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

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SECTION

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I. The following unit of the Division is commended for heroic achievement in Germany on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

SECOND PLATOON, COMPANY F, 318TH INFANTRY: In a battalion attack on enemy positions near Frommersbach, Germany, the Second Platoon, Company F, 318th Infantry, led the battalion, assaulting in a column of companies. The attack of the Second Platoon was so well coordinated and executed that despite heavy resistance, fifty enemy soldiers were killed, seventy five captured, and twenty loaded supply vehicles captured as well as machine guns and one 88mm direct fire weapon, without a single casualty. The expert and aggressive advance of the Second Platoon, Company F, 318th Infantry, enabled the battalion to quickly attain its objective with negligible losses and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

II. The following units of the Division are cited for extraordinary heroism, determination, and gallantry in overcoming hazardous and difficult conditions against an enemy of the United States:

CANNON COMPANY, 317TH INFANTRY: The Cannon Company, 317th Infantry is cited for exceptional aggressiveness, extraordinary heroism, and outstanding performance of duty. Crossing the Moselle River the same day as the advance rifle units on 12 September 1944, the Cannon Company, 317th Infantry, gave close fire support to this regiment during this critical operation. The following day the enemy counterattacked employing infantry and tanks. The initial force of the attack pierced our defenses, penetrating one thousand yards to the left rear of the howitzer positions. Immediate counter measures reversed the attack, forcing the enemy back. A German self-propelled 76mm gun, attempting to overrun the howitzer positions, was destroyed and all its crew killed by direct fire. Three other enemy counterattacks were repulsed within the next few days in maintaining the Moselle bridgehead. The fortitude and intrepidity displayed by the officers and men of the Cannon Company, 317th Infantry reflect the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

INTELLIGENCE AND RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON, 317TH INFANTRY: The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 317th Infantry, is cited for exceptional aggressiveness, extraordinary heroism, and outstanding performance of duty. The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 317th Infantry, with

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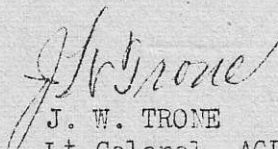
twenty five men, armed with organic weapons, preceded the leading elements in the three day attack west of the Rhine River from 19 March 1945, to 21 March 1945. The men of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon cleared thirty two towns, including Kusel and Kaiserlautern, Germany. On 21 March 1945, the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon entered Kaiserlautern, Germany, on foot, encountering small arms fire from an estimated two hundred fifty enemy troops defending the area. Using their automatic weapons the enemy was driven into a dugout and encircled. Members of the platoon advanced under fire and threw hand grenades into the entrance until the garrison commander of Kaiserlautern emerged from the dugout and arranged terms of unconditional surrender. Included in his command were one colonel, four majors, five captains, three first lieutenants, seven second lieutenants, twenty non-commissioned officers, and ninety seven privates. The capture of the garrison commanding officer and staff of the city of Kaiserlautern eliminated all organized resistance and proved to be the motivating factor in the capitulation of the entire city. The fortitude and intrepidity displayed by the men of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 317th Infantry reflect the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

III. Sections III and IV published as an extract.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

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III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

Edward A. Pugh, 33296786, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 6 August 1944, to 9 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 9 March 1945, Cpl Pugh demonstrated superior attention to duty as a radio-telephone operator, working with a forward observer party. When a German tank entered his company's assembly area and an enemy soldier, armed with a machine pistol, leaped out, Cpl Pugh fearlessly attacked, killing him. Cpl Pugh's technical ability, outstanding courage, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV. 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:

LARRY T. BREZAN, 01633702, 1st Lt, Sig C, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 November 1944, to 26 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

J. Bernard Evans, 33292373, T Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 6 August 1944, to 17 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Ralph E. Fannin, 35409101, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 13 September 1944, to 29 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Robert C. Harris, 14003187, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

CYRIL J. HATCH, 01304723, Capt (then 1st Lt), Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the periods 6 August 1944, to 18 November 1944, and 7 December 1944, to 6 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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LAVERNE O. HERZOG, 01314478, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the periods 20 October 1944, to 25 November 1944, and 1 December 1944, to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

Frank V. Hill, 32401721, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany during the period 9 - 12 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 9 - 12 February 1945, Sgt Hill, in addition to serving as radio operator for a field artillery forward observer, voluntarily, and in spite of painful wounds, aided the infantry in moving supplies up steep hills in order to consolidate the bridgehead across the Our River into Germany. Sgt Hill's courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Arlie T. Hudson, 15116176, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an infantry attack near Harderbach, Luxembourg, Tec 5 Hudson, an aid man with a support platoon, observed that there were many casualties in an assault platoon, one of which was the aid man. Despite the intense small arms fire he immediately advanced to the wounded men and, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved about the battle area giving aid to the injured. Tec 5 Hudson's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Carl W. Jackson, 35386308, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 November 1944, during an intense enemy artillery barrage near Einchville, France, Tec 5 Jackson, an aid man, observed that two soldiers had been wounded and were lying in an open field. Disregarding the intense fire falling in the area he ran to the men and after rendering aid to the one remaining alive, he carried him to safety. This prompt and courageous action saved the injured man's life. Tec 5 Jackson's courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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✓ VERNON F. KULLOWATZ, 0531806, Capt, Ch Corps, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While manning an observation post during the crossing of the Our River into Germany on 10 February 1945, an infantry regimental commander was wounded in both legs by artillery fire. Chaplain Kullowatz, displaying an utter disregard for his own safety, ran to his side during the barrage, carried him to a dug-out, and quickly made arrangements for his evacuation. Such courage and disregard for personal safety are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

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ROBERT J. MCGONIGLE, W2127906, CWO, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 6 August 1944, to 31 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

HAROLD E. MENNEN, O1285621, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While manning an observation post during the crossing of the Our River into Germany on 10 February 1945, an infantry regimental commander was wounded in both legs by artillery fire. Capt Mennen, displaying an utter disregard for his own safety, ran to his side during the barrage, carried him to a dugout, and quickly made arrangements for his evacuation. Such courage and disregard for personal safety are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana. Feb  
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Marion A. Roth, 15078426, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 8 August 1944, to 15 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Chester Rutkowski, 31144356, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 27 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After the artillery battery in which Cpl Rutkowski served as a gunner had taken up new firing positions near Wiersdorf, Germany, on 27 February 1945, enemy artillery fired smoke shells into the gun position. Realizing that the smoke would give hostile observer a target on which to register, Cpl Rutkowski immediately covered the smoking cannisters with dirt despite the danger of artillery falling in the area. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Abraham Schwartz, 38195062, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 15 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 15 February 1945, Tec 5 Schwartz distinguished himself in performing his duties as radio operator in a courageous manner. Tec 5 Schwartz, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, operated his radio in exposed positions and under intense enemy fire for long periods without relief. By maintaining uninterrupted communications, he has greatly assisted in the delivery of timely and accurate artillery fire. The bravery, technical skill, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Schwartz are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Donald R. Wickerham, 13129227, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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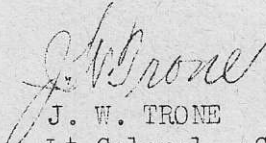
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James L. Willis, 34128446, 1st Sgt Inf, Army of the United States.  
For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period  
7 August 1944, to 4 March 1945, in connection with military operations against  
an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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