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I thru III - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

IV - Award of Purple Heart.

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:

CLARENCE J. BATSON, 34999484, Pfc, Hq Co 2d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At OBERGECHLIN, GERMANY, enemy machine guns, strategically placed in a forest outside of town, delayed infantrymen from setting up defenses. With disregard for personal safety Pfc BATSON crawled near the guns, exposed himself, and drew enemy fire which allowed friendly mortar men to observe and destroy the hostile positions. Pfc BATSON'S courage and constant devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

VICTOR J. Di CARLO, 33923770, Pfc, Hq Co 2d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 8 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the fierce fighting in the Siegfried Line, an enemy pillbox delayed his company and subjected his comrades to severe fire. Immediately, with disregard for safety, Pfc Di CARLO crawled over mined terrain and through the intense fire to place a demolition charge on and destroy the hostile pillbox. Pfc Di CARLO'S resourcefulness and courage alleviated his company from a precarious position and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM GOWDEN, JR., 33348207, S Sgt, Btry A, 313th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE from 12 to 21 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period, while the enemy was fiercely resisting, a hostile tank entered S Sgt GOWDEN'S battery area. Disregarding the intense fire and with utter disregard for safety he ran to his artillery piece, adjusted fire, and destroyed the tank. S Sgt GOWDEN'S bravery, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

CARL E. PARIS, 35693052, Pfc, Hq Co 2d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At OBERGECHLIN, GERMANY, when the forward observer for Pfc PARIS' anti-tank platoon was wounded, he immediately left his foxhole and braved intense fire to evacuate the casualty. Then, despite the increasing intensity of hostile fire, he took the vacant position and directed effective fire on and destroyed an enemy pillbox. Pfc PARIS' courage and constant devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

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✓ DOUGLAS W. ROUSE, 36687329, Cpl, Co D, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a strong enemy counter-attack at DAHL, LUXEMBOURG, the battalion position was seriously endangered. Cpl. ROUSE, despite intense hostile fire, displaying coolness and resourcefulness, remained at his post to fire hundreds of effective mortar rounds into enemy ranks and repulse their attacks. Pfc ROUSE'S efficiency, courage, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

STANLEY S. SOWINSKI, 36948422, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Co L, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on ALACH, GERMANY, T Sgt SOWINSKI, a squad leader, without hesitation, assumed command of his platoon when the leader became a casualty. With disregard for personal safety he exposed himself to severe fire to organize and control fire power on the town. His courageous leadership and tactical ability were responsible for the capture of the town, 210 enemy prisoners, and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

GEORGE A. SUDOL, 33354599, Tec 4 (then Tec 5), AT Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 14 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near St. GENEVIEVE, FRANCE, Tec 4 SUDOL, a radio operator, with disregard for safety, infiltrated and reconnoitered behind enemy lines, locating command posts and artillery positions. The subsequent friendly artillery fire, based on Tec 4 SUDOL'S information effectively silenced enemy installations. His courage and initiative exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

CECIL O. THOMAS, 34355976, Cpl, Hq Co 2d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At GEICHLINGEN, GERMANY, while firing on an enemy pillbox with his anti-tank gun, Cpl THOMAS' loader was wounded by intense enemy fire. Disregarding personal safety he carried his wounded comrade to safety, returned to his gun and, despite the increasing intensity of hostile fire, completed his mission and allowed a cavalry unit to advance. Cpl THOMAS' courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

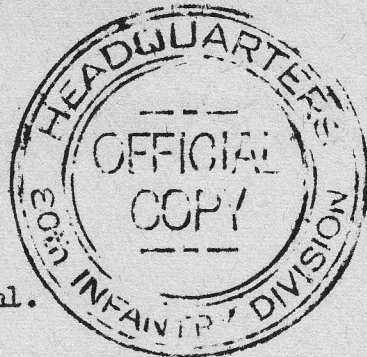
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