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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:

Danforth P. Bearnse, 54 227 570, Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 242d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. On 25 January 1945, at Kaltenhouse, France, Sergeant Bearnse remained at the company command post under heavy enemy artillery fire maintaining vital communications. When all other personnel were required to neutralize an enemy infiltration, Sergeant Bearnse simultaneously operated an SCR 300 radio, an EE-8a telephone, and a sound-powered phone and maintained communications for two other companies as well as his own. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

JACK L. COOK, O 428 967, Captain, Infantry, Company L, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 24 January 1945, near Haguenau, France, Captain Cook was in command of his company when his battalion was attacked by two regiments of the German 10th S. S. Division. By his skillful maneuver and courageous leadership, Captain Cook moved his company across 1300 yards of open ground in the face of heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire, as a result of which it captured forty prisoners, inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy, and restored and reinforced the line which had been temporarily overrun. Entered military service from Salen, Kentucky.

CLARENCE C. DE ROUS, O 453 454, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. On 25 January 1945, near Haguenau, France, Captain De Rous was acting as Battalion S-3 when elements of the German 10th S. S. Division took up a position in a factory building. Constantly exposing himself to enemy small arms and artillery fire, Captain De Rous made a personal reconnaissance to determine enemy strength and dispositions. His careful planning and execution of a counter attack and coordination of supporting fires enabled the battalion to dislodge the enemy from the factory and inflict heavy casualties upon them resulting in their disorganization and preventing them from again attacking our positions. Entered military service from Maxwell, Iowa.

Janos W. Durkoo, 38 436 808, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 24 January 1945, at Schweighausen, France, when a strong enemy force supported by intense mortar and automatic weapons fire surrounded and launched an attack upon his platoon from all sides, Private Durkoo rallied the platoon to the defense. He then set out for the company command post, traveling over four hundred yards under constant mortar barrages and intense enemy machine-gun and small arms fire, to inform the company commander of the situation. As a result of this information a relief force was dispatched which covered the withdrawal of his platoon, saving it from destruction. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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ROBERT W. DYAS, OI 238 027, Captain, Infantry, Company K, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 24 January 1945, near Haguenau, France, Captain Dyas was in command of his company when it was attacked by two enemy spearheads, each consisting of one battalion of infantry from the German 10th S. S. Division. Repeatedly exposing himself to enemy artillery and small arms fire, Captain Dyas maintained personal contact with his platoons and so skillfully employed the elements of his company that the enemy sustained heavy casualties, became disorganized, and was forced to withdraw. Entered military service from Maquoketa, Iowa.

Frank P. Englehouse, Jr., 35 294 634, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. During the nights of 5 and 6 January 1945 while acting as driver for his company commander, Private Englehouse made frequent trips in his $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck between Kilstett and La Wantzenau, France, under enemy mortar and artillery fire, fragments from which hit his vehicle on several occasions. When the radiator was pierced and two tires were punctured during one barrage, Private Englehouse repaired the damage under fire, keeping his vehicle in service throughout the action. Entered military service from Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Roland F. Gruenhagen, 57 089 178, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the month of January 1945, Private Gruenhagen participated in twelve patrols in the vicinity of Cleeburg, France. Although operating over difficult terrain, behind enemy lines, and in exceptionally bad weather, at times in blinding snowstorms, and frequently encountering heavy enemy resistance, by reason of the alertness, skill, and devotion to duty of Private Gruenhagen and the other members, the patrols obtained important information of enemy strength and disposition, captured a number of prisoners, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from Plato, Minnesota.

Claude N. Hopkins, 33 889 023, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the month of January 1945, Private Hopkins participated in twelve patrols in the vicinity of Cleeburg, France. Although operating over difficult terrain, behind enemy lines, and in exceptionally bad weather, at times in blinding snowstorms, and frequently encountering heavy enemy resistance, by reason of the alertness, skill, and devotion to duty of Private Hopkins and the other members, the patrols obtained important information of enemy strength and disposition, captured a number of prisoners, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from Preston, Maryland.

John J. Joniec, 16 114 976, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945, near Hatten, France, Private Joniec was serving as company aid man with his platoon when the Germans laid down an 88mm barrage which wounded one of the members of the platoon. Learning of this, Private Joniec immediately left his foxhole and ran more than twenty-five yards over open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire to the wounded man. After administering first aid, he remained with the man until additional medical aid arrived. Entered military service from Montrose, Michigan.

Charles J. Kolesko, 36 822 214, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the month of January 1945, Sergeant Kolesko participated in twelve patrols in the vicinity of Cleoburg, France. Although operating over difficult terrain, behind enemy lines, and in exceptionally bad weather, at times in blinding snowstorms, and frequently encountering heavy enemy resistance, by reason of the alertness, skill, and devotion to duty of Sergeant Kolesko and the other members, the patrols obtained important information of enemy strength and disposition, captured a number of prisoners, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

Elmer B. Lonzen, 6 939 870, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 252d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945, at Sossenheim, France, Sergeant Lonzen was assistant platoon leader of the A & P Platoon, which was left as part of a holding force in the town after relieving another company. When a superior enemy force attacked and surrounded the town, Sergeant Lonzen took command of half the platoon and skillfully led them back through the enemy lines to his company. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HEWNING LINDEN, 07 009, Brigadier General, United States Army, 42d Infantry Division for meritorious service in sustained operational activities against the enemy from 30 December 1944 to 5 February 1945 inclusive. During the occupation of the Rhine River by Task Force Linden, of which he was in command, General Linden was constantly in the field, personally insuring that the maximum training value would be achieved for his inexperienced Infantrymen. When the enemy made the attack in the Garbsheim - Herrlisheim - Drusenheim sector, General Linden employed his troops in such a manner that the enemy bridgehead was contained. Repeatedly exposing himself to heavy enemy small arms fire and artillery concentrations with utter disregard for his own safety, General Linden was constantly in the sector forward of Battalion Command Posts, encouraging, and advising his officers and men. Operating with a skeleton staff and with troops experiencing combat for the first time, and facing a superior enemy force, his leadership was an inspiration to all officers and men of his command and is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from the University of Minnesota.

Elmer A. Martino, 38 354 911, Private First Class, Infantry, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, near Ingolshain, France, Private Martino was serving as company aid man during the enemy attack when one of the men in the advance element was seriously wounded by small arms fire. In spite of the fact that the wounded man was lying in an exposed position, Private Martino left cover and made his way under intense enemy machine-gun and small arms fire to the wounded man. After administering first aid, he improvised a stretcher and succeeded in getting the wounded man to a place of safety. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Ray G. Moore, 38 700 775, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the month of January 1945, Private Moore participated in twelve patrols in the vicinity of Cleoburg, France. Although operating over difficult terrain, behind enemy lines, and in

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exceptionally bad weather, at times in blinding snowstorms, and frequently encountering heavy enemy resistance, by reason of the alertness, skill, and devotion to duty of Private Moore and the other members, the patrols obtained important information of enemy strength and disposition, captured a number of prisoners, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Ghostor J. Pasok, 56 979 600, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Uhlwiler, France, while serving as ammunition bearer for the support platoon, Private Pasok noticed a wounded soldier unable to crawl to safety from an exposed position. Obtaining permission to go to the wounded man's assistance, Private Pasok left cover and crawled out to him under intense enemy machine-gun fire which was searching the area. Seizing the wounded man under the armpits, he crawled back, pulling the man out of the zone of fire to safety. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Andrew E. Polinski, 33 875 442, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the month of January 1945, Private Polinski participated in twelve patrols in the vicinity of Clooburg, France. Although operating over difficult terrain, behind enemy lines, and in exceptionally bad weather, at times in blinding snowstorms, and frequently encountering heavy enemy resistance, by reason of the alertness, skill, and devotion to duty of Private Polinski and the other members, the patrols obtained important information of enemy strength and disposition, captured a number of prisoners, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Frank Rodriguez, 36 983 285, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. Throughout the engagement on 5 and 6 January 1945, at Kilstott, France, as messenger for his company commander, Private Rodriguez made continuous trips under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire between platoon and company command posts. His courageous acts contributed greatly to the maintenance of contact at a time when all other means of communication had been severed. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Janos R. Rogers, 36 977 810, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Uhlwiler, France, while serving as ammunition bearer for the support platoon, Private Rogers noticed a wounded soldier attempting to crawl to the rear from an exposed position. Obtaining permission to go to the wounded man's assistance, Private Rogers left cover and crawled out to him under intense enemy machine-gun fire which was searching the area. Hooking the sling of his carbine over the wounded man's arm, he crawled back, pulling the man after him out of the zone of fire to safety. Entered military service from Bullitt, Illinois.

EDWIN J. STANLEY, O 555 582, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the period 5 to 7 January 1945, at Kilstott, France, Lieutenant Stanley skillfully reconnoitered for machine gun positions in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire. On one reconnaissance he spent almost two hours under enemy mortar and sniper fire in order to obtain information concerning the location of enemy positions. His

leadership and devotion to duty materially assisted our troops in the accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from Seminole, Texas.

Carl E. Vandine, 38 275 811, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the month of January 1945, Private Vandine participated in twelve patrols in the vicinity of Cleeburg, France. Although operating over difficult terrain, behind enemy lines, and in exceptionally bad weather, at times in blinding snowstorms, and frequently encountering heavy enemy resistance, by reason of the alertness, skill, and devotion to duty of Private Vandine and the other members, the patrols obtained important information of enemy strength and disposition, captured a number of prisoners, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from Cheyenne, Oklahoma.

Joseph V. Tritto, 32 511 221, Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the month of January 1945, Sergeant Tritto participated in twelve patrols in the vicinity of Cleeburg, France. Although operating over difficult terrain, behind enemy lines, and in exceptionally bad weather, at times in blinding snowstorms, and frequently encountering heavy enemy resistance, by reason of the alertness, skill, and devotion to duty of Sergeant Tritto and the other members, the patrols obtained important information of enemy strength and disposition, captured a number of prisoners, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from New Rochelle, New York.

Donald E. Wyman, 37 538 956, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Kilstett, France, while serving as mail clerk and messenger for his company, Corporal Wyman was directed to deliver a message to the leader of a heavy machine gun platoon. Although his company was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Corporal Wyman unhesitatingly made his way across an open field in the face of artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Just before reaching his objective he was wounded by rifle fire but, in spite of his wound, continued on his mission and delivered the message. Entered military service from Leavenworth, Kansas.

Marion L. Madden, 18 249 518, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, at Kilstett, France, while serving as company aid man with a heavy machine gun platoon, Private Madden observed three wounded men from another company lying in an open field 150 yards to his front. Crawling out in the face of heavy enemy 82mm machine gun and small arms fire, he administered first aid to each of them. In spite of intense enemy fire, Private Madden remained in the exposed position with the wounded men for over two hours until darkness set in, when he assisted in their evacuation. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

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