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

SAUL B. KADISON, 01304906, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Inf, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 2 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At SIVRY, FRANCE, during a fierce counterattack, Lt KADISON deployed his mortar section as riflemen and led them with such skill and aggressiveness that he drove the enemy from the sector and subsequently caused the complete surrender of a German garrison. Lt KADISON's bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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:

BERNARD R. BLUME, 17134074, Sgt (then Pfc), Co B, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 16 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Displaying outstanding courage at LESMENILS, FRANCE, Sgt BLUME rode on top of a tank during an attack. Despite the fire directed at his exposed position, he led the tank to a position from which it destroyed an anti-tank gun and captured two mortars. Later, he dismounted and charged over open terrain to attack and destroy a machine gun that was delaying the attack. Sgt BLUME's gallantry and aggressiveness exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

KEITH A. HAVEY, 31401643, Pfc (then Pvt), 80th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 9 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When his platoon was pinned down by raking enemy machine gun fire near BALLSTADT, GERMANY, Pfc HAVEY moved into a dangerously exposed position, wounded one gunner with his rifle, and threw a hand grenade which effectively silenced the enemy gun and killed two members of the crew. The gallantry and aggressiveness displayed by Pfc HAVEY are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MAINE.

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HASKELL J. HIERS, 34129357, Pfc, Co B, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 15 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At CRIMITSCHAU, GERMANY, Pfc HIERS voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire to rescue a seriously wounded comrade, and then proceeded to single-handedly attack nearby snipers, killing three and forcing four to surrender. His skillful rifle fire on the remaining points of resistance enabled his platoon to achieve its mission. The bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc HIERS exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from SOUTH CAROLINA.

ELMER A. KOCH, 37589004, Sgt, Co B, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on NIEDERFEULEN, LUXEMBOURG, Sgt KOCH voluntarily exposed himself to a concentration of enemy rifle and mortar fire in making his way to rescue three seriously wounded comrades. In attempting to rescue a fourth soldier, Sgt KOCH was hit in the leg and had to be evacuated. His bravery and his devotion to fellow soldiers in the face of danger exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MINNESOTA.

RALPH W. MORFORD, 39927994, T Sgt (then Pvt), Co I, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Severe hostile machine gun fire from a well placed enemy gun temporarily delayed T Sgt MORFORD's company near KEHMEN, LUXEMBOURG. On his own initiative, and with disregard for personal safety, he crawled over fifty yards of exposed and hazardous terrain to destroy the emplacement with a hand grenade. The courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt MORFORD reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from IDAHO.

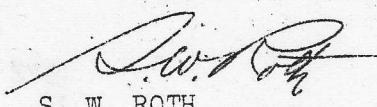
MARION E. POLK, 34547361, Pfc, Co I, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 6 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the Moselle River crossing, Pfc POLK was hurled into the icy waters by the detonation of a shell which destroyed his boat. Although dazed, he braved the raging torrent to rescue a wounded comrade and, despite severe fire, exposed himself to bring aid to nine other casualties. Pfc POLK's courage, thoughtfulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

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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:

✓ WILBUR E. REICHEL, 37016718, Cpl, Co B, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on GERMANY on 6 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a concentrated enemy counterattack near WINDHAVEN, GERMANY, Cpl REICHEL, by skillfully and effectively employing his bazooka and rifle, destroyed a German tank and killed at least seven of the enemy. His coolness and courageous initiative were major factors in repulsing the opposing force. The bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl REICHEL exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

CLIFFORD V. SCHIELY, 35463317, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co B, 317th 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. While commanding a machine gun section attached to the leading rifle platoon in an attack on MT ST JEAN, FRANCE, S Sgt SCHIELY rendered urgent first aid to a seriously wounded comrade at great personal risk, and evacuated the casualty even after being personally wounded by mortar fire. His conspicuous bravery, initiative, and devotion to a fellow soldier are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

✓ CECIL J. SHEFFIELD, 34243089, T Sgt (then Sgt), Co I, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 2 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near OBERZ-WEHREN, GERMANY, when the enemy launched a fierce three hour attack, T Sgt SHEFFIELD displayed outstanding leadership and gallantry. Skillfully he placed his squad in position, and continually exposed himself to severe enemy fire to direct on the hostile forces effective mortar fire which killed 57, wounded 28, and routed the remainder of the enemy. T Sgt SHEFFIELD's courage and devotion exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

PAUL F. STADER, 15105038, S Sgt (then Sgt), Cav, 80th Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While voluntarily leading a patrol, S Sgt STADER was seriously wounded by the explosion of an anti-personnel mine. Almost immediately, intense enemy fire was concentrated on their position. Despite his painful wounds, S Sgt STADER set up a machine gun position to cover the successful withdrawal of his comrades and refused evacuation until his fellow soldiers were properly cared for. The outstanding gallantry and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt STADER are a tribute to the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from INDIANA.

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RUSSELL W. WEIBLER, 01328656, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Co D, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 13 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a fierce attack on JENA, GERMANY, when stubborn enemy resistance caused the death of the commanding officer and inflicted heavy casualties on his company, Lt WEIBLER quickly and courageously assumed command. Despite heavy enemy fire, he reorganized the defenses, recovered the wounded and dead, and succeeded in achieving his unit's objective. Lt WEIBLER's leadership and immediate acceptance of responsibility are a tribute to the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

HAROLD WEINBERG, 32601341, Sgt, FA, Co A, 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack near DAHL, LUXEMBOURG, the tank destroyer in which Sgt WEINBERG served as gun commander was disabled by enemy fire, and the crew sought cover in a ditch. Upon observing an enemy tank withdrawing, Sgt WEINBERG immediately left his position of safety and, with utter disregard for his life, manned the gun on the disabled destroyer to score a direct hit upon the German tank. The courage, initiative, and aggressive devotion to duty displayed by Sgt WEINBERG exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

HAROLD E. YINGST, 13159005, Tec 5, Hq, 315th FA Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 3 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Tec 5 YINGST, acting as radio operator of a forward observer party, maintained constant communication with supporting artillery under heavy concentrations of German rifle, mortar and artillery fire. At great personal risk, and despite orders to withdraw, he persisted in his exposed position to aid in the observation of fire upon the enemy. Tec 5 YINGST's inspiring and heroic devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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

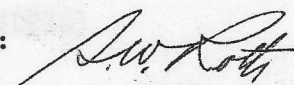
ROBERT P. KLENNER, 0363099, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), CE, 305th Engr Battalion, United States Army. For the period 28 October 1944, to 9 November 1944, in FRANCE. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

WILL H. WEBB, 01319563, 1st Lt, CE, 305th Engr Battalion, United States Army. For the period 1 January 1945, to 21 January 1945, in LUXEMBOURG. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

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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:

JOHN E. THAYER, 01285518, Capt, Inf, 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, Capt THAYER performed his duties as company commander and graves registration officer in an exemplary manner. Displaying great qualities of leadership and diligence, he led his troops in many successful attacks and contributed immeasurably to his regiment's attainment of its objectives. Capt THAYER's courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from IOWA.

DONALD D. YOUNG, 01184180, 1st Lt, FA, 315th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic service in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 8 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period, Lt YOUNG performed his duties in a superior and exemplary manner. His leadership and bravery produced an inspired battery with a high state of morale and efficiency. Lt YOUNG's courage and sincere devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to his unit's success and are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

VI. 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, the following named personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

CURTIS M. BRAY, 14007845, S Sgt, Co A, 305th Engr Battalion, United States Army. For the period 6 August 1944, to 26 April 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY. Entered military service from SOUTH CAROLINA.

VII. 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:

MICHAEL BORIS, 6889360, T Sgt (then Sgt), Hq Co, 2d Bn, 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.

STANLEY P. COCHRAC, 35315680, Pfc, Co A, 305th Med Battalion, United States Army. For the period 20 August 1944, to 1 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from OHIO.

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WILLIAM C. FREDERICK, 33241052, Sgt, Hq Co, 2d Bn, 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.

FREDERICK H. HOREIS, 02048018, 1st Lt, MAC, 305th Med Battalion, United States Army. For the period 20 November 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

JOHN LANG JR., 01038418, 1st Lt, CWS, Hq 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For the period 4 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

JAMES R. PERDUE, 37693608, Pfc, Co A, 305th Med Battalion, United States Army. For the period 15 December 1944, to 1 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from IOWA.

STANLEY N. PIECHOTA, 36224733, Tec 5, Hq Co, 1st Bn, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 16 November 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

JOHN L. RAMPI, 31325393, S Sgt, Photo Interpreter Team #69, United States Army. For the period 4 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

NORMAN A. SHAULIS, 33254014, Sgt, Co H, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 2 March 1945, to 4 March 1945, in GERMANY. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

FRANK J. WACHTER JR., 13103982, Sgt, Hq Co, 3d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from MARYLAND.


VIII. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE: Under the provisions of Circular 345, War Department, dated 23 August 1944, the 80th Signal Company is awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty, achievement, and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945.

IX. AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE: Under the provisions of Paragraph 2b, Circular 408, War Department, dated 17 October 1944, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded TEC 5 JOHN L. JONES, 1510969, Headquarters Company, 80th Infantry Division, for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy during the period 13 September 1944, to 15 November 1944.

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