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✓ 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:

Edward J. Moran, 35312076, Pfc, Co L, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After the fierce assault that carried his company to its objective near Britten, Germany, on 15 March 1945, the ammunition supply was dangerously low. A call was made to the rear and carrying parties were organized. Pfc Moran, a runner, displayed an instinctive determination and thorough knowledge of the situation by being the only man of the detail who could find his way through the dense underbrush during darkness. Throughout the operation he acted as guide to assure the company of vital supplies. Pfc Moran's courage, aggressiveness, and determination are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Howard J. Schwager, 36592355, Pfc, Co A, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany from 8 to 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. From 8 to 13 February 1945, during the assault on the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany, Pfc Schwager, a company runner, exhibited outstanding bravery and devotion to duty as he, without hesitation, carried urgent messages through severe enemy fire. Often-times forced by enemy fire to crawl from the command post to his objectives, he determinedly contributed a great part to the success of the operation. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Schwager exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Arthur F. Slates, 38204247, S Sgt, Btry B, 313th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg during the period 14 - 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 14 - 16 February 1945, near Hoesdorf, Luxembourg, the engineers experienced a great difficulty in erecting a bridge across the Sauer River because of heavy enemy artillery fire. S Sgt Slates, serving with the supporting artillery, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, proceeded to the bridge site and successfully procured and transmitted accurate shell reports of enemy shelling. This information enabled the batteries to direct effective fire on and neutralize the enemy batteries. S Sgt Slates' outstanding courage, efficiency, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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George L. Stejakoski, 42111550, Pfc (then Pvt), 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. While attacking a strongly fortified position in the Siegfried Line on 16 February 1945, near Wallendorf, Germany, Pfc Stejakoski and five other riflemen were isolated well within the enemy lines. Pfc Stejakoski, armed with a rifle, voluntarily fought a rearguard action while the rest of the men made their way back to friendly lines. Throughout the fight he was subjected to heavy enemy mortar, artillery, small arms, and hand grenade fire. By his cool, deliberate, and accurate fire Pfc Stejakoski saved the lives of his comrades and made possible their escape. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

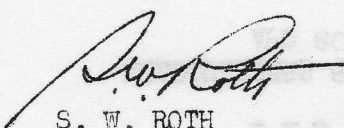
CHARLES W. WILBURN, 01180766, 1st Lt, 905th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 4 February 1945, to 1 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 4 February 1945, to 1 May 1945, in Luxembourg and Germany, Lt Wilburn performed his duties as artillery forward observer in a superior manner. At Dornhagen, Germany, on 1 April 1945, enemy tanks and machine guns delayed the advance of the infantry company to which Lt Wilburn was attached. Despite heavy fire, he voluntarily moved forward to a point of vantage from which he could accurately direct artillery fire upon the enemy positions and thus make it possible for the company to advance. The outstanding courage, aggressiveness, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Lt Wilburn are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

John Zelinsky, 33347944, Sgt, Cannon Co, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria, Sgt Zelinsky, serving as chief of a gun section with an infantry cannon company, performed his duties in a superior manner. Immediately after the unit crossed the Moselle River and was attacked by enemy tanks and infantry, Sgt Zelinsky's gun knocked out a German tank and machine gun and killed at least twenty enemy soldiers. On occasions when it was necessary for the executive officer to go forward as an observer, Sgt Zelinsky assumed his duties and performed them in an outstanding manner. The bravery, skill, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Zelinsky are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

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