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I. 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:

Richard D. Palmer, 35537739, Tec 5, Co A, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany on 30 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an assault crossing of the Rhine River at Mainz, Germany, on 30 March 1945, many casualties were left on an island in the river by advancing troops. Tec 5 Palmer, as a litter squad leader, volunteering for the hazardous task of evacuating the wounded, led his men through the debris strewn and cratered island in search of the injured despite the heavy enemy fire which was directed at him. Tec 5 Palmer and his squad evacuated all casualties, many of them litter cases. The bravery, initiative, and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Palmer are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. 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:

Robert Allen, 39218688, S Sgt (then Pfc), Co K, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After attacking a strongly held Siegfried Line pillbox near Wallendorf, Germany, on 16 February 1945, it was necessary to withdraw for a reorganization. Because of the severe enemy fire, many casualties were left on the field. S Sgt Allen, a rifleman, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly returned through the heavy enemy artillery concentrations to carry comrades to safety. The courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to his soldiers and to duty displayed by S Sgt Allen exemplify the highest of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service fromington.

Gabell S. Barden, 33225964, Pfc, Co K, 319th Infantry, United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After attacking a strongly held Siegfried Line pillbox near Wallendorf, Germany, on 16 February 1945, it was necessary to withdraw for a reorganization. Because of the severe enemy fire, many casualties were left on the field. Pfc Barden, a rifleman, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly returned through the heavy enemy artillery concentrations to carry comrades to safety. The courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to his soldiers and to duty displayed by Pfc Barden exemplify the highest of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service fromington.

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on 16 February 1945, it was necessary to withdraw for a reorg. cause of the severe enemy fire, many casualties were left on the field. Pfc Barden, a company runner, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly returned through the heavy enemy artillery concentrations to bring his wounded comrades to safety. The courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to his fellow soldiers and to duty, displayed by Pfc Barden exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Raymond E. Beven, 39588085, Pfc, Medical Detachment, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After attacking a strongly held Siegfried Line pillbox near Wallendorf, Germany, on 16 February 1945, it was necessary for the assaulting forces to withdraw for a reorganization. Because of the severe enemy fire many casualties were left on the field. Pfc Beven, an aid man, made many trips to and from the area and, despite the heavy artillery concentrations falling in the area, evacuated all the wounded. Pfc Beven's courage, bravery, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

William J. Bruder, 33376510, T Sgt, Co K, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After attacking a strongly-held Siegfried Line pillbox near Wallendorf, Germany, on 16 February 1945, it was necessary to withdraw for a reorganization. Because of the severe enemy fire, many casualties were left on the field. T Sgt Bruder, a platoon sergeant, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly returned through the heavy enemy artillery concentrations to carry wounded comrades to safety. The courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to his fellow soldiers and to duty, displayed by T Sgt Bruder exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

John J. Clark, 33296787, Pfc, Co A, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany on 12 and 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Ober Zorf, Germany, on 12 and 13 March 1945, enemy artillery heavily shelled the town and all roads leading into it. For thirty-six hours Pfc Clark, an ambulance driver, traveled the winding road leading into the town and in spite of the severe mortar and artillery fire which fell so close that his vehicle was showered with dirt and debris he remained at this task until all casualties were evacuated from the town. The courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Clark saved many lives and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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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:

James E. Lyons, 35013246, Pvt, Co A, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany on 30 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an assault crossing of the Rhine River at Mainz, Germany, on 30 March 1945, many casualties were left on an island in the river by advancing troops. Pvt Lyons, as litter squad leader, volunteering for the hazardous task of evacuating the wounded, led his men through the debris-strewn and cratered island in search of the injured despite the heavy enemy fire which was directed at him. Pvt Lyons and his squad evacuated all casualties, many of them litter cases. The bravery, initiative, and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Lyons are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. MAR

Aurelio Maltese, 42062416, Pfc, Medical Detachment, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After attacking a strongly held Siegfried Line pillbox near Wallendorf, Germany, on 16 February 1945, it was necessary for the assaulting forces to withdraw for a reorganization. Because of the severe enemy fire many casualties were left on the field. Pfc Maltese, an aid man, made many trips to and from the area and, despite the heavy artillery concentrations falling in the area, evacuated all the wounded. Pfc Maltese's courage, bravery, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. Feb

Serafino F. Maribello, 33335963, Pfc, Co A, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany on 12 and 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on Ober Zerf, Germany, on 12 and 13 March 1945, enemy artillery heavily shelled the town and all roads leading into it. For thirty-six hours Pfc Maribello, an assistant ambulance driver, traveled the winding road leading into the town and in spite of the severe mortar and artillery fire which fell so close that his vehicle was showered with dirt and debris he remained at this task until all casualties were evacuated from the town. The courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Maribello many lives and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania. MAR

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Glen E. Mitchell, 38617874, S Sgt, Co K, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In attacking a strongly-held Siegfried Line pillbox near Wallendorf, Germany, on 16 February 1945, it was necessary to withdraw for a reorganization. Because of the severe enemy fire, many casualties were left on the field. S Sgt Mitchell, a platoon guide, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly returned through the heavy enemy artillery concentrations to carry wounded comrades to safety. The courage, bravery, and loyal devotion to his fellow soldiers and to duty, displayed by S Sgt Mitchell exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

George Riker Jr., 32601641, Pfc, Co A, 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 23 and 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944, during a night attack on Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, the tank destroyer in which Pfc Riker served as a driver was temporarily stopped by enemy mines placed in the road whose steep banks and icy surface prevented any vehicles from passing around them. Despite the sniper fire with which the enemy covered the area, Pfc Riker dismounted from the relative safety of his vehicle and courageously aided in removing the mines so that he and his crew could continue on in support of the infantry. In an enemy counter attack on the following day Pfc Riker's tank destroyer accounted for two enemy tanks. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Rhode Island. DEC

Jack F. Scacco, 32687400, Cpl, Co A, 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Field Artillery, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 23 and 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944, during a night attack on Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, the tank destroyer in which Cpl Scacco served as a driver was temporarily stopped by enemy mines placed in the road whose steep banks and icy surface prevented any vehicles from passing around them. Despite the sniper fire with which the enemy covered the area, Cpl Scacco dismounted from the relative safety of his vehicle and courageously aided in removing the mines so that he and his crew could continue on in support of the infantry. In an enemy counter attack on the following day Cpl Scacco's tank destroyer accounted for two enemy tanks. His courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. DEC

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