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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:

JAMES W. BENSON, 34705538, Pfc, Co B, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 14 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near GREIMERATH, GERMANY, when rear elements were cut off from the main body by hostile fire, Pfc BENSON, with disregard for personal safety, volunteered to reconnoiter for a safe route by which to rejoin the assaulting forces. Owing to his aggressiveness, the route was found and the success of the attack assured. Pfc BENSON's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

GEORGE C. DAMBACH, 33305047, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co D, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 28 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near MOREY, FRANCE, while well forward of the front line, S Sgt DAMBACH and his squad were attacked by a numerically superior enemy. Realizing his men were untried in combat, he exposed himself to encourage and inspire each man in successfully repelling the attack. S Sgt DAMBACH's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

FRANK H. HALVERSON, 39461125, Pfc, Hq Co, 1st Bn, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 16 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near ARGENTAN, FRANCE, Pfc HALVERSON's anti-tank gun could not be brought to bear on an enemy tank harassing friendly troops. With disregard for personal safety, he obtained a rocket launcher, moved to an exposed position and, despite intense hostile fire, forced the tank to withdraw. Pfc HALVERSON's outstanding bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from IDAHO.

ROBERT L. HAVNER, 33254123, Sgt (then Pfc), AT Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the Seille River, despite severe hostile fire, Sgt HAVNER made arrangements for the crossing of an anti-tank platoon. Upon returning, he voluntarily led the platoon across the bridge, made a reconnaissance for positions, and then led the platoon to the gun sites. Sgt HAVNER's courage, initiative, and leadership are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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DALLAS JOHNSON, 36899973, Pfc, Co L, 319th 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. At TADLER, LUXEMBOURG, Pfc JOHNSON observed a hostile armored column approaching his position. After destroying the lead vehicle, he dashed through severe enemy fire, took a more advantageous position, and so demoralized the hostile force with his effective fire that they withdrew. Pfc JOHNSON's courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

CHARLES F. JONAS, 38675823, S Sgt (then Pvt), Co B, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 16 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At SCHEIDEL, LUXEMBOURG, S Sgt JONAS volunteered to lead a snow plow into the town so his comrades could receive medical attention and supplies. Although knocked down three times by concussion, he persisted in his efforts until the vital road was cleared and the wounded evacuated. S Sgt JONAS' courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TEXAS.

CECIL JORDAN, 35435507, S Sgt, Co D, 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. At KEHMEN, LUXEMBOURG, S Sgt JORDAN volunteered to lead a reconnaissance patrol into the town to locate enemy gun positions. Displaying outstanding leadership and courage, he led the patrol through hostile lines under severe fire, gained the information, and returned over the same hazardous route. S Sgt JORDAN's courage and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the capture of the town, and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

ELMER L. MURAR, 15078439, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co F, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 18 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the fierce battle for ARGENTAN, FRANCE, hostile armor threatened S Sgt MURAR's company. Realizing the danger involved, he left his position of comparative safety to cross two hundred yards of exposed terrain under severe machine gun, small arms, and artillery concentrations to enlist the aid of friendly armor. S Sgt MURAR's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

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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:

DENSEL L. OSIEK, 39910384, Tec 5, Med Det, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At NOCHER, LUXEMBOURG, constant hostile artillery barrages inflicted many casualties on attacking companies. With disregard for personal safety, Tec 5 OSIEK exposed himself to aid and evacuate many of his comrades from the impact area. Tec 5 OSIEK's thoughtfulness, courage, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from UTAH.

WILLIAM B. SCHINDELE, 33890671, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co D, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At GREIMERATH, GERMANY, the enemy attempted to supply and reinforce a hostile force within the town. S Sgt SCHINDELE, squad leader at a road block, ordered his men to hold fire until the foe was at close range, and then routed the numerically superior enemy. S Sgt SCHINDELE's leadership and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MARYLAND.

*PABLO R. TORRES, 38555410, Pfc, Hq Co, 1st Bn, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 8 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the hazardous Our River crossing, severe hostile barrages destroyed vital communication lines and threatened to disorganize the attack. With disregard for personal safety, Pfc TORRES braved the intense enemy fire to lay wire and repair breaks, keeping the system intact. Pfc TORRES' courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TEXAS.

ORVILLE TRANBY, 6818654, S Sgt (then Cpl), Co K, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 13 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period, S Sgt TRANBY performed his duties in a heroic and exemplary manner. On all occasions, despite the hazards of combat, he persisted in his efforts to serve his comrades hot meals. At times, he braved severe enemy fire to perform his duties and to evacuate the wounded. S Sgt TRANBY's courage and devotion to comrades and duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from KANSAS.

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LEMOIN E. VAUGHN, 39048026, Sgt, Co L, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At NOCHER, LUXEMBOURG, fanatical enemy troops delayed Sgt VAUGHN's company. With disregard for personal safety, he volunteered to guide armored support into position, and successfully completed the mission despite constant hostile artillery and mortar barrages and enemy mine fields. Sgt VAUGHN's bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

MURRAY G. WADE JR., 33124618, S Sgt, Med Det, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the hazardous Rhine River crossing, S Sgt WADE observed many wounded comrades in boats at the river's bank. Disregarding personal safety, and on his own initiative, he made his way to the boats, under severe enemy fire, to aid and evacuate the casualties. S Sgt WADE's courage and devotion to duty and comrades exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

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 previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded PFC MATHEW L. VOGT 42143892, Co H, 317th Infantry, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in LUXEMBOURG on 22 December 1944.

IV. Section VI, General Orders Number 257, this Headquarters, dated 19 October 1945, as awards the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster) to S SGT LEWIS W. CASE, 35845933, Infantry, is rescinded. Enlisted man was previously awarded the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster) for wounds received in GERMANY on 8 February 1945 by Section XI, General Orders Number 255, this Headquarters, dated 16 October 1945.

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