

RESTRICTED

As —

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

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 149)

1 ea Off concerned
1 ea Co concerned

8 June 1945.

SECTION

- I thru IV - Award of Bronze Star.
- V and VI - Award of Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster).
- VII and VIII - Award of Purple Heart.

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:

Vincent J. Bailey, 32246058, S Sgt, Co E, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. S Sgt Bailey, infantry company communications sergeant, was with the forward elements of his company in establishing a bridgehead across the Rhine River from Mainz to Kastel, Germany, on 28 March 1945, when it became necessary for him to assume command after his superior officers had all become casualties from intense enemy machine gun fire. Displaying outstanding tactical skill, S Sgt Bailey succeeded in completely destroying one enemy machine gun nest and repulsing a determined counterattack. Having no means of communication, S Sgt Bailey made his way under protective fire to an adjacent unit to report to his company commander. Such aggressive leadership, courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty are exemplary of the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

WALTER E. BRASSEL, 01308206, 1st Lt, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

John H. Brownell, 32046488, 1st Sgt, Co C, 305th Med Bn, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

HQ
JAMES L. CAPPS, JR., 01285543, Capt, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 9 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

James V. Denson, 34895257, Tec 4 (then Tec 5), Med Det, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 and 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the fierce fighting near Farbersviller, France, Tec 4 Denson worked continuously for a two day period, 28 and 29 November 1944, in rendering

R E S T R I C T E D

Sec I GO #149 8 Jun 45 contd

medical aid to battle casualties. By his diligent efforts and utter disregard for his own personal safety he evacuated many wounded, despite the severe enemy fire falling in the area. Tec 4 Denson's heroic service saved the lives of many seriously wounded soldiers who later would have been taken by the enemy when they overran the area. The courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Denson is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

M
R HQ
Ralph H. Galloway, 35462381, Sgt, Co M, 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. On 16 February 1945, during an assault on the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany, severe enemy artillery, mortar, rocket, and small arms fire inflicted many casualties on the riflemen of an infantry company. Sgt Galloway, squad leader of a heavy machine gun section, was closely following the infantry assault platoon. Seeing that the number of wounded was too great for the litter bearers, Sgt Galloway carried a wounded rifleman across two hundred yards of difficult terrain, through a heavy enemy barrage to a place of safety. Such courage and unselfish devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

BENEDICT A. HENDERSON, 0447607, Capt, Ch Corps, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 9 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Arizona.

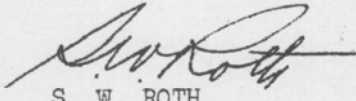
Frank S. Jeffries, 33852373, Tec 5, 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 1 November 1944, to 20 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 1 November 1944, to 20 April 1945, Tec 5 Jeffries, armored car driver for the 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, performed his duties in a superior manner. Tec 5 Jeffries exhibited outstanding qualities, occupying many important assignments in his platoon. Throughout the period he played an important part in the platoon's success, volunteering for numerous combat patrols, manning observation posts, and serving as a machine gunner on the point vehicle during mounted reconnaissance, in addition to his superior operation and maintenance of his assigned armored car. The conscientious efforts, zealous devotion to duty, and tireless energy displayed by Tec 5 Jeffries are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

II. Sections II through VIII published as extracts.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

OFFICIAL:

S. P. WALKER
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.


S. W. ROTH
Major, AGD,
As Adj Gen.

RESTRICTED

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

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 149)

8 June 1945.

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

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:

James A. McGovern, 42001500, Cpl, MD., 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, Cpl McGovern, serving as an aid man with a medium tank company, observed that one of the tanks had been disabled by a direct hit from an enemy anti-tank gun. Completely disregarding his own personal safety and the intense enemy fire directed at his every move, Cpl McGovern advanced to the disabled tank and assisted in evacuating two wounded members of the crew, after which he rendered first aid to the wounded infantrymen lying nearby. Cpl McGovern's courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

MAX E. MOE, 0399172, 1st Lt, 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 March 1945, a platoon of the Division Reconnaissance Troop reconnoitered north after crossing the Main River with the mission of contacting elements of the First United States Army. Upon nearing Medenbach, Germany, many enemy troops were observed entering the town. While a patrol started slowly into town, two armored cars commanded by Lt Moe, platoon leader, moved to an exposed position to fire into the town in support of the advancing patrol. Continuous 37mm and machine gun fire from these vehicles threw the town into a state of confusion, which led to the capture and destruction of an enemy horse drawn column of thirty vehicles and the capture of two hundred and fifteen enemy soldiers. Lt Moe's courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arizona.

Norman W. Reifsnyder, 33185050, S Sgt, Hq Co 3d Bn, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 4 September 1944, to 9 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Samuel A. Rider, 33435977, Tec 5, MD., 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, Tec 5 Rider, serving as an aid man with a medium tank company, observed that one of the tanks had been disabled by a direct hit from an enemy anti-tank gun. Completely disregarding his own personal safety and the intense enemy fire directed at his every move, Tec 5 Rider advanced to the disabled tank and assisted in evacuating two wounded members of the crew, after which he

R E S T R I C T E D

Sec II GO #149 8 Jun 45 contd

rendered first aid to the wounded infantrymen lying nearby. Tec 5 Rider's courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Fred Sells, Jr, 35461283, Tec 5, 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 28 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 March 1945, a platoon of the Division Reconnaissance Troop, reconnoitered north after crossing the Main River with the mission of contacting elements of the First United States Army. Upon nearing Medenbach, Germany, many enemy forces were observed entering and leaving the town. While a patrol worked its way slowly into town two armored cars manned by Tec 5 Sells and several other members of his platoon moved to an exposed position to fire into the town in support of the advancing patrol. Continuous 37mm and machine gun fire from these vehicles threw the town into a state of confusion which led to the destruction of an enemy horse drawn column of thirty vehicles and the capture of two hundred and fifteen enemy soldiers. Tec 5 Sells' courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

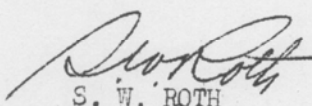
John L. Sheffler, 35387866, Pfc, Hq Co 2d Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 5 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Pfc Sheffler, gunner of a 57mm anti-tank gun mounted on a half track, accompanied a patrol of one officer and six men into Ihringshausen, Germany, on 5 April 1945. The patrol, whose mission was to determine the strength and disposition of the enemy in the town, quickly cleared the town and captured the staff of an enemy hospital. Upon observing an enemy garrison on a hill approximately one half mile east of the town, the patrol swept up the hill and into the parade area in front of the barracks. Pfc Sheffler, exposing himself without fear, covered the enemy with his 57mm anti-tank gun as they were forced out of the barracks by other members of the patrol. Pfc Sheffler's courage, determination, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Connie F. Smothers, 38209574, S Sgt, Med Det, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 14 February 1945, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

OFFICIAL:

S. P. WALKER
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.


S. W. ROTH
Major, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

R E S T R I C T E D

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

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 149)

8 June 1945.

1 ea concerned
1 ea Co concerned
E-X-T-R-A-C-T

III. 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:

Warren M. Coppage, 13075725, Sgt, Hq Co 1st Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 1 November 1944, to 2 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Louis F. Dykstra, 36186581, S Sgt, Hq Co 1st Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 15 August 1944, to 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Richard D. Emmitt, 35385716, T Sgt, Hq Co 1st Bn, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Robert L. Feingersh, 32112948, Tec 4, Sv Co, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 8 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

CLARENCE R. FERRIS, 02048913, 1st Lt, MAC, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 16 September 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Robert M. Halm, 35040298, 1st Sgt, Co H, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 September 1944, to 31 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Romeo L. Humphries, Jr, 14005150, S Sgt, 80th Quartermaster Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 5 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

JOHN B. O'BRIEN, W2127907, WOJG, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 6 August 1944, to 15 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

R E S T R I C T E D

Sec III GO #149 8 Jun 45 contd

Richard E. Putnam, 33226010, Tec 5, Co D, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, and Austria during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Robert E. Rogers, 35359869, Sgt, 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Dominic L. Ross, 35385888, Sgt, Hq Co, 80th Infantry Division, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

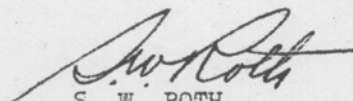
Richard F. Smith, 6895470, S Sgt, 80th Quartermaster Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 5 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Harold O. Van Steenburgh, 35332821, Tec 4, Cannon Co, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

OFFICIAL:

S. P. WALKER
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.



S. W. ROTH
Major, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

Adj

R E S T R I C T E D

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

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 149)

1 ea Concerned
1 ea Co concerned

8 June 1945.

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

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:

Russell W. Berdell, 33185655, Tec 5, 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Germany on 25 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The Division Reconnaissance Troop was directed to perform liaison with an armored infantry battalion headquarters in Brimigen, Germany, on 25 February 1945, and due to the tactical situation only elements of a section were available for the mission. Through the extraordinary achievement of Tec 5 Berdell, a junior radio operator, the assignment was completed in a superior and highly commendable manner despite the absence of an officer and shortage of other personnel. Tec 5 Berdell, although the only radio operator present, gathered and correctly reported vital information with speed and efficiency and kept constant communication with both units. The tireless energy, unhesitating devotion to duty, and exceptional skill displayed by Tec 5 Berdell are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Glen A. Sadler, 35386412, S Sgt, Co C, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 14 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Bergen, Germany, on 14 March 1945, severe enemy barrages delayed the infantry and necessitated a temporary withdrawal. So desperate was the situation that smoke shells were requested. S Sgt Sadler volunteered to cross an open field under heavy fire to orient the platoons to the order. Through his courageous disregard for personal safety the operations were carried out with marked success. Such courage and aggressiveness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

VERNETTE M. THOMPSON, W2129824, WOJG, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 6 August 1944, to 15 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

V. 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 Luxembourg on dates indicated:

RANK AND NAME	ASN	SERVICE	DATE
S Sgt Chester Falarski	35315607	Inf	28 Dec 44

R E S T R I C T E D

GO #149 8 Jun 45 contd

✓ VI. 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 Donald R. Chism, 37709331, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 20 February 1945.

✓ VII. 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 Pfc Lloyd E. Anderson, 35842816, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 17 December 1944.


VIII. 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:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Pfc Robert I. Zederbaum	42177753	Inf	13 Feb 45
✓ Pvt Vito A. Pugliese	32960026	Inf	20 Feb 45
Pfc Aaron F. Burkett	34337485	Inf	12 Apr 45

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

OFFICIAL:

S. P. WALKER
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.


S. W. ROTH
Major, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.