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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - 'SILVER' STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

ALFRED E. JONES, 33268159, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Jones, who was acting as forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, heard enemy vehicles moving on a road which he was unable to observe from his position. Although fully aware of the risk he was taking, he courageously advanced beyond the loading rifle elements to locate a position from which he could observe the enemy activity and direct mortar fire on the German force. While scouting for this position beyond the friendly lines, he was killed by enemy machine gun fire. His outstanding devotion to duty and his magnificent courage were a source of great inspiration to the entire company and exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Jane L. Jones (Mother), Corwin Street, Box 205, Roscoe, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF 'SILVER STAR.' Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JAMES H. CRITCHFIELD, 022656, Lieutenant Colonel, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. When approximately 700 German officer candidates infiltrated through friendly lines and launched an assault which threatened to overrun the Battalion Command Post, Lieutenant Colonel Critchfield swiftly deployed his headquarters personnel to cover all approaches. Then moving through heavy small arms fire to an exposed position in a tower, he fired into the midst of the Germans with a rifle and a machine gun. Though bullets chipped the walls all around him, he remained in his position and directed artillery and mortar fire on the attackers. So effective was this fire, that the enemy began to withdraw. Then braving a heavy enemy artillery barrage, he led two tank destroyers to a position where fire could be delivered on the retreating Germans, and standing on the exposed deck of one of the tank destroyers, directed the fire until the enemy was completely routed. As a result of the personal intrepidity and aggressive leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Critchfield, severe losses were inflicted on the enemy. Entered the Service from Fargo North Dakota.

RUSSELL M. LEWIS, 35547466, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 November 1944 in France

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Sergeant Lewis was placing his platoon in position in preparation for an attack when the men were subjected to intense machine gun fire from both flanks. Sergeant Lewis quickly directed his squad leaders in deploying the men to neutralize the enemy fire. While two of the men were moving into position, they entered a minefield and were seriously wounded by exploding mines. Without hesitation Sergeant Lewis crawled into the minefield and worked his way to the side of the wounded men. While enemy bullets struck around him, he administered first aid, lifted the first man in his arms and, heedless of the many unexploded mines, carried him to safety. He then courageously reentered the minefield and removed the second wounded soldier. Returning to his platoon, Sergeant Lewis led the men forward in the attack. Entered the Service from South Bend, Indiana.

JACK T. DAILY, 34807064, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Daily was leading five men on a night patrol through a wooded area 800 yards in front of the friendly defenses when the enemy suddenly opened fire with automatic weapons. Courageously exposing himself to the hostile fire, Sergeant Daily swiftly reorganized his patrol and directed his men in firing on the hostile force. He then crawled forward alone, working his way into a position from which he could deliver flanking fire on the enemy. By the prompt and effective use of his weapon he killed two Germans and disorganized the strong point. As a result of his bold and aggressive action, he was able to lead his patrol forward and determine the enemy strength and disposition in the area. Entered the Service from Oneonta, Alabama.

LOUIS R. LOYD, 38037844, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. Tec 4 Loyd, a mess sergeant, was voluntarily serving as radio operator with the artillery forward observation party. Although the enemy launched repeated strong counterattacks, supported by intense mortar and artillery fire, he steadfastly remained in position transmitting fire missions. Despite the fact that he was twice rendered unconscious by the concussion of bursting shells and both the infantry radio operator and a rifleman assigned to guard him were killed at his side by sniper fire, he determinedly continued to operate his radio, assuring excellent artillery communications throughout this critical period. When the enemy surrounded the town and the friendly forces decided on a withdrawal through the enemy lines, Tec 4 Loyd gallantry remained behind to lead the rearguard group to safety. Entered the Service from Hughes Springs, Texas.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

LLOYD R. WILLIAMS, 01683476, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1945 in France. Lieutenant Williams was leading his platoon in clearing a section of woods when the men were subjected to harassing small arms fire from a ditch on the left flank. In the face of the heavy enemy fire Lieutenant Williams worked his way along the ditch until he was close to the hostile machine gun and, firing rifle grenades with his carbine, put the gun out of action. He then moved further along the ditch and, with accurate fire from his carbine, prevented an enemy soldier from reaching the machine gun. Inspired by Lieutenant Williams' gallant and aggressive leadership, the men of his

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platoon advanced and seized their objective. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

WILLIAM E. NAPP, 33502031, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 March 1945 in Germany. The 3d Platoon was protecting the battalion's left flank during an advance through the Siegfried Line defenses, when it was subjected to intense machine gun and rifle fire from a group of Germans approximately 100 yards away. As the other members of the platoon sought cover, Private First Class Napp, the platoon runner, immediately moved forward in the face of enemy fire, firing his sub-machine gun as he advanced. His daring attack disorganized the enemy force and they momentarily ceased firing. The other members of his platoon were then able to lay down intense fire on the hostile position, silencing the enemy weapons. As a result of Private First Class Napp's gallant and aggressive act, his platoon was able to continue its advance and maintain the left flank security of the battalion. Entered the Service from Winfield, Penn.

GILBERTO GONZALEZ, 38561310, Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 in France. When his squad's advance through a town was halted by intense machine gun and rifle fire from a building approximately 50 yards away, Sergeant Gonzalez, the squad leader, ran through the enemy fire to the side of the building. Spotting a window from which the enemy was firing, he directed the fire of a nearby squad upon the position and forced the Germans to cover. Again exposing himself to enemy fire, he dashed to the back of the building and motioned for his squad to join him there. This maneuver cut off the enemy's escape and forced the 27 occupants, including a battalion commander, to surrender. By his personal valor and daring initiative, Sergeant Gonzalez eliminated the enemy strong point and enabled his company to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Falfurrias, Texas.

ALLEN E. STERN, 32974966, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 in France. During an attack against a stubbornly defended enemy town, Private First Class Stern was advancing on a reconnaissance when he was fired on by a sniper in the window of a nearby house. Swiftly opening fire with his sub-machine gun, he wounded the sniper and then, rushing inside the house, captured the German and two other enemy soldiers. Upon learning that a group of Germans were in the post office, Private First Class Stern worked his way to an adjoining building. Then, bravely exposing himself to close range rifle and automatic weapons fire, he dashed to a collar window of the post office and threw white phosphorous grenades inside. His bold action forced 28 of the enemy, including a battalion commander, to surrender, and materially aided his company in accomplishing its mission. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

THOMAS A. NADOLNY, 32916084, Private First Class, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 26 August 1944 in France. While moving along a road, a tank with infantrymen aboard was hit by a shell and nine men were wounded. Without hesitation Private First Class Nadolny, a jeep driver, ran through the shellfire to the wounded men. As shells burst around him, he carried the injured soldiers to the side of the road and started to administer first aid, but another shell landed nearby, wounding some of his patients a second time. Aware of the urgent need of removing the wounded men to safety, he secured his jeep and evacuated them to the cellar of a nearby house. He then brought aid men and assisted them in caring for the wounded. By his courage

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and initiative, Private First Class Nadolny assisted in saving the lives of the wounded soldiers. Entered the Service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

ERNEST L. CHAVEZ, 39564961, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 March 1945 in Germany. While advancing in an attack on an enemy-held town, the 3d Platoon was halted by heavy machine gun fire from a position 200 yards to the front. Although their companions sought cover, Private First Class Chavez and one companion, an automatic rifle team, continued forward in the face of the hostile fire. They immediately became the target for the enemy gunners, but they moved dauntlessly forward, firing their weapons as they advanced. By their aggressive action, they captured two Germans and their machine gun. A second machine gun crew abandoned their weapon and fled, and Private First Class Chavez and his comrade captured their gun also. Their determination and courage enabled their platoon to continue its advance and seize its objective. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, Calif.

JAMES W. SHERRER, 20818545, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. Private First Class Sherrer and two litter bearers, had the mission of evacuating two seriously wounded soldiers from a minefield. Shells were bursting in the area, and the minefield was under enemy observation. After advancing 400 yards to the edge of the minefield, they saw the wounded men some distance inside. Without hesitation they started across, but just as they reached the injured soldiers, an enemy machine gun opened fire on them. Two men at once picked up one of the patients on a litter, and the third man carried the other on his back; and with bullets striking the ground within inches of them they carried their heavy burdens to the shelter of a barn 75 yards away. Here they administered aid and, with the help of others, evacuated the wounded soldiers to the aid station. Entered the Service from Texarkana, Texas.

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