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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (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 to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

GORDON R. HARRIS, O1824614, 1st Lt, FA, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 15 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At MERRANE, GERMANY, Lt HARRIS, while supporting friendly troops, skillfully maneuvered his platoon in such a manner that a well defended enemy strongpoint was overrun and 200 enemy troops captured. This action resulted in the capture, without casualty, of this strongly defended city. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Lt HARRIS exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

II. 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:

EUSTACE W. COCHRAN, 35385905, Sgt, Hq Co 2d Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At MITLOSHEIM, GERMANY, Sgt COCHRAN volunteered to lead a patrol on a dangerous mission of capturing enemy equipment. Enroute the patrol sighted a well dug in enemy anti-tank gun position. By skillfully deploying his men and assaulting the position he captured the gun, 10 soldiers, and an officer. The aggressiveness and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt COCHRAN exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

EARL H. DOYLE, O1174278, 1st Lt, FA, 313th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Lt DOYLE repulsed two flanking counterattacks, which was endangering the successful attack on HEIDERSCHEID, LUXEMBOURG, with artillery fire. He advanced from his reserve position to the endangered company through intense enemy fire, observed the enemy, and returned through heavy fire to transmit the firing data when his radio was destroyed. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from RHODE ISLAND.

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VICTOR A. GROMATZKY, 38134589, S Sgt, Hq Co 2d Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Anti-tank gun commander, S Sgt GROMATZKY, repulsed an infantry-tank counterattack at GISPERSLEPEN, GERMANY. Under constant small arms and mortar fire, he coolly directed his section to fire first at the infantry, routing them. Then he calmly waited until the flanking tank emerged from defilade at 75 yards and destroyed it. S Sgt GROMATZKY'S leadership and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TEXAS.

CHARLES C. N. LAU, 20011023, S Sgt, Co C, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY from 28 January 1945 to 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period, S Sgt LAU performed his duties as platoon sergeant in a heroic and superior manner. During one attack when he was wounded, he refused to be evacuated and led his platoon to take its objective. His bravery and devotion to duty have been an inspiration to his men and are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

ROBERT J. MEISTER, 36354176, Tec 4, MD, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 24 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At ERSCHERANGE, LUXEMBOURG, Tec 4 MEISTER, under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and with utter disregard for personal safety, drove his litter vehicle into the town and evacuated several seriously wounded comrades. His courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

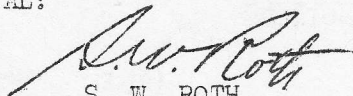
GEORGE W. SIAS, 35434700, Sgt, Co A, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 8 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At NOMENY, FRANCE, Sgt SIAS, with utter disregard for personal safety and despite intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, made several trips across open terrain to carry urgent messages which were instrumental in the successful completion of his units mission. Sgt SIAS' bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from WEST VIRGINIA.

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III. 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 to the following named personnel:

ROBERT S. SKINNER, 35451198, Tec 4, Co A, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on ALACH, GERMANY, Tec 4 SKINNER, and members of his tank destroyer crew, maneuvered their vehicle in a courageous manner through direct fire from enemy artillery, rocket, and small arms guns to overrun 22 machine gun nests. His courage, bravery, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

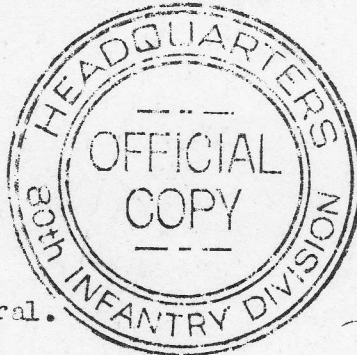
IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to Pfc Elie Bernard, 38483723, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 26 November 1944.

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