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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

JOHN W. BOIRE, 19201775, Cpl, MD, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 15 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At GLAUCHAU, GERMANY, when Cpl BOIRE learned of an enemy soldier lying wounded in uncleared territory, he immediately went to his aid. After braving enemy fire by relying on his red cross for protection, he was successfully evacuating the wounded man when a fanatical civilian scored a direct hit on his vehicle with a rocket launcher and mortally wounded him. His courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OREGON.

HARRY W. HEIBERGER, 33273113, Pfc, MD, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 15 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At GLAUCHAU, GERMANY, when Pfc HEIBERGER learned of an enemy soldier lying wounded in uncleared territory, he immediately went to his aid. After braving enemy fire by relying on his red cross for protection, he was successfully evacuating the wounded man when a fanatical civilian scored a direct hit on his vehicle with a rocket launcher and mortally wounded him. His courage and devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL: 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:

✓ JAMES A. BOUMBOURAS, 33696620, S Sgt (then Pfc), Co C, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on DAHL, LUXEMBOURG, after his section was held up by severe enemy fire, S Sgt BOUMBOURAS took command after the leaders became casualties. Despite the closeness of the enemy he made a patrol for better positions. Finding none, he came back to stay in an exposed position, organize litter squads, and speedily evacuate six of his wounded comrades. His gallant actions, courage, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (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:

MARION W. MERRITT, 0535961, 1st Lt, Infantry, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in FRANCE on 2 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the vicinity of LETRICOURT, FRANCE, Lt MERRITT led his men forward under intense hostile fire to clear a road of mines. Later he voluntarily entered the town with rifle troops, killing 16 enemy and capturing valuable documents from an observation post which were used for counter-battery fire. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lt MERRITT are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: 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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

EDWIN F. ALLEN, 0313931, Maj, Infantry, 80th MP Platoon (then Hq 319th Infantry), Army of the United States. For the period 7 August 1944, to 16 January 1945, in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

WALTER J. BETLINSKI, 01058180, 1st Lt, Infantry, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For the period 1 February 1945, to 8 May 1945, in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

JOHN M. MILES, 35246638, Pvt, Co C, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For the period 7 August 1944, to 13 December 1944, in FRANCE. Entered military service from INDIANA.

HERBERT S. PLUNKERT, 33499519, S Sgt, Hq Co 3d Bn, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For the period 20 February 1945, to 8 May 1945, in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

FRANK E. POOLE, 0435889, Capt, MC, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For the period 14 February 1945, to 8 May 1945, in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

WILLIAM A. SCHMALZ, 17081771, S Sgt, Hq Co 1st Bn, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For the period 7 August 1944, to 30 April 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

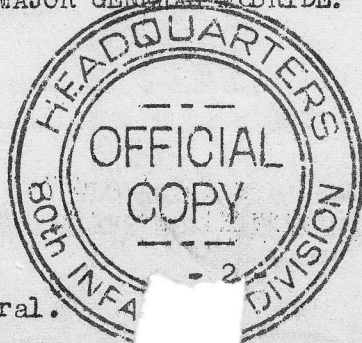
WILLIAM T. SNODDY, JR, 0470200, Capt, MC, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For the period 15 January 1945, to 8 May 1945, in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

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