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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:

ALFRED G. BROWN JR., 33235212, S Sgt, AT Co, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 1 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, Near KASSEL, GERMANY, S Sgt BROWN's squad was subjected to severe enemy fire and his half-track stalled. By exposing himself to the hostile force, he immediately remedied the deficiency, and then remained exposed to lead an attack on a wooded area, resulting in the capture of thirteen prisoners. S Sgt BROWN'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 PENNSYLVANIA.

EUGENE B. BUNKER, 39619872, Tec 4, Hq Co, 2d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 1 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At MELGERSHAUSEN, GERMANY, Tec 4 BUNKER was called in the early morning to repair a radio. Upon entering the command post, he discovered an enemy soldier overpowering the guard. Immediately, with disregard for safety, he engaged the soldier in combat, killed him and saved his comrades. Tec 4 BUNKER's bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MONTANA.

HENRY S. BURCH, 34827296, Sgt, Co D, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At KEHMEN, LUXEMBOURG, Sgt BURCH, a heavy machine gun squad leader, volunteered to direct fire during an enemy attack. By exposing himself to a severe barrage, he directed effective fire at the hostile forces until he was painfully wounded. Sgt BURCH's courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

CHARLES E. CLEMMONS, 42122498, Pfc, Co L, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 3 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At VOLLMARSHAUSEN, GERMANY, Pfc CLEMMONS' platoon was temporarily delayed by a hostile machine gun. On his own initiative, he advanced over fifty yards of exposed terrain, through severe fire directed at him, to destroy the enemy position with grenades. Pfc CLEMMONS' courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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✓ HENRY FRANKEL, 31429844, T Sgt (then Pfc), Hq Co, 2d Bn, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 2 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a fierce encounter near BESSLICH, GERMANY, T Sgt FRANKEL, a platoon messenger, displayed outstanding courage. By advancing well ahead of his platoon, he sought out enemy positions and under severe enemy fire directed the fire of his comrades so effectively that the hostile force was destroyed. T Sgt FRANKEL's courage and devotion are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

ALEXANDER J. GREVISH, 33671728, Tec 5 (then Pfc), MD, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 8 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At LIXIERES, FRANCE, Tec 5 GREVISH, a litter squad leader, voluntarily led his squad into the town. With disregard for personal safety, and despite the severe enemy fire, he displayed such courage that his men were inspired to follow him. Tec 5 GREVISH's bravery, leadership, and devotion assured his comrades proper medical attention, and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.


LEONARD HARRINGTON, 0525244, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Inf, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 10 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At XOCOURT, FRANCE, infantry rifle troops needed heavy weapons support to combat a fanatical enemy. With disregard for personal safety, Lt HARRINGTON led his platoon into an exposed position and, under heavy fire, inspired them to fire effectively on the enemy until he was seriously wounded. Lt HARRINGTON's courage and devotion are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

FLOYD L. HORTON, 33355196, Pfc, Hq Co, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 13 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near WEIMAR, GERMANY, a hostile force ambushed the column in which Pfc HORTON was riding. Observing that the surprise attack had thrown his comrades into confusion, he exposed himself to the severe fire, manned a machine gun, and fired so effectively that the enemy was dispersed. Pfc HORTON's bravery and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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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:

MICHAEL R. LARAIA, 32176254, Pfc, Co D, 317th 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. Near HALSDORF, GERMANY, Pfc LARAIA's squad leader and the first gunner became casualties. On his own initiative, he assumed command of the squad and, under fierce enemy fire, moved the men forward to an exposed position from which he directed effective fire on the hostile forces. Pfc LARAIA's courage, aggressiveness, and devotion are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

VLADIMIR M. MAKAR, 35312005, S Sgt, Co E, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 30 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near RINGEL, LUXEMBOURG, S Sgt MAKAR volunteered to lead a patrol to determine enemy strength guarding a bridge. Advancing over exposed and hazardous terrain, in daylight, and through severe enemy fire, he secured the information and fought his way through hostile patrols to return. S Sgt MAKAR's courage and perseverance exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

IVAN B. MARKHAM, 32731197, T Sgt, Co K, 319th 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. Near ST. AVOLD, FRANCE, T Sgt MARKHAM assumed command of his company when all officers became casualties. When threatened with a counterattack, he placed the men in position and directed their fire so effectively that the enemy was routed and severe casualties inflicted on their ranks. T Sgt MARKHAM's leadership and courage exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

PETER A. OPPER, 38209251, Pfc, Hq Co, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 13 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At GERA, GERMANY, Pfc OPPER volunteered to carry a message, under severe fire, to the commander of the German garrison defending the town. His intrepid act saved the lives of the soldiers who would have had to attack the town, and expedited the establishment of the regimental command post. Pfc OPPER's courage and resourcefulness exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ARKANSAS.

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✓ JOHN PEMPEK, 35402513, Pfc, Co B, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While voluntarily delivering munitions to infantrymen at DAHL, LUXEMBOURG, Pfc PEMPEK observed a wounded comrade lying in a ditch. Under severe artillery fire, he went to the casualty's aid and evacuated him to an aid station, also under heavy fire. Pfc PEMPEK's courage, thoughtfulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

✓ EDWARD PESSEN, 42069945, Pfc, Co A, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 4 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At KASSEL, GERMANY, Pfc PESSEN's rifle company received severe enemy fire from well-concealed positions and the men were dispersed. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Pfc PESSEN advanced four hundred yards over exposed territory to persuade the German commander to surrender. Pfc PESSEN's courage and outstanding devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

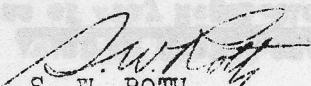
III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded 1ST LT HARGIS, K. CARSON, 0533420, Inf, 318th Infantry, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY, on 29 March 1945.

IV. 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 PFC WILLIAM J. MORTELL, 39475350, Co A, 318th Infantry, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in GERMANY, on 2 April 1945.

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