

## HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION APO 80, U.S. Army

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SECTION

I - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 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 B. CONSFORD, 18008654, Pfc, Co L, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 14 November 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Because of his good judgment and ability to seek out the enemy Pfc CONSFORD has performed the duties of Scout with outstanding courage and efficiency during this period. His heroic actions were performed under intense artillery and small arms fire on nearly all occasions. Such courage and resourcefulness reflect great credit upon Pfc CONSFORD and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

FELIX C. GRANIELLO, JR, 42138272, Pfc, Co L, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 30 December 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Because of his good judgment and ability to seek out the enemy Pfc GRANIELLO has performed the duties of Scout with outstanding courage and efficiency during this period. His heroic actions were performed under intense artillery and small arms fire on nearly all occasions. Such courage and resourcefulness reflect great credit upon Pfc GRANIELLO and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

MICHAEL HRITSIK, 01060133, 2d Lt, Infantry, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 14 November 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period Lt HRITSIK performed his duties as Rifle Platoon Leader fearlessly and with outstanding ability. By his tactical knowledge, proven in many encounters, he has earned the confidence of his men. His courage and leadership are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

MARION W. MERRITT, 0535961, 1st Lt, Infantry, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period Lt MERRITT performed his duties as Platoon Leader fearlessly and with outstanding ability. By his tactical knowledge, proven in many encounters, he has earned the confidence of his men. His courage and leadership are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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JOHN L. SCULL, JR, 01165564, 1st Lt, FA, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA during the period 1 November 1944, to 7 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Serving as Liaison Officer from the 80th Infantry Division to Higher and Adjacent Headquarters Lt SCULL performed his duties in a superior manner. Often called upon to travel enemy infested roads Lt SCULL, without hesitation, undertook such trips at any hour of the day or night to carry information which was of great value to this Headquarters. His cheerful devotion to duty, good judgment, and tireless energy reflect great credit on himself and on the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

OFFICIAL:

S. W. ROTH
Major, AGD,
Adjutant General.

S. P. WALKER Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff.

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