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I--AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to:

TRIMBELL D. LAWRENCE, 38146504, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. While leading his platoon in an attack, Staff Sergeant Lawrence noticed four enemy attempting to gain entrance to a pillbox recently taken by the company. At risk of his life he advanced down a shallow trench and reached a point from which he threw a hand grenade and then charged through heavy fire and captured the remaining three enemy. His gallantry disorganized the enemy and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

II--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

LAWRENCE A. GRUENWALD, 37404775, Staff Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 to 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Huring, France. During the initial crossing of the Moselle River, Staff Sergeant Gruenwald distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. Though constantly subjected to intense fire of various calibers, he repeatedly led hand carrying parties over heavily mined areas to deliver rations and ammunition to the forward assault troops and assist in evacuating wounded. His tireless efforts and courageous action contributed immeasurably to the success of the river crossing operation. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

CHARLES A. HEINSLER, 42028775, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 7 February 1945 in the vicinity of Habscheid, Germany. During an attack, heavy artillery and small arms fire from pillboxes and entrenched positions temporarily disorganized a platoon and wounded the leader. Staff Sergeant Heinsler, on his own initiative, immediately assumed command and, subjecting himself to the intense fire, reorganized the platoon. He then led the platoon in capturing its objective. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.



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III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR-. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

EARL W. WAITE, 42119118, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 January 1945 in the vicinity of Oberwampach, Luxembourg. Given a mission to patrol behind the enemy's lines to determine their strength and positions, Technical Sergeant Waite, with three companions, advanced under intense fire of various calibers and captured five of the enemy who were firing upon them. The patrol then proceeded forward approximately 800 yards under the continued fire and successfully reached the cover of a wooded area. From this position, Technical Sergeant Waite, with his companions, directed artillery fire upon observed enemy armored vehicles and then returned to his unit, reporting valuable information which successfully routed a subsequent counterattack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

VESTAL T. BLUDWORTH, 20812017, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 29 November 1944 in the vicinity of Mondorf, Germany. During an attack near the town, an infantry company was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun. Despite the unremitting fire, Staff Sergeant Bludworth reorganized his platoon and led it in a frontal assault on the machine gun nest which routed the crew. He personally killed two of the fleeing enemy and supervised his platoon in killing eight more. His heroic achievement enabled his company to continue its advance and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

ARLEN E. HOLTON, 37617997, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 January 1945 in the vicinity of Oberwampach, Luxembourg. Given a mission to patrol behind the enemy's lines to determine their strength and positions, Staff Sergeant Holton, with three companions, advanced under intense fire of various calibers and captured five of the enemy who were firing upon them. The patrol then proceeded forward approximately 800 yards under the continued fire and successfully reached the cover of a wooded area. From this position, Staff Sergeant Holton, with his companions, directed artillery fire upon observed enemy armored vehicles and then returned to his unit, reporting valuable information which successfully routed a subsequent counterattack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

JAMES W. LANCASTER, 38534153, Staff Sergeant (then private first class), Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 28 to 29 November 1944 in the vicinity of Mondorf, Germany. Staff Sergeant Lancaster distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. He led a patrol on a mission to reconnoiter a suitable site for a bridge and to guard it after completion. When the engineers were attacked by an enemy force preparatory to the construction of the bridge, Staff Sergeant Lancaster organized his men into an efficient fighting force and routed the enemy. Later, while guiding his battalion to the bridge site, he aided in killing eight enemy who were dispersed along the route to harass the advance of friendly troops. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

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MARCUS M. SMITH, 20810966, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 4 to 13 February 1945 in the vicinity of Habscheid, Germany. During this period, Staff Sergeant Smith distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service as mortar forward observer. He exposed himself to constant heavy fire in order to direct accurate registrations that destroyed key enemy emplacements, personnel and materiel. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

ROBERT W. ATCHLEY, 35017522, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 January 1945 in the vicinity of Oberwampach, Luxembourg. Given a mission to patrol behind the enemy's lines to determine their strength and positions, Private First Class Atchley, with three companions, advanced under intense fire of various calibers and captured five of the enemy who were firing upon them. The patrol then proceeded forward approximately 500 yards under the continued fire and successfully reached the cover of a wooded area. From this position, Private First Class Atchley, with his companions, directed artillery fire upon observed enemy armored vehicles and then returned to his unit, reporting valuable information which successfully routed a subsequent counterattack. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

ZANE G. JUDKINS, 38371010, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations in the vicinity of Nothun, Luxembourg. During the period 9 and 10 January 1945, Private First Class Judkins distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. During an attack on enemy positions near the town, he repeatedly subjected himself to intense fire of various calibers while laying and patrolling wire lines between the battalion observation post and command post. His tireless efforts and courageous action contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

JULIAN J. KOPEC, 12151376, Private First Class, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations from 9 to 12 November 1944 in the vicinity of Hunting, France. During the initial crossing of the Moselle River, Private First Class Kopic distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. Though constantly subjected to intense fire of various calibers, he repeatedly led hand carrying parties over heavily mined areas to deliver rations and ammunition to the forward assault troops and assist in evacuating wounded. His tireless efforts and courageous action contributed immeasurably to the success of the river crossing operation. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

JAMES B. HIGGINS, 37492089, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Baron, Germany. During the hours of darkness, half of an ammunition carrying party, transporting supplies from the east bank of the Saar River to front line troops, lost contact with the lead men of the party. Private Higgins voluntarily returned under intense fire of various calibers, successfully located the men and, in order to bring all



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the supplies possible, carried 40 hand grenades as he guided the men to their objective. He then returned to the river bank and directed the loading and unloading of supply boats while under constant enemy fire. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

RISTO L. RADOVICH, 39841529, Private, Infantry, 359th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in support of operations on 11 and 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Pachten, Germany. Private Radovich voluntarily worked under constant fire, carrying ammunition and supplies to the combat forces across the Saar River and, on return trips, evacuating casualties. His heroic service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

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