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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) -- 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 to the following officer:

Colonel William B. Tuttle, 05 844, 422d Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 4 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Mexico.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Corporal Billy B. Barnett, 36 477 767, 104th Infantry Division, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Captain William Black, 01 180 121, (then First Lieutenant), 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 December 1944 to 8 February 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Second Lieutenant Martin J. Dever, 02 005 624, (then Staff Sergeant, Technical Sergeant, First Sergeant and Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Division Headquarters Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade William K. Dienstbach, 32 771 326, 3d Armored Division, (then 423d Infantry), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Having been taken prisoner, Technician Fourth Grade Dienstbach and another soldier were forced to ride on the hood of an American jeep driven by their captors and travelled that way until the vehicle neared an American road-block. Displaying great courage and resourcefulness, Technician Fourth Grade Dienstbach and his companion cried "Germans", and jumped from the jeep into a ditch, thus enabling the Americans to open fire upon the enemy killing one and forcing the other three to surrender. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Sergeant Joseph L. Fielder, 6 266 886, (then Staff Sergeant), 592d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 26 December 1944, in Belgium and Germany. Under pressure of the initial thrust

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that signalled the German Ardennes attack, Staff Sergeant Fielder's battery was forced to withdraw, abandoning its guns and equipment. That night Staff Sergeant Fielder, with one remaining officer, rallied his men, and despite intense enemy machine gun fire, recovered all of the unit's guns and trucks. When the First Sergeant became a casualty, Staff Sergeant Fielder assumed his duties, integrated new men into the battery and aided in swiftly rebuilding it into an excellent fighting machine, which, in the gruelling action at St. Vith and Manhay, Belgium, inflicted serious losses on the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Donald G. Greenleaf, 32 063 212, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 December 1944 to 27 January 1945, in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Joseph A. Kearney, 33 425 442, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Robert A. Likins, 01 167 951, 690th Field Artillery Battalion, (then 591st Field Artillery Battalion), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 December 1944 to 8 February 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Corporal Elmer A. Nagel, 15 104 495, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Charles T. Rao, W2 128 272, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

First Lieutenant Lyle J. Shryock, 02 049 719, (then Second Lieutenant), Medical Administrative Corps, 331st Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Chief Warrant Officer Herbert L. Snyder, W2 000 914, 106th Infantry Division Band, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 15 March 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Utah.

Technician Fifth Grade Clyde E. Waters, 33 079 844, 423d Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Having been taken prisoner, Technician Fifth Grade Waters and another soldier were forced to ride on the hood of an American jeep driven by their captors and travelled that way until the vehicle neared an American roadblock. Displaying great courage and resourcefulness, Technician Fifth Grade Waters and his companion cried "Germans",

and jumped from the jeep into a ditch, thus enabling the Americans to open fire upon the enemy killing one and forcing the other three to surrender. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. Weber, Jr., 019 421, 690th Field Artillery Battalion, (then 592d Field Artillery Battalion), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Northwest Europe, on date shown:

Private First Class David A. Berry, 33 048 786, 590th Field Artillery Battalion, (then 121st Infantry), United States Army, on 25 November 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant Paul L. Mitchell, 32 112 880, (then Staff Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, on 23 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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