

#8  
H91  
HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 80, U. S. ARMY

4 October 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 245)

SECTION

- I thru III - Award of Silver Star Medal.
- IV - Award of Soldier's Medal.
- V - Award of Bronze Star Medal.
- VI - Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque (Star).

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:

Co M I  
Co?  
PAUL L. AXEL, 01325467, 1st Lt, Inf, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the height of the hazardous Sauer River crossing, when the company commander and several other officers became casualties, Lt AXEL assumed command. Under his inspirational and courageous leadership, the company achieved the objective and successfully defended it against fanatical enemy counterattacks. Lt AXEL's gallantry and untiring devotion exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

WILLIAM A. BEISNER, 01312113, Capt (then 1st Lt), Inf, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Under cover of darkness, Capt BEISNER skillfully led his company into position to attack GREIMERATH, GERMANY. After making a reconnaissance in exposed terrain, he led the attack until heavy fire necessitated dispersing the men. Then, continuously exposing himself to severe fire, he directed his men until he was seriously wounded. Capt BEISNER's courageous leadership and gallantry exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

✓ RICHARD H. BETHIN, 32842293, Pfc, Co C, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the hazardous Our River crossing, Pfc BETHIN, with disregard for personal safety, braved severe enemy fire in crossing exposed and mined terrain to deliver blood plasma to his company. Later, despite a painful wound, he again exposed himself, to assist aid men in evacuating casualties. Pfc BETHIN's thoughtfulness and gallantry contributed immeasurably in saving many lives, and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

✓ LAWRENCE S. CAMP, 33371547, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co D, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. South of HONVILLE, BELGIUM, assaulting rifle troops were temporarily delayed by severe enemy machine gun fire at 300 yards range. With disregard for personal safety, S. Sgt CAMP led his squad into position, and then, alone, crawled two hundred yards under severe enemy fire, charged the remaining distance, and destroyed the hostile gun and crew. S Sgt CAMP's gallantry and aggressiveness exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ~~MARYLAND~~

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NO 735017  
By CA NARA Date 8-17-0

✓ HARGIS K. CARSON, 0533420, 1st Lt, Inf, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At RAMBACK, GERMANY, when direct artillery fire dispersed his company, Lt CARSON voluntarily led a patrol to destroy the hostile position. Skillfully and daringly, he maneuvered his men over six hundred yards of exposed terrain and executed a bold attack that killed 10, wounded 14, and captured 34 of the enemy. Lt CARSON's leadership and courage exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TEXAS.

✓ JOHN J. DOLAN, 32441736, Sgt, Co C, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 14 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near WALLENDORF, GERMANY, Sgt DOLAN was painfully wounded by hostile fire from an enemy pillbox. With disregard for personal safety, he obtained a satchel charge, exposed himself to the enemy and, after boldly advancing through the severe fire, destroyed the position, allowing his company to advance. Sgt DOLAN's courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

✓ HAROLD J. EGAN, 42136724, Pfc, Co C, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near WALLENDORF, GERMANY, fierce fire from a hostile pillbox temporarily delayed Pfc EGAN's company and wounded the first scout. Displaying initiative and outstanding bravery, Pfc EGAN crawled over exposed and fire-raked terrain to destroy the emplacement with hand grenades and relieve his company from a precarious situation. Pfc EGAN's gallantry and devotion exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

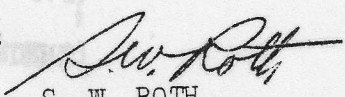
HAROLD G. FULMER, 33937258, S Sgt (then Pfc), Co K, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At MERSIG, LUXEMBOURG, severe enemy fire inflicted many casualties on S Sgt FULMER's company. On his own initiative, S Sgt FULMER captured the enemy commanding officer, and forced the prisoner to accompany him down the street, through a hail of fire, and order the hostile troops to surrender. S Sgt FULMER's courage and initiative saved his company from further casualties, and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

II. Sections II through VI published as extracts.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL ROFFE:

S. P. WALKER  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
S. W. ROTH  
Lt Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NO 735017  
By CA NARA Date 8-17-0

Bn. J.  
4 B Co.

HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 80, U. S. ARMY

#6

128 BN  
*[Signature]*

GENERAL ORDERS)

4 October 1945.

NUMBER 245)

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

II. 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:

EDWARD J. GRZELA, 36173166, Pfc (then Pvt), Co L, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 20 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near ENZEN, GERMANY, while making a reconnaissance of a bridge, Pfc GRZELA was fired on by an enemy machine gun. Immediately, he jumped into the water, worked his way downstream under severe fire, and threw a grenade that destroyed the position and allowed his company to advance safely. Pfc GRZELA's courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

DARNELL H. GREEN, 37540604, Cpl, Co H, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 16 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At GERA, GERMANY, Cpl GREEN, on his own initiative, exposed himself to severe enemy machine gun fire to locate hostile guns. After an ineffective fire fight, he obtained a machine gun squad, placed them in an advantageous position, and again exposed himself to withering fire to direct the machine gun crew in destroying the hostile position. Cpl GREEN's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

CHARLES H. HAYNES, 35050335, Cpl, Hq Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 4 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near SIVRY, FRANCE, intense enemy machine gun fire delayed Cpl HAYNES' rifle company in its mission to relieve another rifle company. With disregard for personal safety, Cpl HAYNES crawled over exposed terrain through the severe fire, located the hostile position, and destroyed it with a grenade. Cpl HAYNES' aggressiveness and devotion allowed his company to advance, and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

HARRY W. HOFFMAN, 01315443, Capt (then 1st Lt), Inf, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While advancing with rifle troops to adjust mortar fire on hostile forces at ETTTELBRUCK, LUXEMBOURG, Capt HOFFMAN exposed himself to severe enemy fire to stop three fierce counterattacks. Then he organized reserve troops for the evacuation of casualties to safety. The courage and leadership displayed by Capt HOFFMAN were instrumental in his unit's success, and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority DDO 735017  
By CA NARA Date 8-17-0

MICHAEL V. KONYK, 13111802, Pfc, Co C, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 18 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near ARGENTAN, FRANCE, Pfc KONYK, with utter disregard for personal safety, exposed himself to severe enemy fire to ride on top a tank and direct fire that destroyed a hostile assault gun. When his tank was hit and he was hurled fifteen feet in a dazed condition, he again displayed outstanding courage, by rescuing four comrades from the blazing vehicle. Pfc KONYK's bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN W. OSTREM, 0558387, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Inf, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a fierce enemy tank attack at HALSDORF, GERMANY, Lt OSTREM realized the necessity of bringing mortar fire on the hostile vehicles. Immediately, he charged through the severe fire over one thousand yards of exposed terrain to direct effective fire, repulse the attack, and allow his battalion to advance. Lt OSTREM's initiative and courage exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.


EUGENE T. REFICE, 33347917, 1st Sgt (then Sgt), Co B, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 8 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near LIXIERES, FRANCE, 1st Sgt REFICE, a communications sergeant, crawled through severe hostile fire to within thirty yards of a pillbox. After his fire caused the enemy to close the apertures, he again exposed himself, to administer aid to four seriously wounded comrades. Following evacuation of the casualties, he forced the occupants of the emplacement to surrender. 1st Sgt REFICE's courage and devotion exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

JULIUS B. SADILEK, 0396948, Capt, Inf, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When the lead platoon of Capt SADILEK's company was delayed by severe enemy fire, he advanced over exposed terrain to the head of his company. Moving ahead, he drew severe enemy fire, located the hostile position, destroyed it, and led the company to its objective. Capt SADILEK's aggressiveness and inspiring leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from LOUISIANA.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL ROFFE:

S. P. WALKER  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
S. W. ROTH  
Lt Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NO 735017  
By CA NARA Date 8-17-00

K  
HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 80, U. S. ARMY

WBA m/c 61  
LH

GENERAL ORDERS)

4 October 1945.

NUMBER 245)

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

III. 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:

CECIL A. WHITE, 42091553, T Sgt (then Sgt), Co L, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After T Sgt WHITE had assumed command of his squad at NOCHER, LUXEMBOURG, their advance was temporarily delayed by severe enemy fire from well prepared hostile positions. After placing his men in position, he exposed himself to the enemy barrage, charged over hazardous terrain, and, despite the hail of fire directed at him, delivered effective fire on the enemy and forced them to withdraw. T Sgt WHITE's courage and devotion exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

MAHLON G. WRIGHT, 0447409, 1st Lt, Inf, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While participating in the assault crossing of the Rhine River, Lt WRIGHT was seriously wounded when his boat was destroyed. Disregarding personal safety, he swam to an island, rejecting enemy demands for surrender, and, under severe fire, repaired a radio and called for aid for wounded comrades. Lt WRIGHT's courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from RHODE ISLAND.

IV. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

MICHAEL C. FUSTISH, 33355147, T Sgt (then Sgt), Hq Co, 3d Bn, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy, in AUSTRIA, on 9 May 1945. When a defective white phosphorous grenade exploded in the battalion ammunition dump, T Sgt FUSTISH immediately observed that other munitions and nearby workmen were endangered. With disregard for personal safety, and despite several painful burns, he carried the flaming box from the area. T Sgt FUSTISH's alertness and exceptional display of bravery reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

V. 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:

RANDALL W. SCHAEFER, 36651675, Tec 5, Co A, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 12 December 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period, Tec 5 SCHAEFER executed his duties as messenger

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NO 735017  
By CA NARA Date 8-17-0

in an exemplary manner. Despite inclement weather, hazardous terrain, and severe enemy fire, he persisted in his efforts to successfully deliver all messages entrusted to him. Tec 5 SCHAEFER's courage and aggressiveness contributed immeasurably to his unit's success, and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

WILLIAM A. SHANNAHAN, 37331384, Tec 4 (then Tec 5), Co B, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period, Tec 4 SHANNAHAN performed his duties as cook in an exemplary manner. On many occasions he voluntarily endangered his life by traveling well forward in the battle area, over hazardous terrain and under fire, to deliver hot meals to his comrades and maintain their morale at a high standard. Tec 4 SHANNAHAN's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from COLORADO.


ANGELO STOCCHI, 35082250, Pfc (then Pvt), Hq Co, 1st Bn, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 25 January 1945, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period, Pfc STOCCHI executed his duties as ammunition bearer in a heroic manner. At all times he displayed outstanding bravery and aggressiveness in delivering ammunition under severe enemy fire. The courage and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc STOCCHI contributed immeasurably to the battalion's success and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from WEST VIRGINIA.

VI. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (STAR): Under the provisions of Circular 345, War Department, dated 23 August 1944, in addition to the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque previously awarded, a star thereto is awarded the 80th Quartermaster Company for superior performance of duty, achievement, and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period 1 January 1945, to 30 June 1945.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL ROFFE:

S. P. WALKER  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
S. W. ROTH  
Lt Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

DECLASSIFIED

Authority DDO 735017  
By CA NARA Date 8-17-00