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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

HENRY COPPOLA, OI 055 815, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "B", 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 24 February 1945, near Wildenguth, France, while in command of a combat patrol, Lieutenant Coppola ascertained the location of two enemy machine guns from a prisoner whom the patrol had captured. Sending one squad against each gun, he effected complete surprise with the result that both guns were put out of action and all gunners killed or captured. When enemy mortars opened fire, Lieutenant Coppola reported their positions and called for artillery fire which quickly silenced the mortars. As a result of his skillful leadership, the patrol returned with only one of its members wounded, having knocked out two machine guns, killed seven Germans, and captured two prisoners. Entered military service from New York, New York.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

BURNS BEALL,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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