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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:

Fred E. Blackmon, 14021905, 1st Sgt, 80th Quartermaster Company, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 4 December 1944, to 5 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Eugene G. Lathrop, Jr, 38122801, S Sgt (then Tec 3), Med Det, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 5 January 1945, to 9 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Luther D. Lecount, 35330951, S Sgt, Co H, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 1 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 1 January 1945, S Sgt Lecount performed his duties as forward observer, mortar platoon, of an infantry company in a superior manner. Despite intense enemy mortar and artillery fire, S Sgt Lecount consistently persevered in his missions, contributing in no small degree to the success of his company. Through his able fire direction his mortar platoon adequately furnished support for the rifle troops and aided immeasurably in the rout of the enemy. His courageous attention to duty, resourcefulness, and skill are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Eugene T. Refice, 33347917, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co B, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During a strong counterattack at Dahl, Luxembourg, on 8 January 1945, S Sgt Refice, having been advised of a number of breaks in wire communications caused by enemy barrages, crawled through intense artillery and mortar fire to seek out and repair the breaks. While accomplishing this mission he encountered and repulsed a number of infiltrating enemy soldiers. Later, while returning to the command post, he observed wounded soldiers in a building which had been ignited and was being shelled by an enemy tank. Disregarding his own personal safety S Sgt Refice assisted in evacuating the wounded from the blazing inferno despite the continued barrage from the tanks. The courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Refice exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Rodney Sellars, 18099041, Sgt (then Pvt), Co I, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When the company in which he served as a machine gunner was delayed by devastating artillery, mortar, and small arms fire and was being attacked by three hostile tanks and one hundred infantrymen, Sgt Sellars, although wounded, manned his machine gun and through his effective fire repulsed the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties on them. Sgt Sellars' courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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William W. Tweed, 14050181, Tec 4, Hq Co, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 13 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Tec 4 Tweed, commanding a half-track, was ordered to an underpass near Gera, Germany, to observe the enemy and provide overhead fire for others of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon who were inspecting bridges. As the vehicle approached it received enemy fire. Ordering counter fire, Tec 4 Tweed drove above the underpass and brought direct machine gun fire on the enemy position. Through his quick action forty Germans surrendered to his group. Such courage and aggressiveness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

II. 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 Pfc Samuel L. Bellino, 31224462, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 19 August 1944.

III. 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 the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pfc Clifford S. Perotti	39050227	Inf	19 Feb 45
S Sgt Leunen C. Thomas	35653632	Inf	21 Feb 45
Pfc Morris E. McWhorter	38686534	Inf	13 Mar 45

IV. 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 S Sgt John J. McNiff, 31455985, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 10 November 1944.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

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