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- VII - Award of Purple Heart.

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:

WALTER J. BURK, 0342887, Lt Col, GSC (Inf), Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 13 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a heavy hostile counterattack by infantry and armor, directed against the Moselle River bridgehead at DIEULOUARD, FRANCE, Lt Col BURK exhibited the highest qualities of leadership, resourcefulness, and great personal courage by exposing himself to intense artillery and small arms fire in order to rally disorganized troops and form a defense position to repel the hostile forces. Lt Col BURK'S gallantry and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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:

JOSEPH H. BURK, 37643516, Pfc, Co E, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At GISPERSLEBEN, GERMANY, when his platoon became separated from the main body of the company, Pfc BURK volunteered to make contact with the company commander. Traveling alone over hazardous terrain and through enemy fire, he encountered 19 enemy, persuaded them to surrender, and carried on his mission. Pfc BURK'S courage and aggressiveness reduced a serious threat to his comrades and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

VIRGIL R. FORD, 34710994, Cpl, Sv Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the vicinity of GREIMERATH, GERMANY, Cpl FORD volunteered to reconnoiter for a route over which vital supplies could be taken to an attacking battalion. Over hazardous and mined roads he braved the dangers and discovered a machine gun position. After its position was reported and the gun destroyed, the route was open to supply the battalion. Cpl FORD'S resourcefulness and courage exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

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BENJAMIN E. KRAMER, 36518298, Cpl, Hq Co 1st Bn, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Cpl KRAMER, while under constant and intense mortar, artillery, and small arms fire near VALMONT, FRANCE, advanced over exposed and hazardous terrain to aid and evacuate his wounded comrade despite the hostile machine gun fire. Cpl KRAMER'S courage, thoughtfulness, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

WILLIAM F. MOORE, 33376790, Pfc, Co B, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 9 and 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the initial phase of the assault on the Siegfried Line, Pfc MOORE voluntarily evacuated his wounded comrades over exposed and hazardous terrain and through severe hostile fire until wounded by a sniper. Unable to carry on with evacuation, he returned to his post as rifleman until ordered to seek aid. Pfc MOORE'S courage and untiring devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MARYLAND.

WOODROW W. PROCTOR, 38209400, S Sgt, Hq Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY from 12 to 14 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the fierce fighting at OBER ZERF, GERMANY, S Sgt PROCTOR displayed an utter disregard for personal safety in delivering hot meals to the men of his company. Under enemy observation and direct hostile fire he drove over a hazardous route to enter the town and under artillery barrages moved from house to house to feed the battle weary troops. S Sgt Proctor's courage and conspicuous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ARKANSAS.

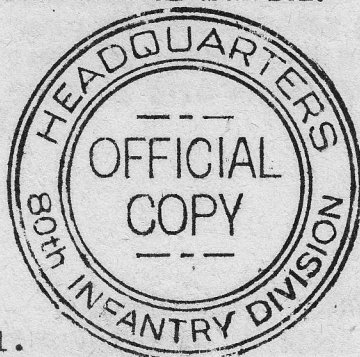
COSIMO A. SARDIELLO, 31245449, Pfc, Co H, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 5 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While reconnoitering IHRINGHAUSEN, GERMANY, an enemy garrison was discovered. Immediately, Pfc SARDIELLO, a driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle over exposed terrain, boldly entered the garrison, covered the buildings with a machine gun, and forced 311 hostile troops to surrender. Pfc SARDIELLO'S courage, aggressiveness, and sincere 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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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:

RAY D. STANGLE, 36713380, S Sgt (then Cpl), Co D, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near FARBERSVILLER, FRANCE, S Sgt STANGLE exposed himself to severe hostile fire to lead his mortar squad to a more advantageous position to combat a fierce enemy thrust. Accurately directing fire, he forced the advancing armor to a defilade position. When the ammunition was expended he charged through the gun fire to secure more rounds and stopped the counterattack. S Sgt STANGLE'S courage exemplifies the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

RICHARD G. STOECKERT, 36396411, 1st Sgt, Co B, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the attack on GREIMERATH, GERMANY, 1st Sgt STOECKERT voluntarily and alone reconnoitered enemy fortifications guarding the town. Organizing a squad, he led a surprise attack, captured 32 prisoners and disrupted the hostile defense plan so that the battalion captured the objective without a casualty. 1st Sgt STOECKERT'S outstanding leadership and courage exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

HAROLD R. TALLENT, 36468694, Pfc (then Pvt), Co D, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the vicinity of HALSDORF, GERMANY, Pfc TALLENT'S superiors became casualties when the company met stiff enemy resistance. On his own initiative and despite the increasing intensity of hostile fire, he assumed command of his section, led them to a more advantageous position, and fired effective fire which proved vital in repulsing the enemy. Pfc TALLENT'S leadership, initiative, and courage are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

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

GERARD R. MOREAU, 31398756, Pfc, Btry A, 315th FA Battalion, United States Army. For the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from MAINE.

EDWARD T. SEKERCHAK, 33282126, S Sgt, Hq Co 3d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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V. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (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 Purple Heart and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in countries and on dates indicated:

| <u>RANK AND NAME</u> | <u>ASN</u> | <u>ARM OR SERVICE</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Tec 5 Irvin J. Wojciechowski | 35095284 | Inf | France | 24 Sep 44 |
| S Sgt Melvin T. Sanford | 38542745 | Inf | France | 1 Dec 44 |
| Pfc Paul Mandy | 36511269 | Inf | Germany | 17 Feb 45 |
| Pfc Daniel V. Casasanto | 33335725 | Inf | Germany | 3 Apr 45 |
| Sgt Floyd E. Miller | 38385831 | Inf | Germany | 12 Apr 45 |
| S Sgt Donald C. Hoffman | 33235327 | Inf | Germany | 13 Apr 45 |

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| | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-----|------------|-----------|
| Sgt Earl R. Osborne | 35434410 | Inf | France | 18 Aug 44 |
| Sgt William Rauch | 37608508 | Inf | France | 13 Sep 44 |
| Pfc Edward S. Kelchner | 32945428 | Inf | France | 13 Sep 44 |
| Tec 5 Irvin J. Wojciechowski | 35095284 | Inf | France | 13 Sep 44 |
| Pfc Arnold E. Dieringer | 39211995 | Inf | France | 15 Sep 44 |
| CAPT GEORGE F. McDONELL | 01296726 | Inf | France | 17 Sep 44 |
| Tec 5 William L. Taylor | 34731646 | MD | France | 8 Oct 44 |
| Sgt Nicholas E. Themeles | 31261062 | Inf | France | 8 Nov 44 |
| Pfc Ralph A. F. Tito | 13185169 | Inf | France | 8 Nov 44 |
| Sgt Frederick W. Cassidy | 36185551 | Inf | Belgium | 25 Dec 44 |
| Sgt Floyd E. Miller | 38385831 | Inf | Luxembourg | 21 Jan 45 |
| Tec 5 Dwaine L. Parker | 37343999 | MD | Luxembourg | 2 Feb 45 |
| Pfc Frank Kosky | 33282614 | MD | Luxembourg | 5 Feb 45 |
| Pfc Harry L. Itskowitz | 12218907 | MD | Luxembourg | 9 Feb 45 |
| Sgt Edward W. Gredler | 33846615 | Inf | Luxembourg | 10 Feb 45 |
| Pfc Maurice F. Gentile | 31261545 | Inf | Germany | 25 Feb 45 |
| Pfc George A. Phillips | 36841805 | MD | Germany | 12 Mar 45 |
| Pfc Robert M. Stewart | 34831609 | MD | Germany | 14 Mar 45 |
| Tec 5 Allen G. McMillan | 39044308 | Inf | Germany | 17 Mar 45 |
| Sgt Alfred Silvia | 31424547 | Inf | Germany | 3 Apr 45 |
| Sgt Eugene P. Wallace | 33784388 | Inf | Germany | 3 Apr 45 |
| Pfc Albert R. Laventure | 31428274 | Inf | Germany | 11 Apr 45 |

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VII. 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 the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in countries and on dates indicated:

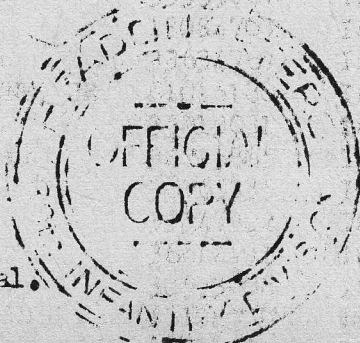
| <u>RANK AND NAME</u> | <u>ASN</u> | <u>ARM OR SERVICE</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Tec 5 Richard Brenner | 33221668 | Inf | France | 13 Aug 44 |
| S Sgt Gordon L. Sale | 34243038 | Inf | France | 20 Aug 44 |
| Pfc Jack S. Hirshman | 33282529 | Inf | France | 15 Sep 44 |
| T Sgt Joseph Jackson | 36510615 | Inf | France | 18 Sep 44 |
| Sgt Jack H. Pritchett | 38194758 | Inf | France | 24 Sep 44 |
| Tec 5 Joseph P. Evers | 33355047 | Inf | France | 24 Sep 44 |
| Pfc James Salata | 13084703 | Inf | France | 25 Sep 44 |
| Pfc Raymond A. Newton | 33634769 | Inf | France | 13 Oct 44 |
| 1ST LT ALFRED H. BROWNE, JR | 01015180 | Inf | Luxembourg | 17 Dec 44 |
| S Sgt Maury L. Blount | 35213031 | Inf | Luxembourg | 23 Dec 44 |
| S Sgt Howard E. Bennett | 34795805 | Inf | Belgium | 25 Dec 44 |
| Pfc Neal H. Rowland | 36765335 | Inf | Luxembourg | 10 Jan 45 |
| Pfc Carl W. Bohn | 33347902 | Inf | Germany | 8 Feb 45 |
| Pfc Al M. Juslin | 36614191 | Inf | Germany | 8 Feb 45 |
| Pfc James G. Cleghorn | 38593008 | Inf | Germany | 20 Feb 45 |
| Pfc Edward W. Baxter | 16108730 | Inf | Germany | 25 Feb 45 |
| Sgt Jack L. Moore | 39391985 | Inf | Germany | 4 Mar 45 |
| S Sgt Paul E. Smith | 35408651 | Inf | Germany | 11 Mar 45 |
| Pfc John B. Cook, Jr | 34129321 | Inf | Germany | 14 Mar 45 |
| Pfc David Labor | 36510696 | Inf | Germany | 15 Mar 45 |
| Pfc John Manzella | 36967728 | Inf | Germany | 16 Mar 45 |
| Pfc Males L. Carpenter | 34997409 | Inf | Germany | 16 Mar 45 |
| Pfc Richard B. Hefner | 35571948 | Inf | Germany | 16 Mar 45 |
| Pfc Joseph J. Slack | 35434452 | Inf | Germany | 2 Apr 45 |
| Pvt Robert K. Smith | 37723060 | MD | Germany | 12 Apr 45 |
| Pfc Joseph A. Mitchell | 33354537 | Inf | Germany | 13 Apr 45 |
| Sgt Robert Breymeier | 33354562 | Inf | France | 13 Sep 44 |
| Tec 5 Joseph Dulik | 33279348 | MD | France | 13 Sep 44 |
| Pfc Clifford E. Stoelting | 35460875 | Inf | France | 13 Sep 44 |
| Tec 5 William C. Harris | 38106988 | Inf | France | 23 Sep 44 |
| Pfc Paul H. Orme | 35502546 | Inf | France | 24 Sep 44 |
| Tec 4 Harry A. Weeks | 12203579 | Inf | France | 27 Oct 44 |

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