feb 45. While serving as artillery Liaison Pilot Lt. Fonda distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying 35 sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lt. Fonda in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

SECTION VII AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS

So much of Section III, General Orders No. 19, this Hq., c.s., dated 8 Mar 45, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Captain Arnold Arch as reads: ARNOLD ARCH, 01035061, Captain, Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Mortar Bn., is amended to read ARNOLD ARCH, 0391673, Captain, Chemical Warfare Service, *** Cml Mortar Bn.

So much of Section VI, General Orders No. 22, this Hq., c.s., dated 19 Mar 45, aswarding an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to Lt. Jacob L. Packer as reads: A Third Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to JACOB L. PACKER, 0400694, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn., is amended to read A Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to JACOB L. PACKER, 0400694, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, *** FA Bn.

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By command of Major General EDDY:

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