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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

✓ Ignatius W. Hanneman, 35326336, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co A, 317th Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 19 January 1945, S Sgt Hanneman led a combat patrol on a mission of locating and destroying an enemy machine gun near Kehmen, Luxembourg. When the patrol was fired on by an enemy machine gun, S Sgt Hanneman crawled forward and hurled a grenade which enabled his men to withdraw but not without leaving four casualties behind. After reorganizing the patrol S Sgt Hanneman and a rifleman, disregarding the possible danger, returned to the men who had been wounded, rendered first aid, and evacuated them. S Sgt Hanneman's courage, bravery, and devotion to his fellow soldiers and to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. JAN

✓ Stanley V. Harlan, 37696253, Pvt, MD, 317th Inf, 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, the company to which Pvt Harlan was attached as an aid man sent a patrol to destroy an enemy machine gun nest near Wilwerwiltz, Luxembourg. In accomplishing the mission two men of the patrol were wounded by sniper fire and lay wounded in a position which was exposed to enemy fire. Pvt Harlan, with little regard for the danger involved, ran to the side of one of the men and despite the intense fire administered first aid and attempted to evacuate him. While engaged on this mission he was mortally wounded. Pvt Harlan's courage, initiative, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa. JAN

✓ Franklin W. Medlock, 36469174, Sgt (then 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 Sgt Medlock served as a rifleman, was temporarily delayed in its attack on Freitinger Hohe, Germany, by direct fire from a well emplaced enemy 88mm gun. Sgt Medlock, as a member of a volunteer assault group, crawled forward through small arms fire until he reached a close-in position and hurled a grenade into the enemy emplacement driving the crew from the gun. Sgt Medlock's aggressive courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee. Feb

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II. 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:

Dominick A. Abbruzzese, 32766615, Tec 5, Hq Btry, 313th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany during the period 13 - 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 13 - 16 March 1945, Tec 5 Abbruzzese served as radio operator with an artillery forward observer party during an attack on Waldhozbach, Germany. Under continuous artillery and small arms fire, Tec 5 Abbruzzese maintained constant and efficient radio communication with the field artillery battalion, contributing immeasurably to the success of the operation. After Waldhozbach was captured Tec 5 Abbruzzese established an observation post on the top floor of a tall building and despite the enemy artillery which hit all about him he relayed fire missions aiding in consolidating the position. Tec 5 Abbruzzese's courage, skill, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey. MAX

Joseph J. Ballat, 33621647, Sgt, Co A, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 14 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near Scheiden, Germany, on 14 March 1945, the tank in which Sgt Ballat served as gunner was attacking in support of infantry troops when it received two direct hits from a well concealed enemy tank. Although his tank was immobilized and he had received wounds from the enemy fire, Sgt Ballat remained at his gun and engaged the foe in a duel. By quick and accurate fire he destroyed the hostile tank and aided the infantry in its attack. Sgt Ballat's courage, skill, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. MAX

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Idison Barfield, 34794580, Pfc (then Pvt), Co B, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, when two of his comrades were wounded while digging in a position near Kehmen, Luxembourg, Pfc Barfield, a rifleman, secured a stretcher and, in the face of enemy machine gun and small arms fire, successfully evacuated the wounded men. Pfc Barfield'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. DEU

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IV. 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:

✓ Jack H. Randle, 39049150, S Sgt, 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 S Sgt Randle served as squad leader was temporarily delayed in its attack on Freitinger Hohe, Germany, by direct fire from a well emplaced enemy 88mm gun. S Sgt Randle, voluntarily leading an assault group, crawled forward to the enemy gun position and by skillfully controlling his men organized and directed the attack so that the gun and crew were captured without a casualty to his own men. S Sgt Randle's courage, aggressive leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California. Feb

✓ David P. Rosenfield, 33922002, Tec 5 (then Pvt), MD, 317th Infantry, 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, the combat patrol to which Tec 5 Rosenfield was attached as an aid man assaulted an enemy machine gun nest near Wilwerviltz, Luxembourg. During the assault one of the riflemen was wounded by a sniper and fell in a position exposed to enemy fire. Tec 5 Rosenfield, with utter disregard for his own safety, ran to the side of the wounded man and successfully evacuated him to safety across a field swept by fire from enemy automatic weapons. Tec 5 Rosenfield's courage, bravery, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. JAN

✓ Kenneth G. Rossi, 42088530, Sgt, Co C, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an infantry assault against a hill near Halsdorf, Germany, on 21 February 1945, heavy fire from tanks, self-propelled artillery, and machine guns, temporarily delayed the attack. Sgt Rossi, an assistant rifle squad leader, ignored the intense enemy fire and crawled to an exposed position from which he adjusted mortar fire on the enemy, remaining at this mission until ordered to withdraw. Sgt Rossi's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey. Feb

✓ Martin Steinberg, 36831350, Tec 5 (then Pvt), MD, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on Kehmen, Luxembourg, on 26 December 1944, a tank, supporting the infantry troops, was hit by enemy fire and four of its crew were wounded. Tec 5 Steinberg, an aid man, despite heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire directed at the disabled tank, ran forward to the wounded men and, after administering first aid, evacuated them to the rear. Tec 5 Steinberg's courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin. Dec

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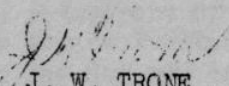
Henry J. Wurst, 36957405, S Sgt (then Pfc), Co B, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 17 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 17 January 1945, the combat patrol in which S Sgt Wurst served as a rifleman was reconnoitering the area near Bourscheid, Luxembourg, when it received heavy machine gun fire from an enemy force which was too large to oppose. After withdrawing and reorganizing it was found that one man was missing. S Sgt Wurst and another rifleman, disregarding the possibility of being killed or captured, returned to the position where they had been fired on and located the missing man who had been wounded. S Sgt Wurst fired at and held the enemy at bay while his comrade evacuated the wounded man to safety. S Sgt Wurst's courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois. JAN

William Yelenik, Jr, 13088261, T Sgt, Co C, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In an infantry company assault near Halsdorf, Germany, on 21 February 1945, heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire covered the fifteen hundred yards of exposed terrain which surrounded the company objective, a strategic hill. Four hundred yards from the objective, the attack was temporarily delayed by the fierce enemy fire which inflicted many casualties among the attackers. T Sgt Yelenik, a platoon sergeant, exposed himself time and again to the enemy fire in assisting the wounded to a position of relative safety. His utter disregard for personal safety, courage, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. Feb

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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:

AUGUST W. EICKMEYER, JR, 01017153, 1st Lt, Inf, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 January 1945, Lt Eickmeyer led his light tank platoon on a mission to contact the enemy near Wilwerwiltz, Luxembourg. As the platoon rounded a bend in the narrow road it was subjected to enemy automatic and small arms fire. Lt Eickmeyer coolly placed his men in a covered position behind a bend in the road while he exposed himself to hostile fire to direct artillery fire on the enemy. This act enabled the infantry to advance without casualties. Lt Eickmeyer's courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington. Jan

Daniel R. Fleming, 33892495, S Sgt (then Pfc), Co K, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 February 1945, as a member of a patrol, S Sgt Fleming investigated a house near Wilnzdorf, Germany and captured one enemy officer and two enlisted men. Discovering enemy activity across the Prum River at the edge of town, S Sgt Fleming observed their activity until he had located a house to which he later led a patrol, surprised and captured twenty two fully armed Germans. Leading another patrol on the same day he located and captured a 120mm mortar and its crew with ammunition and supplies enough to harass friendly infantry troops for several days. The courage, skill, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland. Feb

Alfred Stern, 32408474, Tec 4, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 19 December 1944, to 9 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

ARTHUR G. SURGUINE, 01285659, Capt, Inf, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 19 December 1944, to 9 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

George A. Vrana, 33247560, T Sgt, Co A, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 February 1945, while leading his machine gun section across the swollen Our Feb

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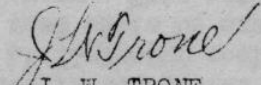
River to positions in the Siegfried Line bridgehead near Wallendorf, Germany, T Sgt Vrana's boat was capsized by the explosion of an enemy artillery shell. Despite the swift waters and intense enemy shell fire T Sgt Vrana retrieved all of his equipment and quickly restored the weapons to operating condition. This renewed fire power was of great importance to the success of the attack on the enemy installations. T Sgt Vrana's courage, initiative, and tenacious devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

James H. Young, 38251144, Pfc, Hq Co, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 29 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 29 March 1945, Pfc Young was driving his quarter ton vehicle on a reconnaissance mission near Rambach, Germany, when he encountered a road block in the highway and was forced to dismount to return the fire of the enemy troops guarding it. In the fierce exchange of fire Pfc Young killed one of the enemy and set fire to their vehicle parked nearby. Taking advantage of the confusion caused by the burning truck he mounted into his own vehicle, drove beyond range of the enemy fire, and returned to Regimental Headquarters with the information he had acquired. Pfc Young's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas. ✓

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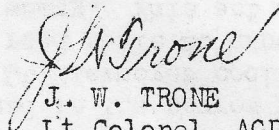
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VII. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

Maurice W. Mitchell, 38600331, S Sgt, Co K, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After attacking a strongly held Siegfried Line pillbox near Wallendorf, Germany, on 16 February 1945, it was necessary for the platoon in which S Sgt Mitchell served as platoon guide to withdraw for reorganization. During the withdrawal which was slow because there were many casualties to be evacuated, the enemy fired an intense concentration of small arms fire at S Sgt Mitchell's men. Disregarding his own personal safety he alone returned the enemy fire so that the others might withdraw and continued to fight until mortally wounded by an enemy artillery shell. S Sgt Mitchell's courage, supreme sacrifice, and loyal devotion to his men and to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

VIII. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (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 Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

Arthur H. Kuhn, 36629909, Sgt, Co G, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 April 1945, when his company was delayed in its attack on Schmira, Germany, by intense enemy machine gun fire, Sgt Kuhn, an assistant rifle squad leader, singlehandedly assaulted an enemy gun position. When within thirty yards of the enemy he was severely wounded by a supporting enemy gun, but disregarding his wounds he crawled forward, firing as he moved. When found later he was unconscious and lying within ten yards of the enemy emplacement which he had neutralized by killing the entire crew. Sgt Kuhn's courage, aggressiveness, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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

Francis J. Camerini, 33621708, Tec 4, Co A, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 14 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on Scheidan, Germany, on 14 March 1945, the tank in which Tec 4 Camerini served as driver was hit by two shells from an enemy tank, setting fire

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to his tank and wounding him. Despite his wounds and the fierce battle he was engaged in Tec 4 Camerini drove his tank to a position from which the gunner destroyed the enemy tank. While firing at the enemy Tec 4 Camerini unsuccessfully attempted to put out the fire which finally forced the crew to abandon their tank. Tec 4 Camerini's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty enabled his tank to overcome the enemy resistance despite great handicaps and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

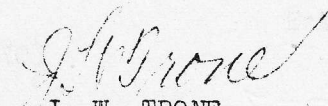
Adolph B. DeVolder, 35167223, S Sgt, 80th MP Platoon, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After attacking a strongly held Siegfried Line pillbox near Wallendorf, Germany, on 16 February 1945, it was necessary for the platoon in which S Sgt DeVolder served as a squad leader to withdraw for reorganization. During the withdrawal, which was slow because there were many casualties to be evacuated, the enemy fired an intense concentration of small arms fire at S Sgt DeVolder's platoon. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, S Sgt DeVolder remained exposed to enemy fire in administering first aid and evacuating the wounded men to covered positions. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt DeVolder saved many lives and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Melvin M. Gennis, 36968563, Pfc, Co B, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the fierce house to house fighting in Erfurt, Germany, on 12 April 1945, a machine gun in an enemy held house temporarily delayed the attack. Realizing the importance of destroying this obstacle, Pfc Gennis, a rifleman, advanced to a house across the street from the enemy strongpoint and boldly fired direct mortar fire from a second story window at the foe. Even though wounded he stopped firing only long enough to receive first aid. By his accurate mortar fire Pfc Gennis forced the enemy to surrender and permitted his company to advance. His courageous aggressiveness, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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

Clinton C. McCollum, 31335894, S Sgt (then Pvt), Co F, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the assault on Hochheim, Germany, on 28 March 1945, a platoon of Company F, 319th Infantry, upon entering the town was confronted by an enemy strongpoint. Automatic fire seriously wounded four men and repulsed repeated efforts of the men to reach their fallen comrades. S Sgt McCollum dashed across a courtyard, rendered aid to the more seriously wounded, and carried each to safety. His action undoubtedly saved their lives and inspired the platoon to rout the enemy. Such courage and aggressiveness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Robert E. Matteson, 37575990, T Sgt, 80th CIC Detachment, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Austria on 12 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 May 1945, after learning of the hideout of Gestapo Chief Kaltenbrunner and SS guards, Special Agent Matteson organized and led a patrol at night over the dangerous glacial trails to their mountain retreat. Dressed in Austrian clothes, Special Agent Matteson approached the cabin alone and unarmed and, after repeatedly knocking on the door, aroused the occupants who were prepared to fight until they observed the patrol approaching. Breaking down the door Special Agent Matteson and his men captured Kaltenbrunner, his aide Arthur Scheidler, two SS guards, and found two machine pistols, four rifles, two pistols, and a submachine gun with a large supply of ammunition. Special Agent Matteson's careful planning and fearless execution of a dangerous mission against an armed enemy of the most vicious and desperate type are a credit to himself and to the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Albert O. Thomas, 33441487, Tec 4, Co B, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In a duel with a more heavily armed German tank on 22 February 1945, near Lahr, Germany, the tank in which Tec 4 Thomas served as driver was disabled by a direct hit which killed two of the crew, wounded the loader, and stunned Tec 4 Thomas. Despite his shocked condition and the severe enemy fire striking the tank he climbed to the rear deck and after extracting the wounded loader from the turret, carried him to safety. The courage, bravery, and tenacious devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Thomas exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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XI. 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 Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pfc George F. Lynn	33892040	Inf	11 Feb 45
Pfc John J. Bobeck	33055645	Inf	12 Feb 45

XII. 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 Pvt Michael Konecko, 33304768, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 20 September 1944.

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