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- IX and X - Award of Purple Heart.

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

George O. Althoff, 33488467, S Sgt, Co E, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 April 1945, S Sgt Althoff served as a rifle squad leader in an assault on Erfurt, Germany. Observing that an adjacent platoon had lost its platoon leader and key noncommissioned officers, S Sgt Althoff ran to the platoon, organized it, and placed it in an excellent firing position. Realizing that additional fire power was needed to overcome the enemy positions he again exposed himself to enemy fire as he ran to supporting tanks and pointed out to them the enemy positions, which were immediately neutralized. S Sgt Althoff's aggressive leadership and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. APR

Howard E. Bennett, 34795805, S Sgt, Co F, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When the company in which he served as a squad leader was delayed in its attack against Erfurt, Germany, on 11 April 1945, S Sgt Bennett crawled through the severe enemy fire to a position from which he located the enemy gun positions. Despite the fact that the enemy observed him and directed all their fire at his position, S Sgt Bennett continued with his mission and adjusted such accurate mortar fire on the enemy that their positions were destroyed and the company was able to reach its objective. S Sgt Bennett's courage, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida. APR

Theodore G. Blew, 33621603, Tec 5, Co A, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 25 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 January 1945, Tec 5 Blew, driver of a quarter ton truck, drove two officers on a reconnaissance mission near Enscharange, Luxembourg. While traveling over a road which was under enemy observation and shell fire an enemy artillery round exploded near the vehicle wounding all three men. Tec 5 Blew, disregarding his own wounds and discomfort, loaded the two wounded officers into the vehicle and calmly drove them through the enemy fire to an aid station and safety. Tec 5 Blew's courage, unselfishness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. JAN

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✓ Paul B. Borges, 35223173, Pfc, Co G, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 19 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 19 February 1945, the company in which Pfc Borges served as a rifleman was temporarily delayed in its attack on Freitinger Hohe, Germany, by direct fire from a well emplaced enemy 88mm gun. Pfc Borges, as a member of a volunteer assault group, crawled forward through small arms fire to a point from where he spoke to the enemy gun crew in German and convinced them, after they had been driven from their gun by grenades, that they should surrender. Pfc Borges' aggressive courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. F30

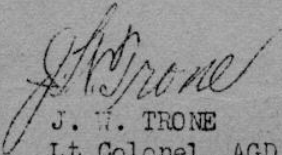
Joseph C. Carbone, Sr, 12231038, Pfc, Co B, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 2 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an assault near Niedersweren, Germany, on 2 April 1945, an enemy force of twelve tanks and one hundred infantrymen had attacked the rear installations and were retreating. Pfc Carbone and four comrades stationed themselves in a house along the expected route of withdrawal and, waiting until the enemy was about fifty yards from the building, opened fire, and by moving from window to window confused them as to the size of the opposition. Pfc Carbone and his comrades killed seven, wounded several, and captured fifty of the enemy. The gallant courage and untiring devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Carbone are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. APV

✓ William T. Cook, 36976873, T Sgt, Co C, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 2 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 2 April 1945, during the assault on Kassel, Germany, T Sgt Cook observed his rifle company's advance was temporarily delayed by strong enemy resistance along a railroad embankment. Voluntarily sprinting up a road to a nearby house he established an observation post in the attic and for six hours directed mortar fire on enemy installations in the city and contributed immeasurably to the successful attack. The gallant courage, initiative, and untiring devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Cook are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan. APV

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VI. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

Leonard H. Sube, 33185988, S Sgt, Co H, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an assault near Erfurt, Germany, on 11 April 1945, heavy enemy machine gun fire from well concealed emplacements delayed the attack. The 81mm mortar platoon in which S Sgt Sube served as a section sergeant attempted to destroy the enemy guns, but poor observation and the enemy's well camouflaged positions prohibited accurate fire. S Sgt Sube, in order to see the enemy, crawled well forward of friendly lines and by radio gave fire missions to his platoon despite the heavy enemy fire directed upon him. By his accurate fire direction the enemy emplacements were destroyed and the advance resumed. S Sgt Sube's courage, skill, and initiative exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles E. Ward, 15100280, Cpl, Co B, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 3 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 3 April 1945, during an attack on Kassel, Germany, Cpl Ward, an assistant rifle squad leader, on his own initiative, crawled through heavy enemy fire to the flank of an enemy machine gun and by accurately firing into the emplacement silenced the enemy weapon. In destroying the machine gun, Cpl Ward made it possible for his company to continue the advance without many casualties. Cpl Ward's courage, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

WILLIAM E. WARREN, 0522640, 2d Lt, 314th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After crossing the Rhine River at Mainz, Germany, the rifle company to which Lt Warren was attached as a forward observer was delayed by heavy enemy fire from automatic weapons. Although observed and fired upon by the enemy, Lt Warren ran to some high ground to the flank of the attack where he could locate and observe enemy positions. Despite the enemy fire directed at him he called for and adjusted artillery fire on the enemy positions, completely destroying them and permitting the infantry to advance to its objective. Lt Warren's courage, skill under fire, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wyoming.

William F. Whitehead, Jr., 34972566, Cpl, Co A, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 April 1945, in Gispersleben, Germany, the tank in which Cpl Whitehead

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served as a cannon loader was hit by enemy tank fire. Cpl Whitehead courageously remained in the disabled tank, continuing to load the gun despite heavy sniper, artillery, and direct tank fire from the enemy, placed accurately due to the excellent observation afforded them. His bravery and devotion to duty, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, resulted in the destruction of an enemy tank and aided in the repelling of an enemy counterattack of tanks and infantry, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Samuel Young, Jr, 20347974, Pfc, MD, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the street fighting in Erfurt, Germany, on 12 April 1945, a friendly soldier lay wounded in the street and all attempts to reach him had been prevented by severe enemy fire. Hearing the man's cries of pain, Pfc Young, an aid man, left his relatively safe position in a house and ran to the wounded man, whom he carried to cover despite the increased fire which was directed at him by enemy snipers. Although the injured man was wounded twice while Pfc Young carried him to the house, he was evacuated safely through medical channels. Pfc Young's courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

VII. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded T Sgt Howard D. Drodgy, Jr, 35432532, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 12 September 1944.

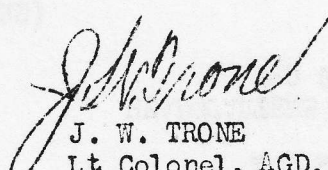
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<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
S Sgt Oscar E. Cromer	7006876	Inf	18 Jan 45
Pfc Henry Bulwin	32609195	Inf	8 Feb 45

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IX. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded Pfc Bernard Marron, 31434121, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 19 February 1945.

X. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Austria on date indicated:

	<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<i>1st Co</i>	Sgt Joseph R. Payer	32592011	Inf	25 May 45
<i>D</i>	Sgt Jack A. Magnuson	36416586	Inf	25 May 45

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