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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

✓ ROBERT E. DYKE, 31403333, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Co B, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 6, 7, and 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attacks on the almost fanatically defended towns of DAHL and NOCHER, LUXEMBOURG, T Sgt DYKE, although wounded in both legs in the first attack, led his men over hazardous terrain and through all types of severe hostile fire for three days to take and consolidate every objective. The tactical ability, outstanding leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt DYKE are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from VERMONT.

DONALD B. HULL, 35618577, S Sgt, Co F, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the Our River, during the first assault on the Siegfried Line, it was imperative that a well placed enemy pillbox be destroyed. S Sgt HULL, voluntarily and with utter disregard for safety, crawled through severe hostile fire to the fort, threw a phosphorus grenade through an aperture, and forced the enemy from their position. His aggressiveness, courage, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

✓ CHARLES J. KRASIENKO, 35312138, T Sgt (then Sgt), Co A, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the vicinity of JENA, GERMANY, when a convoy was ambushed by a force of fanatical enemy and the platoon leader killed, T Sgt KRASIENKO, voluntarily and with utter disregard for safety, led a patrol through the severe hostile fire to force the enemy to surrender. His courage, outstanding leadership, and devotion to duty eliminated a serious threat and are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

✓ NELSON S. MARTIN, 34605153, Pfc, Co M, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 3 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At KASSEL, GERMANY, during a severe enemy counterattack, Pfc MARTIN, although wounded, braved the intense hostile fire to secure a mortar vital to the repulse of the attack. After returning, voluntarily and despite a painful wound, he remained

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to carry ammunition to his platoon and served as a rifleman in routing the enemy. His gallant actions, courage, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

ALBERT E. MELCOLM, 34795599, Sgt, Co H, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 21 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on BORSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG, when the battalion commander and his staff officers became casualties, and communications destroyed, Sgt MELCOLM voluntarily established a new system. He advanced through all types of severe fire to a hilltop from where he relayed messages from forward and rear elements for eleven hours, even though subjected to hostile barrages. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

MICHAEL STOSZ, 42076915, Pfc, 80th MP Platoon, Army of the United States. For the period 12 September 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

JOHN T. WARREN, 32851957, Pfc, 80th MP Platoon, Army of the United States. For the period 20 December 1944, to 8 May 1945, in LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

DALE J. WRIGHT, 02011863, 2d Lt (then Tec 3 and 2d Lt), MAC, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from INDIANA.

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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 the following named personnel:

GLENN C. HAMMOND, JR, 35789306, Tec 5 (then Pfc), 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Army of the United States. For heroic service in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 10 February 1945, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period Tec 5 HAMMOND volunteered for numerous reconnaissance patrols. His coolness under fire and tactical knowledge has often enabled him to place his vehicle and crew into an advantageous position to return hostile fire quickly and accurately, which aided his platoon in accomplishing many missions. His ability, courage, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

EARL G. KADAU, 36555501, T Sgt, Co I, 317th Infantry, 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. T Sgt KADAU skillfully maneuvered his platoon through intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire to capture a seven man outpost, and then continued on towards FRIENSTADT, GERMANY, killing twenty five and capturing forty enemy soldiers, thus clearing the way for the company to enter the town. T Sgt KADAU'S resourcefulness, leadership, courage, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

KARL F. KING, 35813970, Pfc (then Pvt), Hq Co, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At OBER ZERF, GERMANY, when enemy action destroyed communication lines, Pfc KING voluntarily and with utter disregard for personal safety, exposed himself to severe hostile fire to carry messages to surrounding units. His courage and sincere devotion to duty aided greatly in the success of his unit in the attack and are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from INDIANA.

EDWARD KROPA, 33348149, Sgt, Co B, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 29 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the defense of RINGEL, LUXEMBOURG, the enemy counterattacked and succeeded in infiltrating into the company's position. With disregard for personal safety, Sgt KROPA exposed himself to the enemy and fired continuously with his automatic rifle, thus killing five of the enemy and forcing the remainder to surrender. His courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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GENE LIPORTO, 31453990, Pfc, Co L, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 24 January 1945, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period Pfc LIPORTO performed his duties as a runner in a superior manner. His bravery in carrying important messages under enemy fire, through dangerous areas, and under adverse weather conditions has been a source of inspiration to his comrades. His courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

WILSON C. MOSS, 33354583, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co H, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Under severe enemy fire S Sgt MOSS, by his knowledge of mortars, fired 730 rounds of high explosive ammunition which destroyed enemy anti-aircraft and machine gun positions in the assault crossing of the Rhine River. His technical skill, courage, and devotion to duty contributed greatly to the successful assault and are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

CHARLES E. PIKE, 11032515, Sgt, Co H, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When his machine gun section became isolated from the company in the attack on KASTEL, GERMANY, Sgt PIKE, voluntarily and with utter disregard for safety, advanced over fifty yards of fire swept terrain to rout enemy soldiers and open an escape route for the section. His courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

THEODORE D. PROCTOR, 34463447, Pfc, Co G, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At KASTEL, GERMANY, Pfc PROCTOR volunteered to bring aid to his squad surrounded by enemy troops. With utter disregard for personal safety he infiltrated through enemy lines, made contact with an adjoining company, and led them back to his squad. His aggressiveness, courage, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

HENRY J. RASSIER, 0516135, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Infantry, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 25 October 1944, to 12 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period Lt RASSIER, as battalion reconnaissance patrol leader, performed his duties in a superior manner. Through his leadership and ability to infiltrate his patrol through enemy lines, much information was obtained which contributed greatly to the success of his battalion. His courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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IV. 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:

JOHN G. RICORDATI, 36724218, Pfc, Co I, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 8 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the Our River crossing into the Siegfried Line Pfc RICORDATI voluntarily and in the face of severe hostile fire, assisted in carrying an assault boat over three hundred yards of exposed and hazardous terrain until he was painfully wounded. His aggressiveness, courage, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

MORLINE J. ROSENBAUGH, 37482327, S Sgt, Co C, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 21 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the advance on LOSHEIM, GERMANY, enemy manned emplacements temporarily delayed his company. S Sgt ROSENBAUGH, disregarding personal safety, alone advanced in the face of severe fire to destroy the position with a hand grenade, thus allowing his company to advance and take the objective. His courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEBRASKA.

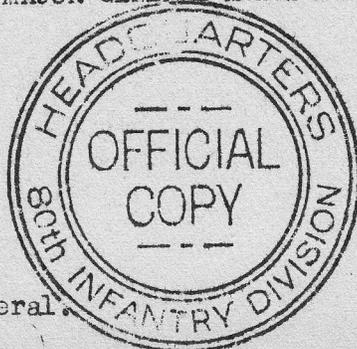
JOSEPH M. SIROLLI, 33782878, S Sgt, Co B, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 6 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While attacking the town of GOESDORF, LUXEMBOURG, S Sgt SIROLLI'S squad was temporarily delayed by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the seriousness of the situation he maneuvered toward the gun emplacement and despite wounds received succeeded in destroying the hostile gun and enabled his platoon to take its objective. His aggressiveness and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

V. 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 Pfc Ramon Fierro, 38120174, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 1 January 1945.

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