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I. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star is awarded by the Commanding General to the following for meritorious service:

→ DONALD W. ANDERSON, 0435949, Captain, Field Artillery, Company "B", \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service on 18 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ennsheim, Germany. Entered military service from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General to the following for meritorious service:

→ DONALD B. ALFREDS, 0885767, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Company "C", \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service from 16 March 1945 to 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Heckendalheim and Ommerheim, Germany. Entered military service from San Gabriel, California.

ALBERT S. BRIGG, JR., 0268778, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 23 February 1945 to 25 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Savannah, Georgia.

→ JESS L. GUSICK, JR., 0453372, Captain, Field Artillery, Company "A", \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service from 16 March 1945 to 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ennsheim, Germany. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

WILLIAM S. HONNER, 01170010, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, \*\*\* Division Artillery, for meritorious service from 3 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

HARRY J. KERN, 01167066, Major (then Captain), Field Artillery, Headquarters, \*\*\* Division Artillery, for meritorious service from 3 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tiffin, Ohio.

JAMES H. LIGHTFOOT, 0307357, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 23 February 1945 to 25 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lawton, Oklahoma.

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→ ARTHUR B. ROSSLAND, 37169946, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "A", \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ennsheim, Germany. Sergeant Rossland directed the fire and deployment of his tank destroyer in close support of infantry elements in the attack on enemy positions within the Siegfried Line. Despite the continuous barrage of hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant Rossland, from his exposed position in the destroyer's turret, determinedly directed his destroyer forward to engage repeatedly the enemy in point blank combat. During this action, he was struck by enemy artillery fire which mortally wounded him. The inspiring leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Rossland are deserving of the highest praise. Next of kin: Martin Rossland (Father), Marmon, North Dakota.

→ ALVIN K. WAGGONER, 37151439, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "A", \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ennsheim, Germany. In the absence of his platoon leader, Sergeant Waggoner was directing the operations of the Second Platoon in their assault on the Siegfried Line. Upon reaching a position where the infantry he was supporting was held up by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Waggoner, in order to secure information concerning where they desired the fire of his guns, left the comparative safety of the tank destroyer and proceeded through intense enemy fire to the position of the infantry. After being informed of the strongest points of enemy resistance, he returned to his tank destroyer. As he proceeded to direct the fire of his platoon, he was struck by enemy artillery fire and mortally wounded. His gallant sacrifice is an inspiration to the men he led. Next of kin: Mrs. Catherine A. Breezeale (Mother), Forest City, Missouri.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General to the following for heroic achievement:

ISRAEL KENES, 31040654, Private, Infantry, Company "C", 254th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hartungshof, Germany. Private Kenes made three trips across open terrain in the face of enemy automatic weapons fire to evacuate wounded men. He displayed magnificent courage under fire in his efforts to aid his fellow soldiers. Afterwards, Private Kenes advanced to an enemy head house to throw accurately hand grenades into it, thereby ending the enemy resistance. Entered military service from New Haven, Connecticut.

LEONARD L. LIFTO, 37090749, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Cannon Company, 255th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 February 1945, in the vicinity of Bliesbrücken, Germany. Technician Fourth Grade Lifto helped to lay and maintain wire close behind the forward observer of his company. Although under enemy observation and subject to intense enemy fire, he maintained communication lines, enabling cannon fire to be placed accurately and liaison to be maintained between platoons of his company. Entered military service from Rochester, Minnesota.

LUIS A. MAXWELL, 36978829, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "D", 254th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hartungshof, Germany. Sergeant Maxwell's squad was supporting a platoon of Company "C", which was pinned down under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire. Observing the critical situation, Sergeant Maxwell skillfully laid down a base of fire with his machine gun on the enemy position and by so doing drew enemy fire. With determination and courage he resigned becoming a casualty, fell to the ground and directed the fire of his squad with deadly effect. He then joined in the assault on the entrenched enemy, silencing the enemy machine gun emplacement and taking four prisoners. Entered military service from Belleville, Illinois.

J. D. MILLER, 44025340, Private, Infantry, Company "C", 254th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Hartungshof, Germany. Despite a limited withdrawal and several casualties caused by superior enemy fire, Private Miller rushed through enemy machine pistol and machine gun fire to save boxes of machine gun ammunition. Although wounded in the hand, he successfully withdrew the ammunition. His action considerably contributed to a regrouping and successful attack on the enemy strongpoint. Entered military service from Hemingway, South Carolina.



GUSS D. ROSS, JR, 34971054, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "A", 253d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 January 1945, in the vicinity of Neunkirch, France. When a patrol with which he was serving abandoned their equipment after discovering that they were greatly outnumbered by the enemy, Private First Class Ross, knowing it was the only link of communication, carried a radio down a 300-yard draw under enemy machine gun fire. His courageous action, performed under extremely hazardous conditions, resulted in directing fire on enemy positions and securing vital information. Entered military service from Gadsden, Alabama.

→ HAROLD E. THORN, 37081608, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Company "A", \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ennsheim, Germany. While in support of infantry elements in the attack on the Siegfried Line, the tank destroyer of which Technician Fourth Grade Thorn was the driver, was hit by enemy artillery fire, mortally wounding both his platoon leader and destroyer commander and leaving the gunner in a stunned condition. Quickly examining the injured personnel, Technician Fourth Grade Thorn left his position in the destroyer and proceeded through intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to the position of another tank destroyer, secured the aid of a fellow soldier to act as guide for him, and evacuated his destroyer and the wounded. Entered military service from New Rockford, North Dakota.

ISAAC B. ZARATE, 39049457, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, Service Company, 255th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lambach, France. While his truck was being unloaded at a battalion ammunition dump, enemy rockets and artillery were fired into the area. Although wounded, Private First Class Zarate, showing great courage, jumped into his truck and drove it out of the concentration. Entered military service from Stockton, California.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General to the following of Company "C", 253d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bubingen, Germany:

RODMAN F. BACKUS, JR., 31434445, Sergeant (then Private), Infantry. Entered military service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

EMBERTON HOLMES, 32928894, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry. Entered military service from Clifton, New Jersey.

These men, members of a squad, had a mission to attack and destroy an enemy machine gun nest. An enveloping movement was started when the leading scout was fired on by an enemy machine gun, wounding him and pinning down other members of the squad. With utter disregard for personal safety, these men crawled approximately forty yards through a murderous zone of enemy machine gun fire to recover and administer first aid to the wounded scout. Their heroic action saved the life of a soldier and also enabled the squad leader to determine the exact location of the enemy and take the machine gun emplacement.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General to the following of Battery "B", 18th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ensheim, Germany:

JESSE B. BROWN, 18002163, Private, Field Artillery. Entered military service from Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

EARNEST I. KIRKLAN, 18050219, Private First Class, Field Artillery. Entered military service from Durant, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM J. MITCHELL, 6292835, Sergeant, Field Artillery. Entered military service from Miray, Louisiana.

BILLY M. REECE, 6292838, Corporal, Field Artillery. Entered military service from Deport, Texas.

Two vehicles, one loaded with ammunition, were struck by enemy shells and burst into flames. These men rushed to the burning vehicle, and, although it and the ammunition cases were burning fiercely, they, with Lieutenant Marley, removed the smoldering cases of ammunition while enemy shells burst within the area. Due to their courageous action, the ammunition was removed and the fire extinguished, preventing further damage and possible casualties.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General to the following for heroic achievement:

GEORGE E. ADAMS, 31450067, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "A", 255th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 March 1945, in the vicinity of Gudingen, Germany. During a counter-attack by the enemy, Sergeant Adams fired his rockets on enemy self-propelled guns, knocking out one and keeping two others occupied to the extent that their fire was inaccurate. He kept up the fire on the two remaining self-propelled guns until he was out of ammunition and his position untenable and then assisted a wounded man back to the rear. By his action the company was able to continue on its mission. Entered military service from Bingham, Maine.

THOMAS J. COYNE, JR., 32013922, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "D", 255th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Gudingen, Germany. Under heavy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Coyne continuously moved his platoon forward, constantly checking for dispersion and formation. During the attack, he personally carried wire forward so that when the objective was reached the line was ready for use, enabling the platoon to call for supporting artillery fire. Sergeant Coyne maintained communications with his company command post by maintaining the wire which enabled the securing of mortar fire when the enemy launched a counter-attack against an adjacent unit. Sergeant Coyne's outstanding leadership and initiative aided materially in the success of the attack. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

→ KENNETH M. CUMMINGS, 16124064, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Company "C", 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ommersheim, Germany. While following friendly tanks through the Dragon's Teeth in support of an infantry attack on the pill-boxes of the Siegfried Line, the tank immediately in front of Technician Fifth Grade Cummings' destroyer crashed through the bridge, going over an anti-tank ditch. Completely exposing himself, he attempted to hook the cable of his destroyer to the tank to pull it out. Unsuccessful in this attempt, he returned and reported to the infantry company commander. Without hesitation, he volunteered to guide the engineers and equipment back to repair the bridge. He drove through intense fire down to the ditch and gave covering fire to the engineers while they attempted to make a new crossing. Forced to withdraw because of heavy artillery and small arms fire, he guided the engineers back to the infantry command post. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

GERALD W. DUNNE, 42005852, Sergeant (then Corporal), Field Artillery, Battery "A", 718th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ensheim, Germany. As a member of a forward observer party, Sergeant Dunne occupied an observation post on a hill which was subjected to heavy enemy shelling, causing elements of the infantry holding it to withdraw behind the crest. Despite the fact that the forward observer section was left alone on the hill, and in spite of intense enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Dunne, with utter disregard for his personal safety, continued to man the observation post until ordered to withdraw. Entered military service from Morris-  
town, New Jersey.



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WILLIAM F. GERARD, 01298853, Captain, Infantry, Company "B", 253d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945, in the vicinity of Pübingen, Germany. When one of his two platoons was pinned down by enemy fire, Captain Gerard maneuvered his remaining platoon in such a manner that the pressure was relieved and both platoons entered the town of Pübingen. Under Captain Gerard's able leadership, the objective was taken, with a minimum of casualties, and defensive positions secured, which withstood the enemy shelling that followed. His outstanding leadership was an inspiration to his men and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Charleston, South Carolina.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General to the following for heroic achievement:

GEORGE L. ANDERSON, 20147986, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "B", 254th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945, in the vicinity of Enshelm, Germany. When his company was endeavoring to penetrate the outer defenses of the Siegfried Line, Sergeant Anderson, mess sergeant, despite intense enemy fire, personally brought hot coffee and cake to the men on the front lines and refused to leave until satisfied that every man had been served. His regard for those depending on him and his determination to serve them are in accord with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

EDWIN F. BLOOMFIELD, 36876645, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery "B", \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ruchhof, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Bloomfield was acting as Reconnaissance Sergeant of a forward observer section supporting Company "F", \*\*\* Infantry Regiment when their position was subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, rocket and small arms fire. When a counter-attack developed, he heroically exposed himself to intense enemy fire and adjusted artillery fire on the counter-attacking enemy, causing numerous casualties. While withdrawing under fire, he voluntarily carried a seriously wounded infantryman to a medical aid station, thereby saving his life. Technician Fifth Grade Bloomfield's heroism and courage are exemplary of the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Lansing, Michigan.



JAMES M. CASEY, 42070719, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "L", 255th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 February 1945, in the vicinity of Wiesviller, France. Although wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Casey remained to direct the movements of his squad during an attack by the Third Battalion. Through his leadership the squad succeeded in closing a gap left by casualties in a platoon they were assigned to support. Sergeant Casey's devotion to duty, even though wounded, and his disregard for personal safety, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

→ JAMES F. CRAVEN, 37151440, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "C", 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ommersheim, Germany. Called upon to fire on enemy machine gun nests and pillboxes in the Siegfried Line, Sergeant Craven made a foot reconnaissance to find the best possible firing positions for his tank destroyer. Disregarding his personal safety and under intense artillery and mortar fire, he went forward and located the enemy machine gun nests and pillboxes. Returning to his tank destroyer he led it to the selected firing position. Completely exposing himself, he directed the fire of his tank destroyer and succeeded in knocking out the enemy emplacements. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Craven in highly exemplary and a credit to the armed forces. Entered military service from Denver, Missouri.

RALPH F. FARLEY, 35227988, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 863d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ormesheim, Germany. When the infantry company to which his forward observer section was attached was ordered to take an enemy held woods, Corporal Farley, with his SCR-610 radio, moved up with the company. When the company was suddenly pinned down by enemy machine gun and artillery fire, Corporal Farley, lying unprotected in open terrain, immediately and expertly operated and transmitted communications to his battery, enabling the artillery to neutralize enemy gun positions and allowing the infantry to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Woodfield, Ohio.

### GREANIAS

GUS G. GREANIAS, 36963264, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 255th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ommersheim, Germany. Private First Class Greanias, acting as section leader of a light machine gun section, on his own initiative, placed his section in position on the same forward slope of a hill facing the Siegfried Line, upon which the platoon, of his company were dug in, thus contributing fire support to his company as it was getting into position. By his courage and disregard for personal safety in exposing himself to better control the fire of his guns, the company was able to deliver effective, well coordinated automatic fire. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General to the following for heroic achievement:

HAROLD J. HOLLAND, 36876002, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 863d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ensheim, Germany. Although under heavy enemy artillery fire, with shells dropping within forty yards of his base relay radio set, Technician Fourth Grade Holland remained at his station. When one of the lines to the fire direction center went out, he fearlessly worked his way out along the line to make necessary repairs, restoring important communications. The courage and determination displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Holland are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

ANTHONY MARRA, 36523104, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 255th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Duingen, Germany. Having been assigned the mission of laying wire between two companies, Technician Fifth Grade Marra, although under heavy artillery and mortar fire, laid and maintained communication lines. His skill and persistence enabled the two companies to establish and maintain communications which contributed largely to successful operations. During the entire period Technician Fifth Grade Marra worked tirelessly to keep the communication lines open. His untiring devotion to duty is commensurate with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Caro, Michigan.

→ DAVID MORA, 38349371, Private, Field Artillery, Company "C", \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 30 March 1945, in the vicinity of Neuenheim, Germany. During the attack on Neuenheim, Private Mora observed an aid man fall wounded from an enemy artillery and mortar barrage and left the security of the armor afforded by his destroyer to aid the wounded man. His tenacity and determination resulted in the prompt evacuation of a seriously wounded man, undoubtedly increasing the chances of his recovery. Entered military service from Camero, New Mexico.

JOHN O. NELSON, 0549752, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "K", 255th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ommersheim, Germany. When one of two anti-tank guns abreast of his company was under automatic fire from the enemy and the crew was unable to withdraw, Lieutenant Nelson unhesitatingly exposing himself to enemy fire, ran to a position near the gun and threw two white phosphorus grenades to lay a smoke screen in front of the anti-tank gun position, thus permitting the gun to be successfully withdrawn. Lieutenant Nelson's initiative and courageous action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.



**WILLIAM E. OLCOTT**, 33943344, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 254th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 February 1945, in the vicinity of Amersmacker, Germany. When intense enemy mortar fire burst near the vehicle driven by Technician Fifth Grade Olcott, he dismounted to take cover. His passenger, an officer, was wounded by another mortar burst as he was dismounting. Noting that the wounded officer could not remove himself to a place of safety, Technician Fifth Grade Olcott aided the officer to a nearby building offering cover from the bursting shells and rendered first aid. The heroism displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Olcott is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service and undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded officer. Entered military service from Scotia, New York.

#### **RAFFENSPERGER**

**BRUCE A. RAFFENSPERGER**, 0555071, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "D", 253d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bubingen, Germany. During an attack Lieutenant Raffensperger, in the face of intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, led his section of heavy machine guns with the leading rifle platoon. When the rifle platoon was held up, he directed the placing of guns to give direct support, personally sighted the guns for protection during reorganization, and aided in stopping the enemy's counter-attack. Lieutenant Raffensperger also made arrangements for the evacuation of the wounded. Through his courage and accurate estimate of the situation, the enemy strongpoint was neutralized. Entered military service from Arendtsville, Pennsylvania.

→ **WILLIAM M. ROBISON**, 37125906, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "C", 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Omersheim, Germany. When the infantry called upon Sergeant Robison to bring fire upon enemy machine gun nests and pillboxes in the Siegfried Line, he immediately made a foot reconnaissance of the area, under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, to secure the best possible fire positions for his tank destroyer. He then led his tank destroyer into position, disregarding the possibility of direct enemy anti-tank fire. Completely exposing himself to the intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant Robison succeeded in directing fire which knocked out the enemy emplacements. Entered military service from Fairbury, Nebraska.

→ **CARL J. SCHENKELBERG**, 37198223, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "C", 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Omersheim, Germany. Sergeant Schenkelberg, while in position to fire on pillboxes in the Siegfried Line, observed an American infantryman hit by enemy shell fire and lying in an exposed position. Disregarding his own safety and under heavy artillery fire, he immediately jumped out of his vehicle and called for medical aid. Exposing himself to enemy small arms fire, he procured medical aid for the injured man and insured that the wounded man was evacuated to a place of safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Schenkelberg, exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Halbur, Iowa.

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