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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:

MARCUS L. BALLEW, 34128449, Pfc (then Pvt), Med Det, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 17 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Although seriously wounded during an enemy artillery barrage near ST GENEVIEVE, FRANCE, Pfc BALLEW braved hostile machine gun fire to render first aid to and evacuate his wounded platoon leader to safety, and then returned several times to assist other casualties. The bravery and self-sacrifice displayed by Pfc BALLEW exemplify the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from SOUTH CAROLINA.

PAUL L. CHILDRESS, 35462883, Pfc, Hq Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 14 September 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In preparation for a hostile counterattack near LEZAU-MONT, FRANCE, Pfc CHILDRESS voluntarily patrolled enemy positions, despite intense danger of sniper fire, and returned with accurate information which resulted in the complete destruction of an enemy artillery battery. The courage, devotion to duty, and bravery under fire displayed by Pfc CHILDRESS are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

BERNARD S. DROWNE, 32675090, Cpl, Co A, 305th Engr Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 22 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While voluntarily reconnoitering enemy-held territory for the purpose of gaining important intelligence for his engineer unit, Cpl DROWNE returned nearby enemy rifle fire so skillfully that he killed or wounded several of the enemy. He then returned over barbed wire entanglements and exposed terrain with the vital information. The daring and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl DROWNE exemplify the best traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

STANLEY R. LOE, 35331081, S Sgt, Hq Co, 2d Bn, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a counter-attack by the enemy on GISPERSLEBEN, GERMANY, S Sgt LOE efficiently deployed his squad, succeeding in killing or wounding at least fourteen of the foe. When the enemy endeavored with tanks to force a surrender, he persisted in holding his position, despite the fierce fire, until reinforcements arrived to destroy the foe. His courage and leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from INDIANA.

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MARIE N. POLVERE, 32341505, S Sgt, Co K, 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. While leading his platoon in an attack in the vicinity of BINDERSLEBEN, GERMANY, S Sgt POLVERE rushed to the aid of a wounded fellow soldier, administered first aid under intense enemy fire, and carried him to an aid station for further medical treatment. Although dangerously exposed to the enemy, S Sgt POLVERE then crossed the open terrain under severe fire to rejoin his comrades in the fight. The courage and inspiring leadership displayed by S Sgt POLVERE exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

✓ JOHN R. REEB, 35331026, S Sgt, Co A, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a fierce and heavily contested attack near NOMENY, FRANCE, while S Sgt REEB was serving as squad leader in an assaulting rifle company, all of his officers became casualties. S Sgt REEB quickly assumed command of the disorganized elements of his unit and inspired his men to courageously continue the advance, seize the objective, and capture more than one hundred of the enemy. The initiative and valor displayed by S Sgt REEB exemplify the best traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

Co I ✓ JOHN L. WEISS, 02026186, 2d Lt (then T Sgt), Inf, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Without assistance, Lt WEISS made a detailed reconnaissance in dangerous enemy-held territory, and returned to lead his men in a highly successful attack upon a hostile unit of ammunition vehicles and men. The aggressive and intelligent leadership displayed by Lt WEISS on this mission, during which not one of his men was lost, resulted in completely routing the enemy force. Lt WEISS' bravery and zealous devotion to duty are a tribute to the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MINNESOTA.

II. 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:


WARREN S. PICKENS, 02009788, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), CMP, 80th MP Platoon, United States Army. For the period 20 March 1945, to 7 May 1945, in GERMANY and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from OHIO.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL ROFFE:

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