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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:

ALLEN BEERTZER, 35482933, Pfc, 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. While registering on a position near OBER-ZERF, GERMANY, Pfc BEERTZER's gun section was subjected to a severe concentration of enemy artillery fire. With disregard for personal safety, he remained at his post, despite shells bursting within a few yards, to complete his important mission. Pfc BEERTZER's courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from INDIANA.

WILLIAM W. DANIEL, 34335223, Cpl, Co A, 305th Engr Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 5 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the hazardous crossing of the Moselle River, Cpl DANIEL was engaged in ferrying infantry troops. After completing his mission and volunteering to ferry additional troops, his boat was over-turned by concussion. By endangering his own life, he assisted two comrades to shore before seeking safety. Cpl DANIEL's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

RUDOLPH G. FILICKO, 31412849, Pfc, Hq Co, 2d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 18 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near LIMBACH, GERMANY, an assault company was temporarily delayed by intense gun fire from a double road block. On his own initiative, and with disregard for safety, Pfc FILICKO advanced through severe machine gun fire to destroy the road block and allow the infantry to advance to its objective. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

ROBERT J. FLAGG, 33716870, Pfc, Btry A, 315th 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. While his battery was engaged in a fierce artillery duel with the enemy, a shell was accidentally dropped and the fuze started to burn. Courageously, Pfc FLAGG, with disregard for personal safety, removed the fuze and saved his comrades and their equipment from injury and damage. Pfc FLAGG's bravery, initiative, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MARYLAND.

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JOHN W. HOLIBAUGH JR., 33305071, Cpl, Co A, 305th Engr Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Cpl HOLIBAUGH volunteered for a dangerous mission of reconnoitering the bank of the Rhine River near MAINZ. Although hampered by intense enemy fire, he brought back information of invaluable aid in planning the river crossing operation. His steadfastness of purpose was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

ALEXANDER KACAR, 33348726, Pfc, Co K, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When his platoon was temporarily delayed by heavy enemy fire, Pfc KACAR, an automatic rifleman, rushed forward to engage the enemy singlehandedly and reduce their fire to a minimum. His platoon was then able to advance and overcome a fanatical hostile force and gain the objective. Pfc KACAR's courage and aggressiveness exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

WALLACE A. LOOMIS, 31377927, Pfc, 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. While registering on a position near OBER-ZERF, GERMANY, Pfc LOOMIS' gun section was subjected to a severe concentration of enemy artillery fire. With disregard for personal safety, he remained at his post, despite shells bursting within a few yards, to complete his important mission. Pfc LOOMIS' courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

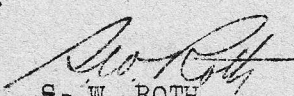
GERALD F. MARTHENZE, 36252402, Pfc, Btry C, 315th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While registering on a position near OBER-ZERF, GERMANY, Pfc MARTHENZE's gun section was subjected to a severe concentration of enemy artillery fire. With disregard for personal safety, he remained at his post, despite shells bursting within a few yards, to complete his important mission. Pfc MARTHENZE's courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

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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:

RICHARD MORGAN, 35230736, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co L, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At NOCHER, LUXEMBOURG, when his company was temporarily delayed by enemy positions, S Sgt MORGAN on his own initiative led three men in a skillful flanking movement to destroy the emplacements, thus permitting his company to move forward and achieve success in the attack. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt MORGAN exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

CHARLES A. NOON JR., 01325511, 1st Lt, Inf, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At PUSSIEUX, FRANCE, Lt NOON organized and supervised a system for pulling mired vehicles from a stream until engineers could build a bridge. Working for long hours under severe enemy fire and in waist deep water, he assured the infantry vital supplies and the wounded speedy evacuation. Lt NOON's initiative, courage, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

BYRON R. PETLEY, 35388348, Sgt, Co Co, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 9 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a fierce enemy attack on the bridgehead at the Our River, two machine gun positions were over-run. Immediately, Sgt PETLEY, a mortar sergeant, set up a machine gun in exposed terrain and, despite enemy action, fired so effectively that the attack was halted and the hostile forces routed. Sgt PETLEY's courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

DAVID S. RICH, 32076072, Sgt (then Cpl), Btry B, 905th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 17 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near LOSHEIM, GERMANY, Sgt RICH, radio operator for a forward observer, exposed himself to severe enemy mortar and machine gun fire for two hours in order to accurately report fire missions. His efforts aided in halting a fanatical hostile attack and saved many lives. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl RICH reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

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ROBERT M. ROACH, 36471236, Pfc, Med Det, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 15 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While clearing CRIMMITSCHAU, GERMANY, two of Pfc ROACH's comrades were seriously wounded. With disregard of personal safety, he immediately exposed himself to aid one man. While reaching the second, he was subjected to severe enemy fire, but persisted in his efforts to successfully evacuate him. Pfc ROACH's courage and devotion are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

LUCIAN SLOTT, 38540268, Tec 5, Co A, 305th Engr Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 5 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the hazardous crossing of the Moselle River, Tec 5 SLOTT was engaged in ferrying infantry troops. Under severe enemy fire, he persisted in his mission, skillfully prevented the capsizing of his assault boat, and contributed immeasurably in the successful landing on the enemy shore. Tec 5 SLOTT's courage, skill, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TEXAS.

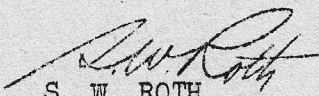
PERCY W. THOMAS, 34777464, S Sgt, Co A, 305th Engr Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 5 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the hazardous crossing of the Moselle River, S Sgt THOMAS was engaged in ferrying infantry troops. Displaying an utter disregard for safety, he braved the severe hostile fire to successfully land assault troops, and evacuate wounded comrades on return trips. S Sgt THOMAS' courage and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from SOUTH CAROLINA.

ANDREW VASKO, 33363624, Pfc, Co C, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Serving as a runner during the hazardous Our River crossing, Pfc Vasko, despite intense enemy fire, aided his wounded platoon leader to safety. After performing his duties until exhausted, he volunteered to carry blood plasma across the swollen river, and succeeded in his efforts although painfully wounded. Pfc VASKO's courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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