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SECTION

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I. 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:

LEMUEL J. RICHARDS, O1324652, 1st Lt, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 4 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 April 1945, Lt Richards, a communications officer, accompanied a reconnaissance party in an attempt to rescue eleven men and four one quarter ton vehicles of a party which had been ambushed by the enemy. Nearing the town of Niederkau-  
fungen, Germany, the reconnaissance party, after locating the missing vehicles, became subjected to a murderous crossfire of enemy machine guns which destroyed Lt Richards' vehicle. Mounting an armored car he joined in the fire fight delivering such effective fire that he was able to alleviate the situation and enable the party to escape. The courage, initiative, and aggressive action displayed by Lt Richards exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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:

Lupe E. Cesena, 39417862, Pfc, AT Co, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 April 1945, near Chemnitz, Germany, Pfc Cesena, serving as an assistant patrol leader of a five man patrol, advanced two thousand yards into enemy territory and captured two German soldiers. While returning with the prisoners the patrol was delayed by intense machine gun and small arms fire from an enemy strongpoint. Realizing that help from friendly troops would be necessary if the patrol was to return the prisoners and gain the safety of friendly lines, Pfc Cesena voluntarily crossed six hundred yards of exposed terrain to friendly lines and gave information which aided in directing neutralizing fire on the enemy positions. Pfc Cesena's initiative, courage, and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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Andy J. Clement, 33253546, Pvt, Hq Co 2d Bn, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany during the period 7 February 1945, to 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the difficult crossing of the Our River into the Siegfried Line near Hoesdorf, Germany, from 7 to 11 February 1945, Pvt Clement, a radio operator, accompanied the forward elements into the bridgehead where he maintained communication with the rear command post. Regardless of the danger and difficulty in maintaining wire communications, Pvt Clement remained at his radio despite fatigue and the intensity of enemy artillery falling in the area. His resourcefulness, bravery, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

John J. Curley, 31461952, Sgt, Co K, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 February 1945, during the assault on the Siegfried Line and after his platoon had been repulsed by strong enemy resistance, Sgt Curley, an assistant squad leader, volunteered to guide another platoon in an attack over the same difficult terrain. The objective again proved too strong, but on the following day Sgt Curley led an assault squad and, although wounded, refused to be evacuated until the objective was taken. His courageous action and inspirational leadership are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

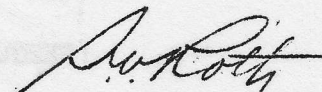
Thurman A. Freeman, 34682054, Sgt (then Pvt), Co B, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 February 1945, in an attack on the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany, Sgt Freeman, a rifleman, assumed command of his squad when the squad leader was wounded. Despite seemingly unbearable enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Sgt Freeman moved ahead of his men inspiring them to more aggressive action. His coolness under fire, swift movement, and excellent control enabled Sgt Freeman and his squad to reach their objective and capture an enemy held pillbox. Such courageous aggressiveness and inspirational leadership displayed by Sgt Freeman are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

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