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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:

✓ JOSEPH F. VASCIK, 33278375, T Sgt, Med Det, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near ERFURT, GERMANY, T Sgt VASCIK, despite intense hostile fire, voluntarily reconnoitered dangerous enemy territory at great personal risk to guide an ambulance to an enemy military hospital and rescue a critically wounded American officer. The initiative and courage displayed by T Sgt VASCIK exemplify the best traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

SAMUEL A. WALKER, 38698692, Pfc, Co B, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At NIEDERFEULEN, LUXEMBOURG, Pfc WALKER, despite a sprained knee, volunteered to carry important messages after the regular messenger had been wounded. Under severe enemy fire, he contacted anti-tank guns and a mortar platoon and directed them to positions to repel a fierce hostile attack. Pfc WALKER's bravery and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OKLAHOMA.

MATT J. WALLENIUS, 36308169, 1st Sgt, Co K, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on GREIMERATH, GERMANY, 1st Sgt WALLENIUS, despite heavy enemy fire, administered aid and assisted in evacuating the wounded. Following the evacuation of all officers, he assumed command of the company and courageously led his men in an assault successful in attaining the objective. 1st Sgt WALLENIUS' courage and outstanding leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

HERBERT C. WESTON, 42144093, Cpl (then Pfc), Co H, 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. Near RINGEL, LUXEMBOURG, Pfc WESTON volunteered to carry wounded comrades to aid stations. Despite the treacherous mountainous terrain, deep snow, mined roads, and severe enemy fire, he persisted in his efforts, and successfully completed the evacuation after fifteen hours of hazardous labor. Pfc WESTON's courage and thoughtfulness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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JEROME W. WITKOWSKI, 33368149, Tec 5, AT Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 10 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While voluntarily driving on a reconnaissance mission near EVRON, FRANCE, Tec 5 WITKOWSKI, a cook, was halted by severe enemy fire. Immediately he dismounted, exposed himself to the hostile fire, advanced close to the gun position and shot the enemy gunners. Tec 5 WITKOWSKI's conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

CARL R. WOELLWERTS, 35463405, Cpl (then Pfc), Co D, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When a heavy machine gun was disabled by intense enemy artillery fire on SUISSE RIDGE, FRANCE, Cpl WOELLWERTS, despite the fierce fire and exposed to hostile observation, put the gun back into action and personally manned it until he was severely wounded. Cpl WOELLWERTS' courage, resourcefulness, and disregard for personal safety are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

RAYMOND F. WOOD, 31309968, Tec 4 (then Tec 5), Med Det, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near ETTTELBRUCK, LUXEMBOURG, Tec 4 WOOD learned of a seriously wounded comrade being subjected to heavy enemy fire. With disregard for personal safety, he advanced well forward of friendly lines and, despite the severe fire directed at him, administered aid and evacuated the casualty. Tec 4 WOOD's courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

JOEL M. YATES, 44030031, Pfc, Co G, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as acting squad leader in an attack on SCHIRMA, GERMANY, Pfc YATES crawled over one hundred yards to locate the source of dangerous sniper fire which was delaying his comrades. Then, with utter disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to the enemy and killed two snipers in an exchange of fire. The outstanding bravery and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Pfc YATES exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL ROFFE:

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

OFFICIAL:

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



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