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HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 80, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS)

11 April 1945.

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SECTION

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: 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:

GORDON P. HOWELL, 01297039, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 19 October 1944, to 9 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

II. AWARD OF AIR 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 Air Medal and two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

LOUIS J. HAVERLANDT, 01175734, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Germany during the period 23 February 1945, to 18 March 1945, as an Artillery Aerial Observer in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Montana.

ARDON A. McFATRIDGE, JR, 01177521, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 1 February 1945, to 16 March 1945, as an Artillery Liaison Pilot in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

III. AWARD OF AIR 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 Air Medal and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

GORDON L. BOYD, 01178716, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 17 January 1945, to 24 February 1945, as an Artillery Liaison Pilot in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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IV. Section III, General Orders Number 94, this Headquarters, dated 4 April 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart to the following named personnel is amended to award the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart:

Pfc Fred M. Merrifield	35692036	FA	1 Apr 45
Tec 4 Ellehue S. Bowen	34179223	FA	2 Apr 45
Sgt Paul F. Rush	35680745	FA	2 Apr 45

V. Section I, General Orders Number 97, this Headquarters, dated 7 April 1945, as awards the Silver Star Medal to COL GEORGE W. SMYTHE, 015816, Inf, is amended to award officer the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star.

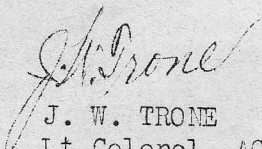
VI. Section I, General Orders Number 98, this Headquarters, dated 9 April 1945, as reads "Clifford A. Johnson, 37166788, M Sgt, FD" is amended to read "Clifford A. Johnson, 37166708, M Sgt, FD".

VII. Published as an extract.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

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VII. The following unit of the Division is cited for extraordinary heroism, gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in overcoming hazardous and difficult conditions against an enemy of the United States in France:

FIRST BATTALION, 319TH INFANTRY: The First Battalion, 319th Infantry is cited for outstanding performance of duty in France on 16 and 17 September 1944. On 16 September 1944, while advancing against the enemy held city of Nancy, France, this battalion was quickly diverted from this mission and directed to proceed north and defend a flank of the threatened Division bridgehead across the Moselle River near Loisy, France. Upon reaching the bridgehead the battalion immediately crossed the river under severe enemy fire and took position at Loisy, France. On the morning of 17 September 1944, the enemy made several counterattacks in force against this battalion with infantry and armor, one from each flank. During one of these attacks the enemy armor reached within two hundred yards of the battalion defense position and poured direct fire therein. Armed only with organic weapons, the men of this battalion adhered to their positions and fought heroically to successfully repulse the fanatical attackers on each occasion. In the afternoon of this same day the battalion, with a tank company attached, attacked and cleared Atton, France, the Bois de Trappes, and Lesmenils, France, and relieved an infantry battalion which was completely surrounded by enemy forces.

The hard, resolute, and determined fighting of this battalion definitely aided in relieving the enemy threat to the bridgehead across the Moselle River, repulsed several heavy enemy counterattacks, and fought successfully to reach a trapped battalion, thereby saving it from possible annihilation. Such courage, determination, and fighting spirit are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

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