

GENERAL ORDERS)

9 May 1945

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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 Medal is awarded by the Commanding General to the following for meritorious service:

AUBREY M. GARRISON, JR., 0366758, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 5 April 1945 to 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Weigenthal, Germany. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

EDWARD W. KING, 0452828, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 5 April 1945 to 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Weigenthal, Germany. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

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

JOSEPH P. WHALEN, 3257132L, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 862d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 5 February 1945 to 15 March 1945, in France and Germany. Next of kin: Mrs. Bridget Whalen (Mother), 512 4th Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey.

III. 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:

JOHN B. BEST, JR., 18243061, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", 253d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service from 17 February 1945 to 20 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Winters, Texas.

SAM E. BROWN, 01320820, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 253d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service on 7 April 1945, in the vicinity of Herboldshelm, Germany. Entered military service from Burbank, California.

HAROLD T. COLF, 32085799, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 718th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 3 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Nyack, New York.

LEE G. DIXON, W2115849, Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, USA, Service Company, 253d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service from 2 January 1945 to 2 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Norfolk, Nebraska.

ERWIN O. KEYSER, 36684643, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 718th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 3 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

ALDO M. LEONF, 42006037, Corporal, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 718th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 3 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Paterson, New Jersey.

→ EDWARD T. LUGINSKY, 20644258, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "C", 822d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service from 15 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

CHARLES F. LUNDENBERGER, 35827417, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 253d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service from 25 February 1945 to 25 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bolivar, Ohio.

DAVID C. MALLOY, JR., 38031476, First Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 718th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 3 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

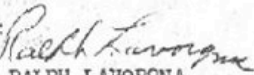
JOHN W. McMANEE, 16061587, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 718th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 3 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

STANLEY MFRISKY, 6997556, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 718th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 3 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

JAMES R. ROSENCRANTZ, 31174236, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 718th Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service from 15 February 1945 to 31 March 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from East Kingston, New Hampshire.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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Award of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) II

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 Medal is awarded by the Commanding General to the following:

ROGER B. BENJAMIN, O2011735, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "B", *** Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, in the vicinity of Waldenburg, Germany. While participating in an attack on Waldenburg, two men in Lieutenant Benjamin's forward observer party were wounded. Realizing the danger of securing replacements at such a critical time, Lieutenant Benjamin, with determined courage, carried on alone, thus providing close artillery support and thereby materially aiding the infantry to seize and hold its objective. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Lieutenant Benjamin under hazardous conditions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Shreve, Ohio.

CHARLIE W. LOOPEY, 38400022, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 740th Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 March 1945, in Germany. Sergeant Loopey, acting platoon leader of a tank platoon, was unable to carry out his mission of penetrating the Siegfried line due to the fact that a breach in the Dragon's Teeth had not been made. Dismounting his tank Sergeant Loopey contacted the engineers under heavy enemy fire, and remained in position with his tank providing covering fire for crews making a gap. Once a gap had been blown in the obstacles, Sergeant Loopey proceeded through the line and, together with his platoon, neutralized five pillboxes and helped the infantry gain its objective. The courage and leadership displayed by Sergeant Loopey were an inspiration to the men under him and contributed greatly to the success of the attack. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

➔ MINOR W. BRANTLEY, 38386148, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "C", 822d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 30 March 1945, in the vicinity of Neuenheim, Germany. Sergeant Brantley, gun commander, in charge of a section of guns, was given the mission of furnishing anti-tank defense in support of the Third Battalion, 255th Infantry. Although under intense enemy fire, Sergeant Brantley moved forward and selected gun positions, then placed his men in covered positions. He then maintained communications and acted as an observer until mortally wounded by an enemy shell fragment. The courage and gallantry under fire of Sergeant Brantley reflect the highest credit upon himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Marjorie H. Brantley (wife), Box 82, Hydro, Oklahoma.

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→ GERALD F. DONLON, 37178468, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "B", *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Sulzdorf, Germany. Sergeant Donlon, as gun commander of the leading destroyer, displayed great courage and coolness during heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. Sergeant Donlon directed fire on several strongpoints in the town helping to reduce them and aiding the infantry in securing its objective. While moving his destroyer into the town to secure it against an enemy counter-attack, Sergeant Donlon was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Sergeant Donlon, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Donlon (Wife), 1938 South Trumbull Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

CLARENCE W. MUNGER, 38400902, Corporal, Infantry, Company "C", 740th Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 22 March 1945, in Germany. The tank platoon of which Corporal Munger was a gunner was attempting to breach the Siegfried Line when they were halted by a dug-in enemy self-propelled gun. Under a heavy artillery barrage, Corporal Munger remained with his tank, placing fire on the enemy self-propelled gun until he was killed by a direct hit from enemy artillery. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Corporal Munger under hazardous conditions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Clara W. Munger (Mother) Route 9, Alva, Oklahoma.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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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:

ALEXANDER R. ANTHONY, 39288118, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "I", 253d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945, in the vicinity of Gros Roderching, France. When the company was attacked by an enemy flame-throwing tank and supporting infantry, Sergeant Anthony, a light machine gunner, opened fire inflicting several casualties. He remained in position to protect the withdrawal of the company and later helped carry machine gun ammunition under intense enemy small arms fire. The courage displayed by Sergeant Anthony was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and contributed greatly in repulsing the enemy counter-attack. Entered military service from Chula Vista, California.

SEYMOUR I. BARKOWITZ, 14191908, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "H", 254th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ensheim, Germany. When the first platoon of Company "H" was attached to a rifle company in an attack on the Siegfried Line, the enemy launched a strong counter-attack, threatening the flank of the company. Unhesitatingly and without regard for personal safety, Sergeant Barkowitz moved a heavy machine gun to a position within 30 yards of the enemy and fired on their positions, repulsing the enemy counter-attack and enabling the company to hold its position. The courage displayed by Sergeant Barkowitz was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and contributed greatly in repulsing the enemy counter-attack. Entered military service from Charleston, South Carolina.

DAYLE E. BONIFIELD, 35632515, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "I", 253d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Lampoldshausen, Germany. Sergeant Bonifield moved his platoon forward aggressively in the frontal attack he had been ordered to make, capturing twelve prisoners in his initial thrust, and then passing forward to spearhead the battalion's advance in which the town was taken. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Sergeant Bonifield, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Coshocton, Ohio.

→ JOSEPH F. CIMINERO, 35305470, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "B", *** 82 Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nesselbach, Germany. Sergeant Ciminero, while commanding his destroyer, was fired upon by a panzerfaust team causing the destroyer to burst into flames and hurling him from the vehicle. Despite wounds in both legs, Sergeant Ciminero supervised the evacuation of his crew. Although unable to walk Sergeant Ciminero submitted to medical aid only after other crew members had received first aid. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Sergeant Ciminero, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Niles, Ohio.

→ WALTER F. DE DECKER, 01287314, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "C", 822d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Zuttlinger, Germany. Lieutenant De Decker, platoon leader of self-propelled tank destroyers, was given the mission of firing on enemy strongpoints in Zuttlinger. To effectively accomplish his mission, Lieutenant De Decker made an aggressive reconnaissance through heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. He then returned to his platoon and personally directed the fire of his tank guns, destroying two enemy observation posts and one machine gun emplacement. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Lieutenant De Decker, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Annawan, Illinois.

→ CHARLES E. DICKEY, JR., 01287319, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "C", 822d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 31 March 1945 in the vicinity of Leimen, Germany. Lieutenant Dickey advanced under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire to reconnoiter forward positions for his platoon. Although wounded by a shell fragment, he assisted in the evacuation of one of his section leaders and refused to return to the aid station until his platoon sergeant had received the valuable information resulting from his reconnaissance. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Lieutenant Dickey, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

THOMAS A. FAHERTY, 33925438, Private, Infantry, Company "C", 753d Tank Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in the vicinity of Leimersheim, Germany. When his tank was immobilized by direct anti-tank fire, Private Faherty voluntarily remained with the tank and engaged the enemy gun in order to give his platoon leader time to place the remaining tanks in firing positions. Private Faherty continued to exchange fire with the enemy gun until his tank was set on fire and he was painfully burned. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Private Faherty, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from McKees Rock, Pennsylvania.

TINO M. GHIDELLA, 39139749, Private, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 862d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 16 March 1945 to 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ensheim, Germany. After eight concrete pillboxes were taken, the battalion's position was subjected to intermittent enemy artillery fire and two strong counter-attacks. During this time, Private Ghidella, member of a liaison party, carried vital supplies to the forward observers over open terrain so as to provide constant communication between his section and the artillery fire direction center. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Private Ghidella, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

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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:

JOHN J. NEWBURY, 31013042, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 862d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action from 17 March 1945 to 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ensheim, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Newbury operated and maintained radio communication between the infantry and artillery during the breaching of the Siegfried Line. His radio was in constant operation for supporting fire during the four days and nights he was under sporadic mortar and 88 fire, which at times landed as close as ten yards from him. The courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Newbury was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and contributed greatly to the success of the attack. Entered military service from Rochester, New Hampshire.

ARCHIE J. REID, 6822693, First Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", 254th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ensheim, Germany. During the attack of the Second Battalion on the Siegfried Line defense, Sergeant Reid voluntarily established an outpost on an open hill under intense enemy fire. Sergeant Reid occupied this position for eight hours and maintained wire communications with company and battalion commanders. The intrepidity with which Sergeant Reid performed this heroic act was an inspiration to all those who witnessed his actions. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

→ EARL E. SUMMERS, 38425378, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Company "B", 822d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Nesselbach, Germany. Private First Class Summers, while maneuvering his destroyer, was fired upon by a panzerfaust team causing the destroyer to burst into flames, severely burning and wounding its occupants. Despite his injuries, Private First Class Summers assisted in extricating other seriously injured crew members from the burning vehicle, saving them from more serious burns. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Private First Class Summers, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Royce City, Texas.

LOUIS D. TIRELLI, 02007038, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "C", 253d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, in the vicinity of Kressbach, Germany. When all other officers became casualties in an attack on Kressbach, Lieutenant Tirelli assumed command of the company. He led his men in the face of heavy enemy resistance in clearing a woods of a strong enemy force. The courage and leadership displayed by Lieutenant Tirelli were an inspiration to the men under him and contributed greatly to the success of the attack. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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ROBERT E. TERESINSKI, 37505826, Corporal, Infantry, Company "C", 7th Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in the vicinity of Leimersheim, Germany. When his tank was immobilized by direct enemy anti-tank fire, Corporal Teresinski, courageously volunteered to remain with the tank and engage the enemy gun in order to give his platoon leader time to place his other tanks in firing positions. Though his tank was a stationary target without support, under direct fire, Corporal Teresinski exchanged fire with the enemy gun until the tank was again hit and began to burn. Corporal Teresinski was painfully burned while leaving the tank. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Corporal Teresinski, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from St. Joseph, Missouri.

ROBERT D. TEVERBAUGH, 0547028, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 263d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 February 1945, in the vicinity of Weisviller, France. While leading two engineer mine-sweeping squads, Lieutenant Teverbaugh was wounded by enemy fire. Despite his wound and under constant machine gun and mortar fire, he continued his mission removing a wounded officer to safety. Later, Lieutenant Teverbaugh was wounded again before going for medical aid. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty of Lieutenant Teverbaugh, under hazardous conditions, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ponca City, Oklahoma.

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