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I. 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:

Kirby J. Krouse, 13102952, S Sgt, Co D, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 27 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 January 1945, when the platoon leader's tank was disabled and ignited by enemy fire, S Sgt Krouse, the platoon sergeant, immediately took command and ordered the platoon into a protected place and thus prevented further loss from enemy fire. After taking care that his platoon was well deployed he then drove his own tank to the side of the platoon leaders burning tank and, disregarding the severe enemy fire, left the comparative safety of his own tank to aid in evacuating the wounded crew members from the disabled tank. Sgt Krouse's initiative and courageous devotion to duty saved his platoon from heavy losses, saved the lives of his fellow soldiers, and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

CHARLES F. MARSH, 01015513, Capt (then 1st Lt), 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the assault against Nocher, Luxembourg, on 18 January 1945, Capt Marsh led his assault gun platoon in support of a tank platoon which received heavy losses from enemy fire and mine fields. Immediately perceiving the situation, Capt Marsh led his more vulnerable platoon forward into the town and succeeded in overrunning the enemy positions and taking many prisoners. Facing a critical shortage of ammunition, Capt Marsh led a party on foot to the disabled tanks and collected enough ammunition to continue the attack and clear the entire sector. The gallantry, superior leadership, and resourcefulness displayed by Capt Marsh exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Mike T. Shireman, Jr, 37742509, Sgt, Co I, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 25 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 January 1945, Sgt Shireman, a rifle squad leader, led a patrol near Enscherange, Luxembourg, with the purpose of destroying an enemy machine gun which had harassed his company for a long time. Approaching the enemy positions he

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and his squad were subjected to intense fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, Sgt Shireman assaulted the emplacement alone and, after killing one gunner captured two others. From his captives he learned of other enemy soldiers hiding in a nearby house. Leading the patrol to the house he placed them in positions from which they could cover his advance and alone he entered the building to capture twelve armed enemy soldiers. Sgt Shireman's leadership, bravery, and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE 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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

John H. Hartman, 35058572, Tec 5 (then Pfc), Co A, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 18 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 18 September 1944, an infantry battalion aid station near St Genevieve, France was crowded with seriously wounded patients and ambulances could not evacuate them because all roads leading there were being heavily shelled. In order to overcome the handicap of darkness and fog, Tec 5 Hartman organized a line of guides from infantry units and his own men who guided the litter bearers by voice. Despite the intense artillery and travel handicaps, Tec 5 Hartman and his men evacuated twenty two seriously wounded men. His initiative, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. 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:

Thomas G. Burkholder, 13084628, S Sgt, Co B, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 21 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

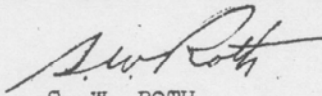
William J. Gerlach, Jr, 36810091, S Sgt, Co B, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 21 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Jerome C. Matherne, Jr, 38193135, S Sgt, Co B, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 21 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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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:

X Edwin J. Batenhorst, 37480882, Cpl, Co H, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany during the period 7 - 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 - 13 February 1945, near Ammeldingen, Germany, during the crossing of the swollen Our River and the difficult assault on the Siegfried Line, Cpl Batenhorst, mortar gunner, maintained constant fire by day and night. Throughout this period enemy barrages and small arms fire was unrelentingly severe. Cpl Batenhorst's efficient work during this period denied the enemy the use of their outer pillbox positions and greatly aided the attacking elements. Such courageous efficiency and resourcefulness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Harry Beste, 32300951, Pvt, Battery A, 314th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 3 January 1945, to 20 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 3 January 1945, to 20 January 1945, near Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, Pvt Beste performed his duties as a wireman for a forward artillery observation post in a heroically superior manner. Although under constant enemy artillery fire, Pvt Beste repaired the vital communication lines each time they were severed by shell fragments and, with utter disregard for his own safety, made many trips with supplies for the observation post crew while under direct observation of the enemy. Pvt Beste's initiative, resourcefulness, and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

X CHARLES A. BOOK, 01325469, 1st Lt, Co H, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 8 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack crossing of the Our River and the assault on the Siegfried Line on 8 February 1945, Lt Book, mortar platoon leader, controlled his guns with marked effectiveness. Under a continuous enemy barrage he kept his guns firing and when his forward observers were cut off by enemy artillery fire, he successfully undertook their dangerous task in addition to controlling the fire of his guns. His accurate orders registered devastating barrages on enemy pillboxes which greatly facilitated the assault of the rifle companies. Such courageous resourcefulness and leadership are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Ray Branham, 13074010, S Sgt, Co H, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 23 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 February 1945, during the attack on Obergeckler, Germany, S Sgt Branham advanced with a rifle company as a forward mortar observer. When the company was pinned down by enemy machine guns, S Sgt Branham crawled forward through an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage, gained a point of vantage, and directed well placed mortar fire on the enemy. This resulted in the complete destruction of the enemy positions and the relief of the rifleman. Such courage and resourcefulness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Robert A. Cheeks, 35386105, S Sgt, Co C, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 21 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

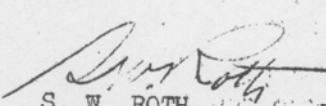
William R. Dillon, 33278111, S Sgt, Co H, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany during the period 7 February 1945, to 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. From 7 February 1945, to 13 February 1945, during the crossing of the Our River and the assault on the Siegfried Line near Ammeldingen, Germany, S Sgt Dillon, forward mortar observer, maintained a high standard of fire direction. Though his positions were under constant enemy fire he crawled close to the enemy pillboxes and brought down such effective fire that the enemy was denied the use of his outer positions. Such courageous devotion to duty and disregard of personal safety are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Robert C. Durain, 35408122, T Sgt, Hq and Sv Co, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 19 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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V. 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:

✓ Rodolfo S. Garcia, 38030635, Pfc, Co L, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 20 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the advance on Huttingen, Germany, on 20 February 1945, the automatic rifleman for whom Pfc Garcia was assistant was wounded by an enemy anti-personnel mine. Pfc Garcia, disregarding the possibility of other mines and the artillery, mortar, and small arms fire covering the area, went to the aid of the wounded man and after rendering first aid procured the automatic rifle and ammunition and rejoined his squad. Later when the tactical situation demanded a temporary withdrawal Pfc Garcia covered his comrades while they moved to safety. His courage, initiative, and aggressive devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Joseph P. Guariglia, 32009957, 1st Sgt, Co C, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 21 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

John H. Hartman, 35058572, Tec 5 (then Pfc), Co A, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 5 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 5 September 1944, an infantry combat team was attempting an assault crossing of the Moselle River near Vandiers, France. Because of extremely heavy mortar and artillery fire the troops were forced to temporarily withdraw, leaving many serious casualties along the river bank. Despite the severe enemy fire attracted by the slightest movement Tec 5 Hartman voluntarily organized and personally led two litter squads through the lines and throughout five hours of continuous fire evacuated eight litter patients whose lives were saved by this prompt rescue. On 7, 8, and 9 September 1944, he again voluntarily drove a litter jeep into Pont-a-Mousson, France, and evacuated casualties despite the fact that the town was isolated by intense enemy artillery fire. Tec 5 Hartman's leadership, initiative, and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Robert F. Hull, 33185371, T Sgt, Hq and Sv Co, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 19 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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✓ James W. Judge, 6548953, S Sgt, Co H, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 31 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. S Sgt Judge has performed his duties as a mortar gunner in a superior manner. At Ringel, Luxembourg, for two days, 28 and 29 December 1944, the enemy counterattacked three times. Though hostile artillery and mortar fire was unceasing and they were unable to rest throughout the two day period, S Sgt Judge and his platoon expended over two thousand rounds of ammunition which aided greatly in disorganizing and repelling the enemy. His resourcefulness and unfailing devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

MAURICE H. KAUFMAN, 01297048, Capt, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 26 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 January 1945, when the infantry battalion in which he served as S-3 was delayed near Wilwerwiltz, Luxembourg, by intense enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, Capt Kaufman personally reconnoitered the sector of advance so that he could formulate a plan of attack. Throughout the day he advanced on reconnaissance missions despite the hostile fire. From the information thus obtained the battalion was able to successfully accomplish its mission. The leadership, courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Capt Kaufman exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Erwin H. Knauper, 35461150, T Sgt, Hq and Sv Co, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 18 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

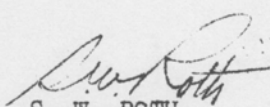
Edmund Lelito, 35096027, Tec 4, Hq and Sv Co, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 19 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

EDWARD F. PACHECO, 01100714, Capt, Hq and Sv Co, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 25 August 1944, to 21 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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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:

✓ Michael F. Mancini, 33118090, Cpl, Co H, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany from 7 to 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. From 7 to 13 February 1945, near Ammeldingen, Germany during the crossing of the swollen Our River and the difficult assault on the Siegfried Line, Cpl Mancini, mortar gunner, maintained constant fire by day and night. Throughout this period enemy barrages and small arms fire were unrelentingly severe. Cpl Mancini's efficient work during this period denied the enemy the use of their outer pillbox positions and greatly aided the attacking elements. Such courageous efficiency and resourcefulness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Vincent Nowaczynski, 35330935, Tec 5 (then Pfc), Hq Co 3d Bn, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 18 - 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. From 18 to 23 January 1945, during the operations against a strong enemy at Nocher, Luxembourg, hostile artillery was severe and accurate. Throughout this period Tec 5 Nowaczynski drove daily from Dahl to Nocher, Luxembourg, under direct enemy observation and successfully supplied the anti-tank platoon with necessary water, rations, and ammunition, despite being shelled and receiving occasional sniper fire. Such courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

NORMAN H. SELMER, 0470284, 1st Lieutenant, Company I, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 26 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In order to locate the safest route for the rifle company in which he served as executive officer to take in advancing in an attack on Buckholtz, Luxembourg, on 26 January 1945, Lt Selmer personally made a reconnaissance throughout the zone of attack. Despite the mortar and artillery fire which harassed his movements, he located a route of approach which, when used in the attack, enabled the company to capture Buckholtz without a casualty. The leadership, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Lt Selmer are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

✓ Henry D. Turberville, 34819509, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Co G, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 30 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. T Sgt Turberville, a squad leader, ordered to by-pass a delayed rifle

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company, moved his men with excellent control along a railroad embankment and attacked a town from the flank. Entering, he led his squad against several strong points and captured about thirty five enemy soldiers. His quick action and tactical skill contributed greatly to the swift advance of the company with a relatively small number of casualties. His aggressiveness and courageous leadership are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

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 previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc Joseph J. Burg, 33335790, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 11 February 1945.

VIII. 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 France on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pfc Roger E. Regan	42012812	Inf	17 Sep 44
Pfc Ethel E. Jones	35460298	Inf	20 Sep 44
Sgt Paul T. Little	33253735	Inf	21 Sep 44

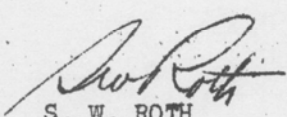
IX. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded Pfc Howard E. Ratay, 37751177, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 22 March 1945.

X. Section IX, General Orders Number 143, this Headquarters, dated 1 June 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads "Cpl Hansel A. Lordinois 36204772 FA 2 Apr 45" is amended to read "Cpl Hansel A. Lordinois 36204772 Inf 2 Apr 45".

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