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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 23 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Roy L. Bergen, 42 923 135, Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On the night of 24-25 January 1945, Sergeant Bergen was leading a patrol toward a heavily wooded area when he was seriously wounded by intense enemy machine gun fire which killed or wounded all the other members of the patrol. In spite of his wounds, he concealed his position in the snow and opened fire on the enemy machine gun position thereby drawing both heavy machine gun and sniper fire which enabled his company to locate and to open effective fire upon the enemy. He remained in this position until the enemy installation had been destroyed. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

FREDERICK W. COLEMAN, III, 019 216, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC (Inf), Headquarters, 42d Infantry Division, for meritorious service in action during the period 16 December 1944 to 6 February 1945. As G-3 of Task Force Linden, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman, by his indomitable energy, tactical sense, and professional ability, was able to coordinate the actions of all subordinate units which were committed on wide fronts, greatly contributing to the accomplishments of the missions assigned. When an enemy attack threatened our position in the vicinity of Gambshain on 5 January 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman organized four companies from three infantry regiments and successfully launched an attack on the enemy against heavy small arms and artillery fire, as a result of which the enemy bridgehead was stopped at the canal. Entered United States Military Academy from Carmel, California.

ANTHONY F. CORNETSKY, 01 318 964, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action. On 10 January 1945, near Ingelshain, France, while in charge of a wire laying detachment which was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Lieutenant Cornetsky directed the wire laying operations in the face of a heavy enemy cross fire as a result of which essential communications were maintained. On 13 January 1945 when a fire broke out in a barn to which the wires from the battalion command post to the companies were attached and threatened to destroy the communications, Lieutenant Cornetsky climbed onto the barn within two feet from the blaze and untied the wires, enabling the communications to be maintained. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

ARTHUR M. EDWARDS, O 369 357, Major, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the period 5-7 January, 1945 at Kilstett, France, when a sudden attack of the enemy caused numerous casualties, Major Edwards, Regimental Surgeon, tirelessly and unceasingly, in extreme cold, with no rest and little food for almost 72 hours, and without the normal assistance necessary, directed the evacuation of the seriously wounded cases requiring immediate medical care. His energetic action and quick decisions were instrumental in saving a great many lives. Entered military service from Bornico, Louisiana.

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EDMUND K. ELLIS, O 222 959, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action. During the action at Gambshain, France, 5 to 7 January 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Ellis was placed in command of several companies from two different regiments which he competently led into Gambshain under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, directing the fight from house to house. Later, under orders, he organized a well ordered withdrawal from Gambshain, being one of the last to leave. His leadership of this small force against overwhelming odds served as an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Grand Haven, Michigan.

James Hummert, 36 838 964, Private, Medical Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Kilstett, France, while acting as medical aid man, Private Hummert crawled from fox hole to fox hole in the face of heavy enemy machine gun fire to render first aid to the wounded of his platoon. In spite of a shrapnel wound in his hand, he left the cover of his fox hole during an enemy artillery and mortar barrage to protect with his body a stunned soldier lying in an exposed position on the field. Entered military service from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

GEORGE A. JACKSON, JR., O 551 750, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action. On the night of 8 January 1945, Lieutenant Jackson successfully led a patrol with a demolition team and blew up a building held by the enemy, killing four enemy soldiers and seriously wounding a fifth. Ordered to return to the building to bring back a prisoner the following morning, Lieutenant Jackson again led a patrol to the building where he captured an enemy soldier who was brought back as a prisoner. Entered military service from Aztec, New Mexico.

Edward Kinsky, 6 859 417, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, at Stettmetten, France, while in command of a machine gun section, one gun of which had been put out of action, Sergeant Kinsky maintained his position with the remaining gun in the face of superior enemy forces until ordered to bring the gun to the company CP. In attempting to comply with the order, his crew was intercepted by the enemy and he was wounded. Entered military service from Carlsbad, New Mexico.

ALFRED A. McNAMEE, O11 236, Colonel, Infantry, 232d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action. During the attack of the enemy at Gambshain, France on 5 January 1945, Colonel McNamoe was in command of his regiment, two battalions of which, with certain attached troops, were occupying a front of approximately 52 miles and the third battalion of which was being relieved by the French. After organizing the elements of several regiments and attached troops into a task force with which he successfully stopped the enemy attack at Gambshain, and acting upon verbal instructions, details of which did not reach him until later, Colonel McNamoe organized the withdrawal of the troops under his command from positions in contact with the enemy on two fronts with a minimum of loss. His aggressive leadership, forcefulness, and untiring devotion to duty inspired his men to accomplish their missions against overwhelming odds. Entered military service from Illinois.

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William H. Morris, 20 749 045, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, at Schweighausen, France, on discovering that a mortar observer had become a casualty, Staff Sergeant Morris accurately directed mortar fire on the enemy from an exposed position in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. His accurate estimates of the location of enemy groups upon which he directed fire, at times as close as 75 yards from his own position, made it possible for a heavy volume of mortar fire to be laid down, preventing a serious enemy penetration. Entered military service from Faribault, Minnesota.

CHARLES B. THOMAS, 025 411, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, 42nd Infantry Division, for meritorious service in action during the period 18 December 1944 to 28 January 1945. As Assistant G-3 and Liaison Officer of Task Force Linden, Captain Thomas made frequent trips to front line companies under enemy fire in order to obtain essential information for the commanding general. By his aggressiveness, perseverance, and devotion to duty, working long hours without rest or relief, he greatly facilitated the rapid movement and employment of the units of the task force. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

George C. Thompson, 33 363 896, Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Stattenmetten, France, when he and his platoon sergeant were wounded by enemy rifle fire and grenade fragments, Sergeant Thompson disregarded his own wounds and carried his platoon sergeant out of the town to a haystack where they covered themselves with hay until the town was retaken the following day. Entered military service from Butler, Pennsylvania.

Edwin L. Tudor, 38 532 919, Private, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, at Offendorf, France, when the platoon to which he was attached as aid man was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private Tudor crawled into the open field in the face of heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to several wounded soldiers of the platoon. After treating their wounds, he crossed the open area five times in the face of an intense machine gun barrage until he succeeded in dragging his wounded patients to cover. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

GEORGE A. TUTTLE, 026 563, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On the night of 8 January 1945, Lieutenant Tuttle led a combat patrol which located several enemy dugouts and an enemy pillbox. By the use of fragmentation and white phosphorous grenades, Lieutenant Tuttle silenced all enemy activity within the pillbox. Returning to its lines, the patrol was fired on by three enemy snipers and a machine gun. Lieutenant Tuttle crawled up the hill toward the machine gun and, firing upon it with his carbine, put the gun out of action. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

Thomas L. Whitaker, Jr., 38 497 321, Private, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gambshain, France, when the platoon with which he was serving as aid man was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire which caused numerous casualties, Private Whitaker crawled forward over open terrain, and in the face of heavy enemy fire administered first aid to the wounded and evacuated them to places of safety. Entered military service from Alexandria, Louisiana.

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By command of Major General COLLINS:

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