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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:

✓ RICHARD A. BARRICK, 37514712, 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. For two consecutive days, Pfc BARRICK, a scout, voluntarily led engineers and assault troops through severe enemy fire to the banks of the Our River. Despite the increasing intensity of hostile action, he launched assault boats and evacuated wounded comrades to safety. Pfc BARRICK's courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

LOUIS A. BUDA, 35330190, T Sgt, Co M, 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. At FARBERSVILLER, FRANCE, an enemy attack supported by armor pierced outer defenses and destroyed communications. Immediately, and with disregard for personal safety, T Sgt BUDA made his way under severe fire through the enemy lines to the battalion command post to secure armored support. T Sgt BUDA's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from INDIANA.

LLOYD H. COHEN, 39012952, Pfc (then Pvt), Hq Co, 2d Bn, 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. During his battalion's attack on BOURSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG, the wire section suffered heavy casualties. Immediately, Pfc COHEN volunteered to carry heavy reels of wire over exposed terrain and through severe enemy fire. Later, he carried a radio under the same hazardous conditions, so that communications could be maintained. His initiative and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

✓ HOWARD COLEMAN, 35434934, 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. While crossing the Our River under severe enemy fire, Pfc COLEMAN's assault boat was upset by the raging torrents. With disregard for personal safety and hostile barrages, he voluntarily swam about to save the boat and supplies paramount to successful operations. Pfc COLEMAN's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

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FREDERICK W. FRAZIER, 35607945, S Sgt, Co M, 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. At ENZEN, GERMANY, S Sgt FRAZIER volunteered to direct fire on enemy positions which were subjecting his battalion to severe barrages. Alone, he moved over exposed terrain and, despite a heavy concentration of hostile fire, directed such effective fire that the enemy emplacements were destroyed. S Sgt FRAZIER's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

CARL E. LAWYER, 35728966, S Sgt, Co C, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 20 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At OBERSGEGEN, GERMANY, a well fortified enemy stronghold temporarily delayed S Sgt LAWYER's company. Immediately, he led a small patrol in a flanking movement, through severe hostile artillery concentrations, and destroyed the enemy position by a surprise attack. S Sgt LAWYER's courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from INDIANA.

MELVIN L. LECHLAK, 35331004, Tec 3 (then Tec 4), MD, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At ST. AVOLD, FRANCE, severe casualties were inflicted upon attacking troops. Tec 3 LECHLAK immediately volunteered to go forward, under severe enemy fire, to establish an additional aid station, and worked long hours to assure all casualties proper medical attention. The outstanding initiative and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Tec 3 LECHLAK exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from OHIO.

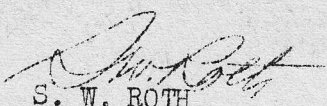
JOSEPH B. MOSKAL, 32394260, Cpl (then Pfc), Hq Co, 2d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When a rifle company was surrounded at GEICHLINGEN, GERMANY, Cpl MOSKAL volunteered to lead a supply train to their aid. With disregard for personal safety, he skillfully guided the men through enemy lines, under intense hostile fire, to deliver the vital supplies. Cpl MOSKAL's courage, leadership, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

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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:

✓ VIRGIL F. QUINN, 35460628, Tec 5 (then Pfc), Hq Co, 2d Bn, 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. While voluntarily delivering supplies to riflemen at the Our River crossing, Tec 5 QUINN's boat was overturned by intense artillery fire. By braving the raging torrent, he righted the boat and saved a comrade from drowning. Tec 5 QUINN's courage under hostile fire, thoughtfulness for his comrades, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

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

HARRY T. JOHNSON, 35359306, S Sgt (then Pfc), MP Platoon, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For the period 13 September 1944, to 15 September 1944, FRANCE. Entered military service from INDIANA.

PETER J. MARSELLO, 31392263, Pfc, Co D, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 20 September 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

ELZIE H. MEADOWS, 35653384, Pfc, Hq Btry, 314th FA Battalion, United States Army. For the period 8 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from WEST VIRGINIA.

DAVID F. NICHOLAS, 17135574, Pfc, Hq Btry, 315th FA Battalion, United States Army. For the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

STEVE J. RAFAY JR., 33278986, Pfc, Co B, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN P. VARDEL, 35315661, S Sgt, Co B, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 6 August 1944, to 8 November 1944, in FRANCE, and 29 April 1945, to 8 May 1945, in GERMANY and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from OHIO.

HARRY H. WOODYARD, 35386816, Tec 4, Hq Btry, 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 WEST VIRGINIA.

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IV. 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, and a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster are awarded 1ST LT WILLIAM D. SPROESSER, 0546877, Inf, 317th Infantry, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in FRANCE, on 19 January 1945.

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 previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded SGT ROBERT J. TAYLOR, 38445005, Co E, 317th Infantry, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY, on 10 April 1945.


VI. 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>
1ST LT WALTER J. GNOWLES	02048928	MAC	Luxembourg	27 Jan 45
PFC PAUL DIBUCCI	33666702	MD	Germany	21 Feb 45
PFC SAMUEL A. WALKER	38698629	Inf	Germany	28 Mar 45
PVT JOSEPH F. WELSH	33113745	Inf	Germany	10 Apr 45

BY ORDER OF COLONEL ROFFE:

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VII. Pursuant to the provisions of Letter, Headquarters XXII Corps, subject "Letter Orders", dated 26 September 1945, the undersigned hereby assumes command of that portion of the 80th Infantry Division under control of the XXII Corps during the temporary absence of MAJOR GENERAL HORACE L. McBRIDE, O4430, United States Army.

[Handwritten Signature]
A. W. ROFFE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Commanding.

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