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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:... By direction of the president, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Gordon T. Gibson, 36 582 083, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on April 18 1945, at Furth, Germany. During the attack on Furth, Germany, a direct artillery hit on an ammunition truck set off a series of explosions, wounding several American soldiers. Private Gibson, disregarding his own safety, continued to administer first aid and carry the seriously wounded to shelter until all of the men were evacuated to a position of safety. Then, in the face of the intense enemy barrage, he made his way to the medical aid station and returned with medical aid men and ambulances. Through the heroic actions of Private Gibson the wounded men were safely evacuated to the rear for medical treatment. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

Glenwood R. Grim, 33 289 363, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. When twenty millimeter and small arms fire threatened to halt our advance into Wurzburg, Germany, Private Grim moved his heavy machine gun into an exposed position to bring fire on the enemy guns. With no available cover, he fearlessly maintained a heavy volume of fire despite the intense fire directed at his open position. Private Grim's courage and aggressiveness played a major role in the continued advance of our forces into the city. Entered military service from Dallastown, Pennsylvania.

James C. Healy, 31 449 220, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, near Nurnberg, Germany. During the advance on Nurnberg, Private Healy and a fellow rifleman, upon detecting the enemy in a woods to their front, advanced across an open field toward the enemy positions. Surprised by light mortar and small arms fire, Private Healy crawled forward, while his comrade laid down a base of fire, and threw a hand grenade into the position, killing three men. He and the other soldiers then laid down such a heavy concentration of fire into the woods that the enemy force of thirty men surrendered to them. By Private Healy's courageous action and initiative, his company's right flank was kept secure during the advance. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

Robert C. Heasley, 33 715 164, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, at Gambsheim, France. During the attack on Gambsheim, a radio message was received reporting that one platoon was surrounded in the town and unable to withdraw. Private Heasley, a quarter-ton truck driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle into the town under heavy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, located the stranded men, and made repeated trips back and forth into town until he had evacuated the entire platoon. Private Heasley's remarkable courage and devotion to his fellow soldiers was directly responsible for saving the platoon from certain death or capture. Entered military service from Butler, Pennsylvania.

Victor J. Heinrich, 38 548 406, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I,

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242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 20-24 January 1945, in Haguenau Forest, France. While remaining behind as part of a force covering a battalion withdrawal, Private Heinrich and another man became separated from the main body in the darkness. Finding themselves behind enemy lines at daylight, the two men ignored the possibility of surrender and began to work their way back to friendly lines. Though exposed to bitter cold and possible capture en-route, they made notes of enemy strength, equipment and dispositions. After three days and nights, they finally located their company and reported their intelligence to the commander. Private Heinrich's superior judgment and initiative in obtaining vital information assisted the battalion in preparing its defences so as to repulse an enemy attack which took place a few days later. Entered military service from Schulenburg, Texas.

Thomas A. Hurst, 6 242 470, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945, near Sessenheim, France. During the attack on the city, Corporal Hurst worked ceaselessly under intense mortar, artillery, and small arms fire to assist in the establishment of a collecting point from which to evacuate casualties.

During this action he suffered a wound in the leg, but he refused evacuation until medical attention had been provided for his wounded comrades. Corporal Hurst's courage and disregard for himself contributed materially to the prompt treatment and evacuation of numerous casualties that day. Entered military service from Galveston, Texas.

Robert H. Jennings, 35 608 390, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 January 1945, near Soufflenheim, France. When our forces withdrew to new defensive positions from the Haguenau sector, Private Jennings voluntarily remained behind as part of a covering force. For seven hours he remained in an exposed position under intermittently intense machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, fearlessly assisting in holding back the enemy advances. Upon withdrawing he helped to blow two bridges and establish two roadblocks in the face of the determinedly advancing enemy force. Private Jennings' courage and zealous devotion to duty played a major role in the successful withdrawal of our forces. Entered military service from Barberton, Ohio.

Elmer V. Johnson, 39 409 133, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945, at Weyersheim, France. During the fierce fighting for Weyersheim, France, Private Johnson, Second Battalion ammunition truck driver, was ordered to proceed into the town to deliver vitally needed ammunition to the hard-pressed troops. Driving along a heavily-mined road leading into the town, he was subjected to intense and observed enemy artillery and mortar fire. Despite the fact that shells were bursting all around his truck and that a vehicle twenty-five yards to his front was demolished, he unhesitatingly continued on, unloaded his truck under heavy artillery and mortar fire, and returned over the same route to his company. Through his indomitable courage and devotion to duty, Private Johnson contributed materially to the successful attack. Entered military service from Modesto, California.

Mitchell J. Krajewski, 36 585 784, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 April '45, in Wurzburg, Germany. During the bitter fighting for Wurzburg, Company F was cut off and surrounded by infiltrating enemy forces. When his mortar ammunition was almost exhausted, Private Krajewski made his way through the infiltrating enemy under intense machine gun and sniper fire, found the supply point, and fearlessly returned over the same route with a heavy load of ammunition. Private Krajewski's prompt and courageous action was largely responsible for the successful containing of the sector against the counter-attacking enemy. Entered military service from

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Detroit, Michigan.

Otis D. Leland, 37 575 604, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company A, 122nd Medical Battalion for heroic achievement in action, on 10 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. When time fire from depressed anti-aircraft guns forced personnel and other vehicles to seek cover, Private Leland made six trips through the heavy fire to evacuate casualties. On one occasion he was forced to stop and remove electric wires that had been blown down and were blocking the road before he could continue. His disregard of personal danger and his devotion to duty enabled him to complete the evacuation of the wounded without delay to places of safety. Entered military service from Pingal, North Dakota.

William J. Leslie, 14 130 431, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 11 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During the attack on Schweinfurt, Private Leslie volunteered to serve as a guard for prisoners taken from the embattled city. Accompanying the attacking company, he was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. After engaging in a fierce fire fight which eliminated the resistance, he took charge of the prisoners and moved them to the rear, despite heavy concentrations of artillery fire falling in the area. During the remainder of the day, Private Leslie fearlessly made three trips in and out of the city collecting prisoners, under constant machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire. Entered military service from Durham, North Carolina.

Fred J. McLain, 35 646 810, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 January 1945, near Soufflenheim, France. During the withdrawal of our forces from the Haguenau sector to new defensive positions, Private McLain voluntarily remained behind to provide rear guard protection. For seven hours he remained in an exposed position under intermittently heavy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, holding back enemy advances in the sector. Upon withdrawing he assisted in blowing two bridges and establishing two road blocks in the face of the advancing enemy. Private McLain's indomitable courage and selfless determination played a major role in the successful withdrawal of our forces. Entered military service from Mount Hope, West Virginia.

Richard J. Morgan, 37 571 276, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 27 April 1945, near Ober-Peiching, Germany. While providing flank security for his company near Ober-Peiching, Private Morgan suddenly encountered an enemy machine gun squad in well-dug in positions to the front. He opened fire with his automatic rifle, killing the gunner. A terrific concentration of mortar fire was then directed upon him, but he continued to advance, locating the mortar gunners, killing two and capturing five. Private Morgan's courage and aggressiveness in the face of overwhelming opposition contributed immeasurably to the successful advance of his company. Entered military service from Long Pine, Nebraska.

Elek S. Nagy, 35 518 617, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry, for heroic achievement in action, on 6 March 1945, near Wimmenau, France. While on a reconnaissance patrol, part of Sergeant Nagy's squad was pinned down by an intense concentration of rifle and machine gun fire. He skillfully led a group of his men by fire and maneuver through dense underbrush to within thirty feet of an enemy machine gun nest where he engaged in a fierce fight, inflicting thirteen casualties on the determined force. When forced to withdraw by superior fire power, he led his men back without loss. Sergeant Nagy's aggressiveness and accurate reporting of enemy positions aided materially in the

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formation of plans for the successful attack which followed on 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

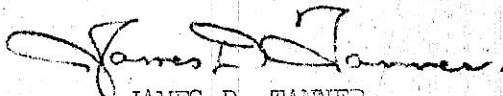
Garnet A. Nicholls, 39 111 674, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. When enemy 20mm and small arms fire threatened to halt our attack on Wurzburg, Germany Private Nicholls moved his heavy machine gun to an exposed position to bring fire on the enemy guns. With no available cover he manipulated and fired his gun under the hail of enemy fire. After forcing the enemy to withdraw, he moved his weapon forward over the open terrain and continued to direct effective fire on the enemy. Private Nicholls' outstanding courage under fire assisted in the destruction of two enemy machine guns, a 20mm cannon, and in the disorderly retreat of enemy forces. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Munzie J. Nigro, 12 148 121, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. While advancing through Wurzburg, Corporal Nigro's platoon was held up by intense and accurate sniper fire. Exposing himself to the heavy fire, he located the positions of several of the snipers, and then went back to his platoon's position. There he obtained an automatic rifle, crawled forward alone under the intense fire, and placed automatic rifle fire on the positions, killing three of the enemy. Corporal Nigro's courageous and aggressive action enabled his platoon to continue forward to the successful accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

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