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I and II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

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:

JOHN G. BALAS, 36733747, S Sgt (then Tec 5), Co L, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 1 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At ABOUCOURT, FRANCE, S Sgt BALAS' comrade was seriously wounded by an enemy artillery concentration. With disregard for safety, S Sgt BALAS gave the casualty his position of comparative safety, and despite a painful wound, he crawled over exposed terrain to find aid for his comrade. S Sgt BALAS' courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

JOHN W. BARNETT, 38479035, Pfc, Co A, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a fierce, armor supported hostile attack near PARBERSVILLER, FRANCE, the enemy pierced friendly lines and surrounded eight of Pfc BARNETT's comrades. With disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to the hostile fire and destroyed a machine gun position with a grenade and alleviated his companions from the precarious situation. Pfc BARNETT's aggressiveness and courage exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TEXAS.

RUDOLF BERMAN, 32697425, Pfc, Co L, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At DAHL, LUXEMBOURG, Pfc BERMAN, a rocket launcher operator, assumed a defensive position when a numerically superior force threatened his company command post. Despite severe hostile fire, he remained at his hazardous post for three hours, killed three, and captured eight of the enemy. Pfc BERMAN's courage and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

JOHN BERTA JR., 33835254, Pvt, Co A, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 21 February 1945, in connection with military

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operations against an enemy of the United States. Near HALSDORF, GERMANY, Pvt BERTA set up his machine gun in an exposed position to harass hostile armor. Despite hostile fire ripping into his gun and position, he kept the hostile tankmen occupied until riflemen could maneuver to destroy the enemy tank with rocket fire. Pvt BERTA's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

KENNETH N. BOWKER, 31361112, Sgt (then Pfc), Co A, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At KOPERICH, GERMANY, Sgt BOWKER, an automatic rifleman, attacked alone over exposed and hazardous terrain to destroy an enemy automatic weapon and forced a machine gun squad into a pillbox. Again exposing himself, he charged the emplacement, threw a phosphorous grenade into a ventilator, and forced the occupants to surrender. Sgt BOWKER's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

DALE F. BRANDSTETTER, 37736897, Pfc, Co A, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on HALSDORF, GERMANY, a hostile tank temporarily delayed Pfc BRANDSTETTER's company. With disregard for safety, he exposed himself to the severe fire, set up his mortar in hazardous terrain, and scored a hit on the vehicle forcing it to withdraw and allowed his battalion to advance. Pfc BRANDSTETTER's courage and devotion exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from KANSAS.

LLOYD E. BRANE, 35243144, Pfc (then Pvt), Co E, 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. In the vicinity of HEIDERSCHEID, LUXEMBOURG, Pfc BRANE observed his commanding officer seriously wounded and exposed to severe enemy fire. With disregard for safety, he immediately advanced into the impact area, administered aid, and evacuated his comrade to safety. Pfc BRANE's courage and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from INDIANA.

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BROZE B. BULLOCK, 39681805, S Sgt (then Sgt), Hq Co 2d Bn, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near FOLSCHVILLER, FRANCE, S Sgt BULLOCK, a clerk, volunteered to lead a squad to supply and evacuate embattled comrades. With disregard for safety he courageously led the men under hostile fire to deliver vital food and supplies and then evacuate many casualties to safety. S Sgt BULLOCK's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from UTAH.

CASSIMER J. GREGORICH, 36185398, Tec 5, Sv Co, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near BENNINGEN, FRANCE, Tec 5 GREGORICH volunteered to deliver supplies to embattled comrades. Despite the severe enemy barrages directed at his vehicle, he continued on over hazardous roads to deliver the vital supplies and food to his comrades. Tec 5 GREGORICH's courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

ELBERT D. DECK, 37637236, Tec 5, Co H, 317th 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 GISPERSLEBEN, GERMANY, a hostile force infiltrated behind Pfc DECK's listening post and cut communication wires. Realizing the necessity of these lines, Pfc DECK subjected himself to severe enemy fire to repair the wires. His courage and devotion to duty aided immeasurably in repulsing the enemy attack and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

ERLE K. DIEHL JR., 0545502, 1st Lt, Infantry, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 13 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack near MANY, FRANCE, Lt DIEHL provided excellent anti-tank protection for troops. When snipers began to harrass the advancing troops, he organized a squad and displayed aggressive and inspiring leadership in capturing fifteen of the snipers. Lt DIEHL's courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ FELIX R. DI TELLO, 15105044, Pfc, Co L, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At ST AVOLD, FRANCE, severe

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hostile machine gun fire temporarily delayed Pfc DITELLO's company. With disregard for safety, he exposed himself to the severe fire, crawled over hazardous terrain to an advantageous position and destroyed the gun with a rifle grenade and allowed his comrades to advance. Pfc DITELLO's bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

RICHARD G. EDLEMAN, 35312153, Tec 4, AT Co, 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. With disregard for personal safety, Tec 4 EDLEMAN courageously moved into an exposed area subjected to mortar and artillery fire to evacuate a wounded comrade. Later, he drove a flaming truck loaded with high explosives to a position that would not endanger nearby troops. Tec 4 EDLEMAN's bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

REMO P. ETZEL, 39588682, Sgt, Co F, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 4 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While leading his squad in a fierce fire fight near KASSEL, GERMANY, Sgt ETZEL observed a hostile force out-flanking his position. With disregard for safety, he alone attacked the enemy so aggressively that eight were killed or wounded and the remainder forced to retreat. Sgt ETZEL's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

JULIAN M. GADDY, 34212653, Tec 5, Med Det, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 17 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near WALDHOLZBACH, GERMANY, Tec 5 GADDY observed a seriously wounded comrade laying exposed to severe hostile fire. With disregard for safety, Tec 5 GADDY moved into the hazardous area and despite the enemy fire directed at this actions, he evacuated his comrade to safety. Tec 5 GADDY's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

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