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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

ARNOLD H. HOLT, O1165513, Capt, FA, 314th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in FRANCE from 7 to 20 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the first engagement with the enemy near ARGENTAN, FRANCE, when his command post was shelled, Capt HOLT quickly reorganized and calmed his men. Anxious to set an example, he fearlessly reconnoitered for new wire routes when his vehicle struck a mine which resulted in his death. Capt HOLT'S outstanding leadership, intrepidity, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

II. 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 is awarded the following named personnel:

ABRAHAM J. BOTNICK, O1172386, 1st Lt, FA, 314th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 24 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At ERPLEDANGE-SUR-WILTZ, LUXEMBOURG, it was necessary for the battery to occupy a position in order to support an infantry attack. Because of the knowledge of mines and heavy blanket of snow, Lt BOTNICK, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, drove over the selected position in a vehicle and while so doing detonated three enemy mines. Lt BOTNICK'S courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

KENNETH W. HODGDON, O1165511, Capt, FA, 314th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 12 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near SERRIERS, FRANCE, the battery area was being shelled by enemy artillery when Capt HODGDON saw two of his men fall wounded, and with utter disregard for his own safety, went to their aid, carrying one man to safety and rendering first aid. Capt HODGDON'S courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MAINE.

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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:

THEODORE BAJER, 36878868, Pfc, Btry A, 313th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 29 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near SCHEIDL, LUXEMBOURG, an enemy patrol was detected moving behind the battery observation post, and Pfc BAJER, with utter disregard for his own safety, assisted in attacking the enemy patrol and killed one and injured two, and obtained from one of the prisoners valuable information. Pfc BAJER'S courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

PAUL R. BEATTIE, 33235146, M Sgt, 80th Signal Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 14 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At DIEULOUARD, FRANCE, under heavy artillery fire, M Sgt BEATTIE installed communications between the artillery air strip and the Division Command Post. Disregarding his personal safety, M Sgt BEATTIE worked for 48 hours under continuous enemy artillery fire to repair and maintain the wire communication vital to the successful elimination of the enemy artillery. M Sgt BEATTIE'S courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

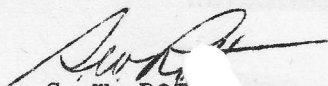
CARL B. BECKMAN, 01328215, 2d Lt, Infantry, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 28 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near FENNBERG, LUXEMBOURG, Lt BECKMAN'S platoon encountered a strong enemy force employing automatic weapons and small arms, and because of the intense fire, deployed his platoon, and with utter disregard for his own safety reconnoitered the route and completely surprised the enemy force and captured the objective. Lt BECKMAN'S courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from SOUTH CAROLINA.

RUPERT C. BROWN, 02015862, 2d Lt (then Tec 4), MAC, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near MAINZ-KASTEL, GERMANY, during the crossing of the Rhine River, Lt BROWN, then a section sergeant, moved his medical section in advance of the infantry and then treated the wounded on the spot where they had fallen, thereby speeding their recovery. Lt BROWN'S courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

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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:

PETE C. CIAVERELLA, 33808962, Pfc, Hq 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. At OBER ZERF, GERMANY, during a heavy enemy artillery, rocket, and mortar barrage, Pfc CIAVERELLA, with utter disregard for his own safety, installed communication lines to the forward elements of the regiment, and then retraced the lines and made the necessary repairs. Pfc CIAVERELLA'S courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

RICHARD L. FORNEY, 37358912, Cpl, AT Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 1 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At METTENDORF, GERMANY, Pfc FORNEY'S patrol encountered enemy troops in a house on the outskirts of town who were stopping the patrol from entering town. With utter disregard for his own safety and armed with only a pistol, Pfc FORNEY entered the house from the rear and drove eight of the enemy out of the house into the hands of his patrol. Pfc FORNEY'S initiative, courage, and leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from WYOMING.

✓ LESLIE S. GRAVES, 36916255, Pfc, Co A, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a hot fight near POSSENDORF, GERMANY, Pfc GRAVES' automatic rifle jammed. He was ordered to the rear. In spite of the hand-to-hand fighting, Pfc GRAVES held his position, restored his gun to action, and captured a flanking enemy machine gun nest, thus enabling his company to advance. Pfc GRAVES' courage and aggressiveness exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

JOE H. HILLMAN, 33659917, Pfc, 80th Signal Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 13 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At OBERFEULEN, LUXEMBOURG, enemy artillery fire cut approximately 30 Divisional telephone wires. Pfc HILLMAN, disregarding his personal safety, worked for 48 hours under extremely adverse weather conditions to repair all telephone wires, restoring communications, resulting in the elimination of the enemy artillery. Pfc HILLMAN'S tireless devotion to duty in the face of great obstacles exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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JOHN W. KOPCHAK, 35408683, S Sgt, Btry C, 315th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Accompanying a howitzer section selected to register from the new position near OBER ZERF, GERMANY, under terrific enemy shell fire, S Sgt KOPCHAK performed his duties as radio operator so efficiently that the registration was speedily accomplished and the section withdrawn intact. S Sgt KOPCHAK'S courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

RAYMOND A. LERMOND, 01299431, 2d Lt, Infantry, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 21 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near LORSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG, after a heavy enemy artillery barrage, many casualties resulted with no evacuation facilities. Lt LERMOND, with utter disregard for personal safety, reconnoitered a route of evacuation, cleared mines, improvised litters, and successfully evacuated all casualties. Lt LERMOND'S courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.


ANTHONY F. LIPKA, 35358906, Pfc, Btry A, 313th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 29 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near SCHEIDL, LUXEMBOURG, Pfc LIPKA detected an enemy patrol moving behind the battery observation post. Pfc LIPKA, with utter disregard for his own safety, attacked the patrol, killing one and capturing two and securing valuable information. Pfc LIPKA'S courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from INDIANA.

JAMES J. MICALE, 36252900, Cpl, Btry A, 313th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 27 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When heavy enemy artillery fire interrupted the assault crossing of the Rhine River at MAINZ, GERMANY, Cpl MICALE secured shell reports of enemy artillery fire. With disregard for his personal safety, Cpl MICALE proceeded through heavy enemy fire to deliver information enabling friendly artillery to silence the enemy artillery and the infantry to cross the Rhine. Cpl MICALE'S courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

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