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I. AWARD OF SILVER 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 Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

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X GABRIEL R. MARTINEZ, 0531211, Capt, Infantry, 318th 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. Capt MARTINEZ, when his company was temporarily delayed at SCHMIRA, GERMANY, rose from his position of cover and aggressively advanced on the ring of hostile guns. His men, inspired by this display of courage, followed their commander and destroyed and captured the hostile force. Capt MARTINEZ's outstanding leadership 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:

ELIE BERNARD, 38483723, Pfc, Co L, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When machine gun and sniper fire from a hostile pillbox temporarily delayed his company, Pfc BERNARD volunteered to eliminate the installation. Displaying outstanding courage, he crawled over exposed terrain under heavy enemy fire and fired two rocket rounds which destroyed the emplacement and forced the surrender of its occupants. Pfc BERNARD's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from LOUISIANA.

X NADAM E. BIZIO, 33174821, S Sgt, Co F, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 5 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While deep in the Siegfried Line on reconnaissance patrol, S Sgt BIZIO assumed command of the men when the leader became a casualty. Then under severe hostile fire he crawled 75 yards over hazardous terrain to assault and capture a gun position. The prisoners revealed information paramount to future attacks. S Sgt BIZIO's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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✓ THEODORE R. CARTER, 37178412, Pfc, Hq Co 2d Bn, 318th Infantry, 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. Near KASSEL, GERMANY, Pfc CARTER, despite direct enemy tank fire, left his position of cover to infiltrate three hundred yards into enemy lines and destroyed a hostile tank. Then he carried a wounded comrade to safety. Pfc CARTER's gallant action and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved his company many casualties and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MINNESOTA.

✓ THOMAS HURST, 36514927, Pfc, Hq Co 2d Bn, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 11 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When his battalion was in danger of being surrounded near ZERF, GERMANY, Pfc HURST volunteered to maintain vital communications. After scaling a high ridge under enemy fire, he coordinated attacks and directed artillery fire. In addition, he killed six hostile troops trying to destroy his post. Pfc HURST's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

✓ CARL H. EMBREY, 36763262, Pfc, Hq Co 2d Bn, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At BRATTE, FRANCE, Pfc EMBREY, despite intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, left his position of comparative safety to cross one hundred and fifty yards of hazardous and exposed terrain to carry two wounded comrades to safety. Pfc EMBREY's gallantry and devotion to comrades and duty undoubtedly saved his companions lives and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

✓ LEONARD FRANK, 33844119, Pfc, Co E, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near BIESDORF, GERMANY, Pfc FRANK's platoon was temporarily delayed by severe hostile fire from a house. As the platoon took cover, Pfc FRANK, with disregard for safety, crawled one hundred and fifty yards over exposed terrain to kill three, wound two, and capture three of the enemy and eliminate the stronghold. Pfc FRANK's gallantry and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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VIII. 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:

✓ STEVE HOLGASH, 33950414, Cpl (then Pvt), Co K, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 14 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the attack on BORSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG, a fanatical enemy delayed Cpl HOLGASH's company with intense fire. Disregarding personal safety, Cpl HOLGASH braved the hostile fire, obtained an automatic rifle from a fallen comrade, and destroyed the enemy gun delaying the advance. Cpl HOLGASH'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.

CHESTER B. LEEF, 42059189, Pfc, Co K, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 28 and 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During these two days at FARBERSVILLER, FRANCE, Pfc LEEF displayed outstanding courage in performing his duties as messenger. Once, surrounded by enemy and subjected to hostile fire, he infiltrated the enemy lines to notify other personnel of the danger. Pfc LEEF's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

GEORGE N. LYTLE, 13130413, Pfc, Hq Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 6 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While entering JEANDELENCOURT, FRANCE, hostile fire riddled Pfc LYTLE's vehicle and wounded his comrade. With utter disregard for safety, he braved the enemy fire, carried his comrade to safety, administered aid, and then again exposed himself to drive the casualty to an aid station. Pfc LYTLE's courage and thoughtfulness exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

ALFRED R. MARTIN, 36972235, Pfc (then Pvt), Co F, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At FOLKENBURG, FRANCE, Pfc MARTIN volunteered to silence enemy machine guns that harassed his company. After crawling over hazardous terrain under severe fire, he located and courageously destroyed the position with grenades, and then directed his company in a maneuver to outflank and destroy the others. Pfc MARTIN's bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

JOSEPH L. MITCHELL, 36637006, Pfc (then Pvt), Hq Co 2d Bn, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 27 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At MAINZ, GERMANY, Pfc MITCHELL voluntarily led a patrol to reconnoiter an island in the Rhine River. Displaying aggressiveness and outstanding leadership, he led the patrol through severe hostile fire, reached the island, destroyed two enemy gun positions, and returned with valuable information. Pfc MITCHELL's 1

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devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

WILLIAM E. PEARSON, 34335184, S Sgt, Co L, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 20 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Near HUTTINGEN, GERMANY, severe enemy fire temporarily delayed and harrassed S Sgt PEARSON's company. With disregard for safety, S Sgt PEARSON crawled over 700 yards of exposed terrain under the hostile fire to locate an artillery observer and have effective fire called on the enemy. S Sgt PEARSON's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

DAVID D. POPPEN, 36637905, Pfc, Co L, 319th 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. Near BRITTEN, GERMANY, Pfc POPPEN exposed himself to severe hostile fire to take up his fallen comrade's automatic rifle and so aggressively fight the enemy that they were forced to seek cover and abandon their flanking movement. Then, his comrades were able to assume advantageous positions to repel the hostile force. Pfc POPPEN's courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

HERBERT E. QUINTER, 33185332, Sgt (then Tec 5), Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At TADLER, LUXEMBOURG, Sgt QUINTER, a Chaplain's assistant, was advised to leave his organ and hymn books behind and walk to church. Realizing the importance of Christmas to battle weary infantrymen, he, with disregard for safety, exposed himself to severe hostile fire in order to drive the equipment into the fiercely contested town. Sgt QUINTER's courage and devotion to his comrades and duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

ANDREW E. RUARK, 37742546, S Sgt, Co F, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the hazardous Our River crossing, S Sgt RUARK's assault boat landed in a mine field. When he observed a wounded comrade fifty yards to his front, S Sgt RUARK, under severe sniper fire, probed through the mine field with a bayonet, reached his comrade, administered aid, and evacuated the casualty. S Sgt RUARK's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

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