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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:

Robert R. Compton, 39726536, Pfc, Military Police Platoon, 80th Infantry Division, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 12 September 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Throughout the campaign in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria from 12 September 1944, to 8 May 1945, Pfc Compton, a military policeman charged with traffic control, performed his duties in a superior manner. Despite weather hardships, combat conditions, and long, rapid moves he contributed materially to the success of each operation by the speed and dispatch with which he maintained the movement of traffic bearing supplies and reinforcements to the front and evacuees to the rear. At every river crossing his judgment and skill were instrumental in the establishing of a free flow of traffic over the bridgehead. Pfc Compton's courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Edward T. Germann, 36768032, T Sgt, Co K, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 14 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 14 February 1945, it was necessary to withdraw for a reorganization. Because of the severe enemy fire many casualties were left on the field. T Sgt Germann, a squad leader, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly returned through the merciless enemy artillery concentrations to carry wounded comrades to safety, refusing to take cover until all wounded were evacuated. The bravery and loyal devotion to duty and to his fellow soldiers displayed by T Sgt Germann exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Andrew H. Gonzalez, 18117053, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Co K, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 14 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 14 February 1945, it was necessary to withdraw for a reorganization. Because of the severe enemy fire many casualties were left on the field. T Sgt Gonzalez, mortar section sergeant, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly returned through the merciless enemy artillery concentrations to carry wounded comrades to safety, refusing to take cover until all wounded were evacuated. The bravery and loyal devotion to his fellow soldiers and to duty displayed by T Sgt Gonzalez exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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Frank E. House, 34979189, Pvt, Co C, 702d Tank Battalion, 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. In the attack on Sandershausen, Germany, on 4 April 1945, Pvt House, a tank gunner, observed seven enemy tanks approaching. Immediately opening fire he destroyed two of the enemy tanks. By his unhesitating action he pointed out the threat to the other tanks of his platoon and enabled them to drive off the enemy, saving heavy losses to the advancing infantrymen. Pvt House's skill, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Peter A. Kudenov, 39249172, T Sgt, Hq Co 3d Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

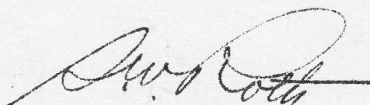
Earl Linkhorst, 33621679, Tec 4, Co B, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 21 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Attacking into Bourschied, Luxembourg, on 21 January 1945, Tec 4 Linkhorst drove his tank so skillfully over the narrow icy roads that, although under direct fire from enemy anti-tank weapons, he reached the town safely. Within the town he again demonstrated his skill by maneuvering so as to destroy two heavy enemy tanks. The cool courage, skill, and sincere devotion to duty demonstrated by Tec 4 Linkhorst exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Jerome J. Mangan, 13100296, Tec 5, Btry B, 314th Field Artillery Battalion, 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. During the fighting at Mandern, Germany, on 15 March 1945, Tec 5 Mangan, a radio operator with a field artillery forward observer party, was advancing with the assault wave when enemy artillery was registered in their immediate area. Observing that a direct hit had killed one and seriously wounded another of his party, Tec 5 Mangan, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, rushed to the wounded man, gave him first aid and despite the severe fire carried him to safety. Tec 5 Mangan's courage and sincere devotion to his comrade and to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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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:

Joseph R. Thier, 33602214, Sgt, Co A, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 February 1945, near Lohr, Germany, Sgt Thier, in command of a tank, was engaged in support of an infantry attack when an enemy tiger royal tank fired at the assaulting platoon. In order to draw fire and protect the other tanks, Sgt Thier courageously engaged the enemy and in the ensuing duel was killed when his tank was destroyed by a direct hit. Sgt Thier's courageous and timely assault saved the other tanks of the platoon. His unselfish sacrifice and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

Wayne S. Hult, 0537767, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Co G, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 1 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 1 March 1945, Lt Hult skillfully led a reconnaissance patrol into Schleid, Germany, with the mission of obtaining information concerning the number of enemy, their disposition and weapons. In searching the town an enemy soldier was detected and captured. Through on the spot interrogation of the prisoner twenty more of the enemy were located and captured without a casualty to the patrol. Information was gained from the captives which proved valuable in succeeding operations. Lt Hult's initiative, leadership, and tactical knowledge exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

Homer Blackburn, 35502526, Pfc, Hq Co 2d Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 28 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 February 1945, Pfc Blackburn, a member of a night patrol, made

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into Ehlenz, Germany, to determine the strength and disposition of the enemy forces in that town. No opposition was met when the town was entered. Pfc Blackburn and other members of the patrol, began a house to house search surprising and capturing twenty of the enemy. The patrol then outposted the town and sent a message to the battalion commander who rushed advance elements forward to the patrol, secured the town, and enabled the battalion to complete its mission without a casualty. Pfc Blackburn's courage, skill, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Paul Bodocsi, 35314089, T Sgt, Hq Co 1st Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 15 September 1944, to 1 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

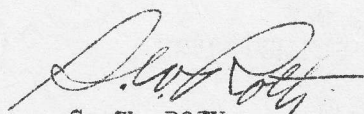
James A. Braund, 33936904, Pfc, Co K, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 14 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After attacking a strongly held Siegfried Line pillbox near Wallendorf, Germany, on 14 February 1945, it was necessary to withdraw for a reorganization. Because of the severe enemy fire many casualties were left on the field. Pfc Braund, company wireman, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly returned through the merciless enemy artillery concentrations to carry wounded comrades to safety, refusing to take cover until all wounded were evacuated. The bravery and loyal devotion to his fellow soldiers and to duty displayed by Pfc Braund exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

CECIL O. CARROLL, 01320100, Capt (then 1st Lt), 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When enemy resistance delayed a rifle company attacking St Avold, France, Capt Carroll quickly registered effective counterfire from his mortar platoon on the enemy positions. During the encounter enemy artillery wounded several key men which left the platoon disorganized. Capt Carroll, with utter disregard for his own safety, quickly moved from his observation post through the falling artillery, calmly reorganized the platoon and continued directing effective fire. He then supervised the administration of first aid and the evacuation of the wounded. Capt Carroll's courage and leadership are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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