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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Sergeant Leonard A. Loizidis 42054621, Company B, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Trier, Germany on 2 March 1945. Braving intense enemy fire, Sergeant Loizidis, (then Private First Class serving as machine gunner), courageously evacuated two wounded comrades from a dangerously exposed position. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Hollis, New York.

Corporal Edward J. Gorrity Jr 13174679, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Bastogne, Belgium on 19 December 1944. Braving intense enemy fire, Corporal Gorrity, (then Private First Class, serving as scout), courageously led his patrol in an attack upon an advancing enemy column, forestalling a hostile attack. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Dwight E. Stevens 37642658, Company B, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Chringen, Germany on 12 April 1945. Braving intense enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Stevens, (then Private, serving as rifleman) courageously drove off enemy infantry with rifle fire enabling him to advance and secure medical aid for a wounded comrade. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Centerville, Iowa.

Private Daniel J. Costanzo 32249339, Company A, 80th Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Farndau, Germany on 21 April 1945. Braving intense enemy fire, Private Costanzo, ambulance driver, courageously crawled over 400 yards of dangerously exposed terrain to treat two wounded soldiers. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended a Bronze Star medal is posthumously awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Anthony Knot 36113889, Company F, 90th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kuhn, Germany on 30 November 1944. After bravely breaching a minefield under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, Staff Sergeant Knot, platoon sergeant, was mortally wounded while reconnoitering an anti-tank ditch. His supreme devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan. (Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth Knot, Mother, 1533 Hubbard Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

2. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. FLEMYR 01011069, Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

States at Lauderborn, Germany on 19 December 1944. Drawing intense enemy machine gun fire, First Lieutenant Filmer, platoon leader, courageously led platoons through enemy held territory to successfully contact a besieged friendly unit. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT H LEONARD 01016583, Infantry, Company B, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Binshain, Germany on 2 April 1945. Drawing intense enemy fire, Lieutenant Leonard, platoon leader, courageously directed effective fire upon enemy positions, enabling a task force to continue its advance. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Winona, Minnesota.

First Sergeant Harris J Stein 36006363, Company B, 11th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Tonnellhardt, Germany on 21 April 1945. Drawing intense enemy fire, First Sergeant Stein, (then Staff Sergeant, serving as a platoon sergeant), courageously led his platoon in clearing a strongly defended road block and mine field. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Joseph Yaworski 31010583, Service Battery, 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Annweiler, Germany on 20 March 1945. Drawing intense enemy mortar fire, Technical Sergeant Yaworski, recovery unit commander, courageously retrieved several ammunition laden trailers from a dangerously exposed position. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Manchester, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant John P Barry 31226095, Company B, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Trier, Germany on 3 March 1945. When his squad leader was wounded by enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Barry (then Private First Class, serving as machine gunner), coolly reorganized the confused men and directed the evacuation of the wounded. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant George J Bass Jr 31235741, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Meyer, Luxembourg on 18 December 1945. Drawing intense enemy mortar, artillery fire, Staff Sergeant Bass, supply sergeant, courageously carried several hundred rounds of ammunition to forward mortar position. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Wallsten, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Harold D Given 31229351, Battery B, 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Bastogne, Belgium on 22 December 1944. Drawing intense enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Given, reconnaissance sergeant, courageously attempted to penetrate enemy lines in an effort to attack a supply column, but was captured by a numerically superior enemy force. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Burlington, Massachusetts. (Nearest of Kin: William A Given, Father, Wynn Street, Burlington, Massachusetts.)

Staff Sergeant Wilford Lawry 16150885, Company B, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kaiserlautern, Germany on 20 March 1945. After determining the location of several enemy tanks which were holding up the advance of a column, Staff Sergeant Lawry, Squad Leader, relayed this information to friendly artillery units enabling them to neutralize the hostile position. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Judd, Michigan.

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Staff Sergeant Gerald W. Meredith 33856710, Company B, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Neerjenheim, Germany on 21 March 1945. Drawing intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Meredith, assistant squad leader, courageously evacuated several wounded soldiers over a dangerously exposed road. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Buckner, Virginia.

Sergeant Rollan G. Murrow 38691230, Company B, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Zerf, Germany on 26 February 1945. Drawing intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, Sergeant Murrow, (then Private First Class, serving as machine gunner), held off an advancing enemy infantry platoon with rifle fire, until the arrival of friendly reinforcements. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Enid, Oklahoma.

Sergeant John W. Patuck 31272235, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Jansfeld, Germany on 16 November 1944. Drawing intense enemy fire, Sergeant Patuck, (then Corporal, serving as gunner), courageously mounted a blazing half track, extinguished the fire and evacuated three wounded soldiers. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Connecticut.

Sergeant Eric L. Riss 33012664, Company C, 3d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Herzig, Germany on 22 November 1944. When an enemy force launched a fierce counterattack, Sergeant Riss, communication chief, courageously advanced 400 yards over exposed terrain to an abandoned tank from where he effectively manned a machine gun, greatly assisting in repelling the hostile attack. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant David J. Tesh 37232610, Battery C, 42nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Bastogne, Belgium. When a nearby artillery piece ceased firing because chief of section had been wounded, Sergeant Tesh, chief of section, administered first aid to the wounded soldier and then assumed command, restoring the section to action. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Coffeyville, Kansas.

Sergeant Vincent R. Turner 39619652, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Ayl, Germany on 24 February 1945. Drawing intense enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Turner, section chief, voluntarily crossed the Saar River with eight comrades and reinforced a bridgehead. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Dozeman, Montana.

Sergeant Howard A. Yentz 16150274, Company C, 3d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Wilsch, Germany on 1 March 1945. Although wounded by enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Yentz, tank commander, courageously engaged the hostile force with tank gun fire, destroying the enemy positions. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade John L. Juttman 36407608, Company C, 3d Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Kerling, France on 15 November 1944. Drawing intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, Technician Fourth Grade Juttman, maintenance man, courageously evacuated two wounded soldiers from a disabled tank. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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Technician Fourth Grade Roger W Miller 31251793, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Tank Battalion, <sup>United States Army</sup> for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Borg, Germany on 24 November 1944. Braving intense enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade Miller, took courageously hauled vitally needed ammunition through exposed terrain to forward tanks. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Glenbrook, Connecticut.

Technician Fourth Grade Orville T Taylor 15054684, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Borg, Germany on 24 November 1944. Braving intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, Technician Fourth Grade Taylor, radio operator, courageously assisted in evacuating several wounded soldiers. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from London, Kentucky.

Corporal Charles Van Wagener 3613205, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Tank Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Ardennes, <sup>France</sup> <sup>18 December</sup> 1944. Braving intense enemy fire, Corporal Van Wagener, (then Technician Fifth Grade, serving as radio operator), courageously advanced through dangerously exposed terrain to successfully replace a defective radio set. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Millington, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Stephen E Daye 31273485, Medical Detachment 423d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at Serrig, Germany on 25 February 1945. Braving intense enemy machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Daye, surgical technician, evacuated two wounded soldiers. His exemplary conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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