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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: 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:

copy ✓ Manuel M. Contreras, 39280329, Pfc, Co E, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 3 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 3 April 1945, Pfc Contreras, an automatic rifleman, accompanied his squad in a flank attack against enemy machine gun positions which delayed the company advance near Kassel, Germany. Having been detected in its move the squad was fired on by machine gun and automatic weapons forcing it to take cover. Pfc Contreras and his squad leader, disregarding the withering fire, advanced directly into the enemy position and by assault fire killed six of the enemy and relieved their squad for a continued attack in which twelve enemy soldiers were killed and thirty five were captured. Pfc Contreras' courage, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California. *APR*

copy ✓ Anthony S. DiDonato, 42133505, S Sgt, Co B, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 26 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 January 1945, as Pvt DiDonato's platoon pushed forward in the attack on Neidhausen, Luxembourg, they were met by severe enemy machine gun fire. Voluntarily, Pvt DiDonato assaulted the machine gun position capturing the gunner and destroying the gun. Guarding his prisoner he moved on alone into the town and in clearing six houses captured six prisoners one of whom was an officer. Pvt DiDonato's courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. *26 JAN*

✓ Joseph H. Herbert, 36598672, T Sgt, Co K, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 26 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While establishing a defensive position near Wilwerwiltz, Luxembourg, on 26 January 1945, T Sgt Herbert's platoon was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire from three sides. Ordering his men to withdraw to a more tenable position, T Sgt Herbert remained to cover the withdrawal by firing at the *26 JAN*

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enemy. While moving to the new offensive area two squads were delayed by a machine gun firing from the flank. T Sgt Herbert, disregarding the danger, advanced and captured the enemy gun crew after a fierce fire fight in which he also killed two enemy soldiers who were attempting to fire a rocket at his men. The aggressive leadership, courage, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Herbert exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

James E. Hively, 15113356, S Sgt, Co E, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 3 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the assault on Kassel, Germany, on 3 April 1945, S Sgt Hively, a rifle squad leader, accompanied another squad in clearing enemy from positions on a nearby hill. As they approached the hill withering enemy machine gun fire killed the squad leader and forced the others to take cover. S Sgt Hively, however, continued crawling toward the enemy and when but fifty yards from the objective rose to his feet and, despite the severe fire directed at him, assaulted the enemy position, killing two enemy soldiers and wounding two others. His prompt and courageous action inspired the rest of the squad to attack and in the ensuing fire fight to kill six and capture twelve enemy soldiers. S Sgt Hively's courage, aggressive leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky. 3 ADW

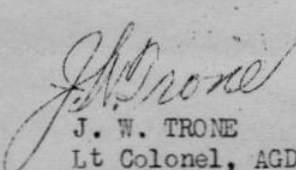
James W. Johnson, 38463033, S Sgt, Co F, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 2 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack near Kassel, Germany, on 2 April 1945, the company in which S Sgt Johnson served as a squad leader was subjected to enemy machine gun fire from a house at the outskirts of the city. To destroy the position and permit the attack to continue S Sgt Johnson and his squad flanked the enemy position, but, on approaching from the rear, machine gun fire forced them to take cover. S Sgt Johnson, with utter disregard for his personal safety, rushed the house, firing as he ran. Eluding the intense fire directed at him he hurled two hand grenades into the building, killing four, wounding two, and forcing the rest of the enemy to surrender. S Sgt Johnson's courage, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma. 2 DDW

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II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: 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:

copy Marius H. Mills, 39929917, S Sgt (then Pfc), Co E, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 3 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 3 April 1945, Pfc Mills, a rifle squad leader, led his squad in a flank attack against enemy machine gun positions which delayed the company advance near Kassel, Germany. Having been detected in its move the squad was fired on by machine gun and automatic weapons forcing it to take cover. S Sgt Mills and an automatic rifleman, disregarding the withering fire, advanced directly into the enemy position and by assault fire killed six of the enemy and relieved their squad for a continued attack in which twelve enemy soldiers were killed and thirty five captured. S Sgt Mills' courage, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Utah. *APV*

copy Lewis W. Purdy, 35217818, Pvt, Co F, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 2 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the course of an assault on Kassel, Germany, on 2 April 1945, Pvt Purdy and two companions were assigned the task of checking a wooden building to the flank of the company's route of advance. As they approached the building they were fired on from a second story window. Disregarding the intense fire Pvt Purdy assaulted the building, firing his rifle as he ran, and, when within five yards of the building, hurled a hand grenade through a window killing one and wounding another enemy machine gunner. Entering the building, he fought his way to the second floor, killing one and capturing three more of the enemy. His courageous aggressiveness, initiative, and devotion to duty eliminated a dangerous enemy strongpoint and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. *APV*

copy Walter L. Romero, 38676358, Cpl, AT Co, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg during the period 24 - 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Kehmen, Luxembourg, during the period 24 - 26 December 1944, Cpl Romero, a platoon runner, distinguished himself by gallant action in carrying out his duties under intense enemy fire and severe weather conditions. On 24 December 1944, he guided his platoon through deep snows to their defensive positions despite the enemy fire. On 25 December 1944, he acted as an observer for an attached tank unit and while constantly under fire relayed fire missions to the tank commander. On 26 December 1944, when his platoon was subjected to devastating enemy machine gun fire he guided a friendly tank to a position from which it destroyed the enemy machine gun and permitted the rifle- *D2C*

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men to liberate Kehmen, Luxembourg. Cpl Romero's courage, initiative, and untiring devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas. ✓

Frank M. Steadman, 33659502, Pfc, Cannon Co., 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In preparation for the attack into Erfurt, Germany, on 10 April 1945, Pfc Steadman and three other riflemen were given the mission of reconnoitering a crossroad in the company route of advance. As they approached the crossroad severe enemy fire from an automatic weapon forced them to take cover. In order to locate the hidden gun Pfc Steadman rose to his feet and advanced until fired at again by the enemy. Having located its position he crawled closer, again rose to his feet despite the intense fire and hurled a grenade, destroying the gun and crew. Pfc Steadman's aggressive courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia. APK

Gaylord A. Towne, 37751391, Sgt, Co I, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 31 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 31 March 1945, the rifle company in which Sgt Towne served as squad leader was delayed in its attack on Nieder Mollrich, Germany, by intense mortar and automatic weapons fire from concealed positions within its sector. Sgt Towne voluntarily crawled over three hundred yards and despite the heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire directed at him located and returned to give the enemy gun positions which were neutralized by artillery fire. Sgt Towne's courage, initiative, skill, and devotion to duty enabled the company to gain its objective and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas. MAV

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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:

✓ Dwayne M. Hall, 37666613, Pfc, Co B, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack near Niederfeulen, Luxembourg, on 26 December 1944, a tank which was supporting an infantry platoon in an attack was hit by enemy direct fire and disabled. Pfc Hall, a rifleman, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled to the tank and in spite of the severe enemy small arms fire aided in evacuating the wounded crew members. While engaged in this work he was mortally wounded. Pfc Hall's courage, initiative, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa. DSU

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

✓ William S. Banfield, 35434581, Tec 5, Hq Co 1st Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, while holding and digging temporary defensive positions near Kehmen, Luxembourg, two riflemen of a party of six were wounded by machine gun fire from the outskirts of the town. Despite the danger from enemy fire, Tec 5 Banfield, a truck driver, voluntarily secured a litter and went to the aid of the wounded men. Through his supervision the two men were evacuated to safety. Tec 5 Banfield's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky. DSU

V. 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:

✓ Norbert S. Andrzejewski, 42095536, Pfc, Co K, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Greimerath, Germany, on 13 March 1945, a heavy concentration of enemy anti-aircraft, artillery, nebelwerfer, and small arms fire temporarily delayed the advance of two platoons of infantrymen. After one squad had built up a base of fire, Pfc Andrzejewski, accompanied by two other riflemen, assaulted the nearest enemy position through grazing machine gun fire. By capturing MAN

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this strongpoint Pfc Andrzejewski made it possible for the platoon to move forward and continue to its objective. The courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Andrzejewski exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

✓ John E. Clare, 42095589, Pfc, Co K, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Greimerath, Germany, on 13 March 1945, a heavy concentration of enemy anti-aircraft, artillery, nebelwerfer, and small arms fire temporarily delayed the advance of two platoons of infantrymen. After one squad had built up a base of fire, Pfc Clare, accompanied by two other riflemen, assaulted the nearest enemy position through grazing machine gun fire. By capturing this strongpoint Pfc Clare made it possible for the platoon to move forward and continue to its objective. The courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Clare exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. MAR

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VII.* Robert D. Crain, 39170956, S Sgt, Co D, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 January 1945, during a foray into enemy held territory near Goesdorf, Luxembourg, a tank of the platoon in which S Sgt Crain served as a driver overturned on an icy road trapping its occupants. S Sgt Crain volunteered to drive his tank through intense enemy fire to the overturned tank in an attempt to rescue the men. Arriving at the scene of the accident it was found that rescue was impossible. S Sgt Crain's tank was hit by rocket fire, but was undamaged. He coolly turned his tank on the narrow icy road and drove to safety despite the increased fire aimed at his tank. The courage, initiative, and devotion to his comrades and to duty displayed by S Sgt Crain exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California. JAN

✓ *Cpl* Herman P. Wilhelm, 39471446, S Sgt, Co B, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack near Niederfeulen, Luxembourg, on 26 December 1944, a tank which was supporting an infantry platoon in an attack was hit by enemy direct fire and disabled. S Sgt Wilhelm, a rifle squad leader, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled to the tank and in spite of the severe enemy small arms fire aided in evacuating the wounded crew members. S Sgt Wilhelm's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington. DEC

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VII. 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:

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Joe W. Reaves, 34965716, Pvt, Co B, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack near Niederfeulen, Luxembourg, on 26 December 1944, a tank which was supporting an infantry platoon in an attack was hit by enemy direct fire and disabled. Pvt Reaves, an infantry rifleman, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled forward in spite of intense enemy fire to aid the wounded crew members. While thus engaged Pvt Reaves was shot through both legs by enemy bullets. The courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Reaves exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina. *Deu*

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Joel C. Shamblin, 35746775, Cpl, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 17 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 17 March 1945, while supporting friendly infantry troops in capturing and destroying enemy pillboxes near Beurig, Germany, Cpl Shamblin, as cannoneer of a tank destroyer crew, volunteered to attempt the capture and destruction of a pillbox which delayed the infantry troops. Exposed to small arms and direct anti-tank fire, the tank destroyer moved to within one hundred yards of the pillbox which it destroyed by firing into the embrasures. The destruction of this stronghold by Cpl Shamblin and his comrades made possible the capture and destruction of three supporting pillboxes. Cpl Shamblin's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia. *MAX*

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K IRVING J. SLOCHIVER, 0558074, 2d Lt, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 17 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 17 March 1945, enemy resistance near Neunkirchen, Germany, delayed a motorized column. A rifle company in which Lt Slotchiver served as a platoon leader was given the mission of destroying the enemy resistance and immediately sent out a four man patrol to reconnoiter the Prime River for a crossing site in order to accomplish this mission. Heavy enemy machine gun fire forced the patrol to withdraw from the river bank leaving two wounded men behind. Lt Slotchiver, despite the intense enemy fire and the exposed terrain, descended to the men and carried one of them to safety and necessary medical aid. Lt Slotchiver's courage, initiative, and loyal devotion to his men and to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina. *MAX*

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Norman Spradlin, 35644560, Cpl, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 17 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 17 March 1945, while supporting friendly infantry troops in capturing and destroying enemy pillboxes near Beurig, Germany, Cpl Spradlin, as gunner of a tank destroyer crew, volunteered to attempt the capture and destruction of a pillbox which delayed the infantry troops. Exposed to small arms and direct anti-tank fire the tank destroyer moved to within one hundred yards of the pillbox which it destroyed by firing into the embrasures. The destruction of this strongpoint by Cpl Spradlin and his comrades made possible the capture and destruction of three supporting pillboxes. Cpl Spradlin's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky. MAR

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CCRAW* MILTON STILL, 01057270, 1st Lt, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 January 1945, during a foray into enemy held territory near Goesdorf, Luxembourg, a tank in the platoon commanded by Lt Still overturned on an icy road trapping its occupants. Lt Still voluntarily led his tank through intense enemy fire to the overturned tank in an attempt to rescue the men. Arriving at the scene of the accident it was found that rescue was impossible. Lt Still's tank was hit by rocket fire, but was undamaged. He returned to friendly lines with the knowledge that everything possible had been attempted for the rescue of his men. The courage, initiative, and devotion to his men and to duty displayed by Lt Still exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey. JAN

VIII. 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 and two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded S Sgt Paul I. Chapman, 16051796, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 20 September 1944.

IX. 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 and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded S Sgt Helmut H. Wildermann, 32606378, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 9 November 1944.

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B X. 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 Pvt Peter Hamecs, 33837042, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 20 September 1944.

XI. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on dates indicated:

	<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
G	Sgt Delbert L. Farris	35463070	Inf	7 Sep 44
2d	Pfc Thurston E. Byers	33304975	Inf	7 Sep 44
	Tec 3 Wilbert L. Miller	33320514	Inf	18 Sep 44
	Tec 3 Horace W. Moore	38209450	Inf	5 Oct 44
	T Sgt Armand Fusco	35385900	Inf	12 Nov 44
	Pfc Richard R. Robbins	32833242	Inf	29 Nov 44

XII. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded Pvt Stanley L. Savetsky, 42130811, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 2 January 1945.

XIII. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

Pfc Albert J. Latz	36993961	Inf	11 Mar 45
Tec 5 Floyd Sweat	34715072	Inf	3 Apr 45

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