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29 AUGUST 1945

- Award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal . I
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal II

I ---- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 for heroic achievement in action is awarded the following individual Company K, 274th Infantry.

ROCCO D FESCINA JR, 33 463 941, Staff Sergeant, near Styria, Wendel, France, on 3 March 1945. When his platoon leader had been killed and his platoon sergeant and other section sergeants had become casualties as a result of enemy fire. Staff Sergeant Fescina assumed command of the platoon. Going forward with the light machine gun section, he led them through an enemy mine field to give support to an attacking company. Returning to his platoon, he led his mortar section to new positions through the same mine field. During the period from 3 to 10 March 1945, he commanded his platoon and molded twenty five new men into a combat team. His outstanding leadership and aggressiveness aided in the success of each assigned mission. Entered military service from Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

II---- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action is awarded the following individuals Company K, 274th Infantry.

RAYMOND C BELANGER, 31 421 907, Sergeant, near Niederbronn, France, on 12 January 1945. While improving his position from where he could observe the enemy, Sergeant Belanger detected approximately twenty-five enemy about to launch an attack against his platoon. Waiting until most of them were 100 yards distant, he opened fire with his Thompson sub-machine gun and succeeded in killing five enemy. Exposing himself boldly he directed members of his platoon to fire upon the confused enemy. His courageous and prompt action subdued enemy resistance which threatened to inflict serious casualties to our troops. Entered military service from Salem, Massachusetts.

JAMES G GOLL, 36 981 036, Private First Class, near Niederbronn, France, on 12 January 1945. When the enemy launched a fierce counter attack under a heavy artillery concentration,

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Private First Class Goll, with utter disregard of the intensive enemy fire, doggedly manned his automatic weapon forcing the hostile troops to withdraw. In this action an enemy shell fragmentation severed his arm, but he declined immediate medical attention and encouraged his comrades to continue their fighting. His courage and heroism was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the armed forces. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

FLOYD W LONGLAND, 39 341 090, Private First Class, near Schonoken, France, on 5 March 1945. Upon hearing sounds coming from the cellar of an adjoining house, private First Class Longland moved from his position and went down into the cellar to investigate. Upon entering the cellar, he found seven heavily armed enemy whom he surprised and immediately took prisoner. His alertness and courage prevented possible serious casualties to our troops. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

JOHN B MAYERS, 33 958 325, Staff Sergeant, near Styring Wendel, France, on 3 March 1945. While under the fire of an enemy machine gun emplaced in a well fortified pill box, Staff Sergeant Mayers maneuvered his section so that effective fire could be placed upon the position and thus enable a tank to move up and knock out the German position. Later he led his section through an enemy mine field and dense woods to the edge of the town. Going forward to observe enemy emplacements, he was caught in a heavy enemy mortar concentration and wounded. However, he continued to direct his squad in successful action against the enemy until evacuated. His courage and heroism enabled his platoon to successfully complete its mission. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

DALLAS L WAITE, 36 535 295, Staff Sergeant, near Styring Wendel, France, on 20 February 1945. When his platoon was forced to continue the attack, Staff Sergeant Waite personally led his squad under heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. When he was ordered to stop advancing, he moved about from position to position under enemy observation and fire to insure that the greatest possible volume of fire could be placed upon the enemy and that his men were protected from artillery fire. Later, although having been wounded in the chest by enemy shell fragmentation, he continued to direct his squad for three hours before being evacuated for medical treatment. His courage and leadership were an inspiration to his men and a credit to the armed services. Entered military service from Kensington, Kansas.

JOHN J E WHELAN, 38 653 059, Private First Class, near Schonoken, France on 8 March 1945. While clearing a house in the town, Private First Class Whelan was fired upon by the enemy while descending into a cellar. After a hand grenade and several shots in the cellar failed to bring out the enemy, he threw a white phosphorus grenade, whereupon three Germans surrendered and one was found wounded.

His heroic action in the capture of the enemy resulted in obtaining information as to where other German soldiers were billeted and aid in final clearing of the town. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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