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I--AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER -- So much of Section VI, General Order Number 95, this headquarters, dated 5 May 1945, as pertains to Sergeant Warren G. Gillum, 35639469, as reads "is awarded the Bronze Star", is amended to read "is awarded the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, for wear with the Bronze Star previously awarded."

II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, for wear with the Silver Star previously awarded, is awarded to the following officers of the 119th Infantry Regiment:

Captain (then First Lieutenant) Charles P. Inman, 0530052, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, in Germany. Heavy enemy machine gun fire suddenly wounded one man and pinned Lieutenant Inman's platoon down. Fearlessly exposing himself to the machine gun fire and an added mortar concentration, he went to the aid of the wounded man. Lieutenant Inman killed two of the enemy who appeared in a doorway near him and then dragged the wounded man into the house to protect him from an added burst of machine gun fire which this action drew. He then was able to locate the machine gun and, by pouring paralyzing fire into the position, kept it neutralized while his platoon advanced. Entered military service from Maine.

Second Lieutenant David S. Whittaker, 02005236, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945, in Germany. Lieutenant Whittaker was leading an assault when he noticed a vehicle loaded with enemy soldiers approaching him. After signalling for all to take a prone position, he waited until the vehicle was thirty yards from him and then gallantly leaped into the middle of the road and fired his sub-machine gun, killing two of the enemy and forcing the others to seek shelter in a nearby barn. Displaying great heroism, Lieutenant Whittaker hurled his empty gun into the group of enemy and then used his pistol. The enemy were so demoralized by his aggressive actions that they quickly surrendered. Entered military service from New York.

III --AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men of the 119th Infantry Regiment:

First Lieutenant Paul O. Engle, 01324919, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 27 February 1945, in Germany. Lieutenant Engle manned an observation post in a position in the tower of a church fully exposed to hostile observation and fire from artillery and tanks. Although the town was intermittently subjected to concentrations of artillery, mortar, and tank fire, he heroically remained, reporting the different enemy movements. His coolness under fire greatly assisted in the successful attack which followed. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant Jesse B. Halbrook, 34024043, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 7 November 1944, in Germany. Sergeant Halbrook, learning that a patrol had been pinned down by intense enemy fire, courageously moved forward in a voluntary attempt to neutralize the enemy fire. Refusing to be stopped by a hail of enemy fire and added mortar fire, he established an observation post where he so successfully adjusted artillery fire that the patrol was able to move back to friendly lines with their mission accomplished. Entered military service from Florida.

Sergeant George J. McClain, 31232462, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 2<sup>o</sup> July 1944, in France. Sergeant McClain was directing the fire of his section when he saw one of his men wounded as he crossed open ground. He immediately went to his comrade's aid and, despite the hail of enemy fire directed on him, dragged the wounded man to safety. Sergeant McClain then returned through the fire to aid another wounded man. Although he was wounded in four places himself, he ignored the pain and helped carry the man for one mile to an aid station. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Vern L. Gough, 38691312, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, in Germany. When two hundred enemy infantrymen supported by tanks made a determined counterattack, Private Gough, a machine gunner, steadfastly manned his weapon and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy despite the intense fire falling all around him. Although he was almost buried by a tank shell which exploded near him, he extricated himself and continued firing. Private Gough gallantly remained in his position until the enemy was routed. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Victor F. Kaufmann, 11092095, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945, in Germany. When Private Kaufmann's company was subjected to heavy enemy artillery, machine gun, and tank fire, one of his comrades was seriously wounded. Despite the intense fire Private Kaufmann immediately crawled to his side, applied a tourniquet, and carefully checked the bleeding. When the company withdrew to escape the continuous fire, Private Kaufmann remained behind administering aid until the man could be safely moved. Then, amid the heavy fire, he carried his wounded comrade two hundred yards to the new company positions and saw him safely evacuated. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Woodrow Lynch, 35671701, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 11 October 1944, in Germany. Although a disabled tank in which several wounded men lay was under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, Private Lynch and three comrades succeeded in extricating their wounded comrades despite being blinded by smoke and in danger of exploding ammunition. Making their way slowly from one protected position to another, Private Lynch and his comrades carried the wounded men to a forward aid station. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Eldon E. Martin, 35613871, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 25 March 1945, in Germany. When enemy fire struck Private Martin's mortar squad's vehicle it began burning and the crew abandoned it. Realizing it was imperative that the mortar and ammunition be saved, Private Martin immediately began to extinguish the flames. The enemy directed intense fire at him but he courageously persevered until the blaze was extinguished. He then drove to his assigned position and the squad was soon adjusting fire on the enemy positions. Private Martin's heroic actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Bernard A. Pogensky, 12160138, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Intense enemy fire seriously wounded a man as he was advancing in an attack. Noticing the man fully exposed to enemy view, Private Pogensky moved through the extreme fire for one hundred and fifty yards to the casualty and carried him unassisted to a position where he could be evacuated. Private Pogensky's heroism aided in saving the life of his comrade. Entered military service

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Private First Class David J. Samples, 35698731, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 11 October 1944, in Germany. Although a disabled tank in which several wounded men lay was under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, Private Samples and three comrades succeeded in extricating their wounded comrades despite being blinded by smoke and in danger of exploding ammunition. Making their way slowly from one protected position to another, Private Samples and his comrades carried the wounded men to a forward aid station. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Harry Wright, 35568345, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 11 October 1944, in Germany. Although a disabled tank in which several wounded men lay was under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, Private Wright and three comrades succeeded in extricating their wounded comrades despite being blinded by smoke and in danger of exploding ammunition. Making their way slowly from one protected position to another, Private Wright and his comrades carried the wounded men to a forward aid station. Entered military service from Indiana.

IV--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, for wear with the Bronze Star previously awarded, is awarded to the following enlisted men of the 119th Infantry Regiment:

*New*  
Staff Sergeant Charles R. Fender, 6973078, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 27 August 1944, in France. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Vyron D. Woodward, 36579917, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action from 21 December 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

*New*  
Technician Grade 5 William C. Ware, 35896066, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Albert D. Bresler, 34548661, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Johnnie P. Dockray, 35808219, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class William H. Edwards, 33851454, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 26 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Elmer L. D. Moncus, 34894304, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Dennis L. Sunderland, 35778644, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private Samuel M. McGlellan, 35420877, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

V--AWARD OF BRONZE STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of the 119th Infantry Regiment:

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Major Clayborn P. Wayne, 0351193, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action from 2 April to 3 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Captain Russell A. Chabaud, 01300934, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 27 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

First Lieutenant Edwin R. Peterson, 01318326, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action from 23 March 1945 to 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant Elmer H. Smith, 01324588, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Fay F. Hawley, 34024004, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

Staff Sergeant Charles R. Barry, 20607042, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Delbert H. Browning, 20453043, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement and service from 14 June 1944 to 1 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Anthony J. De Rosa, 32196542, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 27 August 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Sam Fedowicz, 32004983, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 12 July 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Emil J. Skodon, 36630086, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 2 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Joseph A. Falzarano, 32562418, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement and service from 14 June 1944 to 14 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant John G. Pesola, 33175476, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement and service from 14 June 1944 to 31 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Grade 4 Paul A. Walter, 20730185, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Grade 5 Robert F. Campbell, 38076591, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Kenneth I. Carpenter, 34962737, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 25 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Milton Chodorov, 32014728, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, in Holland. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Wallace W. Edwards, 38038364, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

*New*  
Private First Class James A. Gilliam, 34384869, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class James C. Herron, 38117899, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Lewis Jones, 37479553, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Demetric R. Kerson, 39850419, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 25 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Arizona.

*New*  
Private First Class Erwin W. Meyer, 16095447, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Robert E. Orban, 33804609, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, in Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Henry A. Pakrul, 42011850, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, in Holland. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Ervin F. Pakulski, 16096402, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Lorimer H. Phillis, 36478770, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

*New*  
Private First Class Remo Ravera, 32518545, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, in Holland. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Raymond E. Richardson, 36878825, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Felix R. Rubio, 38556926, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Willis V. Ruth, 33612140, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, in Holland. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Chester L. Rymaszewicz, 31297719, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

*New*  
Private First Class John E. Schepp, 34077985, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, in Holland. Entered military service from Louisiana.

*New*  
Private First Class Shepard R. Schimel, 36759732, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 9 October 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class Atlas H. Smith, 38711964, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Frank Thiel, Jr., 33572808, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Achille J. Troiani, 6979433, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, in Holland. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Oscar R. Withrow, 38425065, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, in Holland. Entered military service from Texas.

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