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I. 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:

Garfield J. Anderson, 36 983 775, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, Corps of Engineers, 142nd Engineers Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945 in the Siegfried Line, Germany. While on a road reconnaissance with a small group of soldiers, Private Anderson located several pill-boxes manned by enemy personnel who had been by-passed by the attacking elements. Ignoring the threat of machine guns covering him from the firing embrasures, he approached the first pill-box and climbed atop it. While he was in this position, an enemy soldier emerged and Private Anderson ordered him to call the remaining enemy from the fortification. He repeated the same procedure for two more emplacements, each time moving directly in front of the enemy manned machine guns. By his courage and disregard for personal safety, Private Anderson eliminated a serious threat to the rear elements of our advancing forces. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Hoyt U. Andrew, 6 583 029, Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, at Hatten, France. During the fanatical German attempt to retake Alsace, Private Andrew traveled from Rittershoffen to Hatten, France in order to locate the various companies of his battalion and to determine their supply needs under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Repulsed several times by enemy activity, he succeeded in leaving the town through a deadly hail of artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, returning to Rittershoffen where he personally assisted in loading the necessary supplies and ammunition. As a direct result of Private Andrew's courageous action and unflinching determination, the various units of the battalion were able to meet the attack and to inflict heavy casualties on the determined enemy forces. Entered military service from Bellflower, California.

Carl J. Appel, 32 928 788, Technician Third Grade, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, near Althorn, France. While attached as medical aid man to a platoon of engineers who were clearing enemy mines from the road-net near Althorn, France, Corporal Appel was continually called upon to administer first aid to injured personnel. Where possible he moved his patients out of the direct artillery fire covering the area, but often it was necessary for him to treat the casualties while subjected to the deadly barrage. His disregard of personal safety to attend the wounded was a constant inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from South River, New Jersey.

Carl F. Brandt, 37 621 804, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action, on 21 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. While reconnoitering roads for over

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enemy mines in the vicinity of Ludwigswinkel, Germany, Corporal Brandt and three other men located twenty-four well camouflaged anti-tank mines, each one containing an anti-personnel booby trap. Disregarding sniper fire and heavy artillery falling in the area, he assisted in uncovering, neutralizing, and removing the mines, thus insuring a safe passage for the infantry troops soon to advance through the sector. Corporal Brandt's outstanding courage and expert ability were instrumental in eliminating a threat to the rapid advance of our forces. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Robert M. Campbell, 33 349 736, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company B, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action, on 19 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. When the tank battalion to which Sergeant Campbell was attached was advancing against the vaunted German West Wall, the column was subjected to intense artillery and anti-tank fire and could not move from the road because of heavy mine fields on both sides. Disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant Campbell, with two other men, braved the heavy fire to sweep the road side with mine detectors in an effort to locate a path for the tanks. Through his courageous action and devotion to duty, the tanks were moved through the cleared path in the mine field to a covered position and much valuable equipment was saved. Entered military service from Covington, Virginia.

Henry C. Constantine, 33 892 488, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 May 1945, at Alt-Eiselfing, Germany. Learning where a number of German soldiers were hiding, Private Constantine, armed only with a sub-machine gun, set out to capture the enemy group. Locating their position, he started forward but was met with a deadly hail of fire. He immediately returned the fire and forced one of the soldiers to surrender. Using the German as an emissary, Private Constantine persuaded the remainder of the enemy force to throw down their arms and quit their position. Through his great daring and aggressive actions, Private Constantine singlehandedly captured 11 enemy soldiers. Entered military service from Catonsville, Maryland.

Ralph W. Cutting, 31 374 232, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142nd Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, at Furth, Germany. During the attack on Furth, Germany, an enemy artillery barrage was concentrated on the area occupied by Private Cutting's platoon. When a shell hit his truck loaded with high explosives, setting it on fire, Private Cutting, realizing that his vehicle was dangerously close to a nearby command post, unhesitatingly leaped into his truck and had driven it about 50 yards distance before the explosives, detonating, hurled him clear of the wreckage. Recovering from the concussion of the explosion, he returned to extinguish the burning vehicle. His incomparable courage and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

Theodore C. Dunham, 35 651 985, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During an intense artillery concentration near Schweinfurt, Germany, Company I suffered numerous casualties. Private Dunham, medical aid man with the company, left the safety of his foxhole many times throughout the day to treat the casualties and prepare them for evacuation. Fearlessly braving the murderous enemy fire, he administered first aid to ten of the twenty-one men wounded throughout the day. Private Dunham's courageous action and unselfish determination saved many lives during the day and were an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

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Raymond G. Esplan, 37 600 125, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. Upon returning from delivering prisoners to the rear, Private Esplan found his squad pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Moving to one flank, he advanced into the hail of fire, firing his automatic rifle from the hip, until he was twenty yards from the enemy position. With bullets striking all about him, he then threw two grenades into the emplacement, completely silencing the machine gun and killing the crew. Private Esplan's heroic action enabled his squad to continue to advance and successfully wipe out the remaining enemy positions. Entered military service from Baudette, Minnesota.

Dwane W. Esplin, 39 932 899, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. While Private Esplin's platoon was advancing through the streets of Wurzburg, Germany, it was suddenly pinned down by intense enemy sniper fire. Private Esplin unhesitatingly crept into an exposed position in order to place fire on the snipers, pinning them down and allowing his platoon to seek cover. Remaining in the exposed position under deadly fire, he continued to fire on the snipers until elements of his platoon maneuvered around the building and eliminated the enemy. As a result of his courageous action, thirteen enemy snipers were killed without a casualty to his platoon. Entered military service from St. George, Utah.

Lenert C. Foehner, 38 549 928, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, near Ettleben, Germany. When the platoon to which Private Foehner's machine gun section was attached was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, he took a light machine gun and advanced through the heavy barrage to a position from which he could direct effective fire on the enemy. Fearlessly exposing himself, he remained at his weapon until the enemy positions had been eliminated. Private Foehner's courageous action enabled the platoon to continue its successful advance into the town of Ettleben, Germany. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Monroe Gray, 18 013 410, Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 11 April 1945, near Helmittsheim, Germany. While Sergeant Gray was on guard for his heavy machine gun platoon near Helmittsheim, Germany, an enemy patrol armed with automatic weapons and hand grenades attempted to infiltrate our lines. Allowing the patrol to advance within fifteen yards of his position before opening fire, he directed such a heavy volume of fire on the enemy that two were killed, one wounded, and the remainder forced to flee in disorder. Sergeant Gray's alertness and courageous action completely repulsed an enemy attempt to penetrate our positions. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Albert L. Hill Jr., 34 827 021, Technician Fourth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action, on 21 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. While reconnoitering roads for enemy mines in the vicinity of Ludwigswinkel, Germany, Sergeant Hill and three other men located twenty-four well camouflaged anti-tank mines, each one containing an anti-personnel booby trap. Disregarding sniper fire and heavy artillery falling in the area, he assisted in uncovering, neutralizing, and removing the mines, thus insuring a safe passage for the infantry troops soon to advance through the sector. Sergeant Hill's outstanding courage and expert ability were instrumental in eliminating a threat to the rapid advance of our forces. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

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Carlton O. Johnson, 35 146 974, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, near Dittelbrunn, Germany. During the fighting near Dittelbrunn, Germany, an infiltrating enemy patrol attacked the positions of Private Johnson's mortar platoon. Immediately securing an automatic rifle from a nearby vehicle, he advanced through the intense machine gun and small arms fire to a position of the flank of the platoon. He then directed such deadly fire on the approaching enemy that one was killed and the remainder forced to flee in disorder. Private Johnson's prompt and courageous action in the face of superior odds eliminated a serious threat to the members of his section and to our rear security. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Harley J. Maloney, 31 380 837, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company B, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. When the tank battalion to which Sergeant Maloney was attached was advancing against the Siegfried Line, the column was subjected to intense artillery and anti-tank fire and could not move from the road because of heavy mine fields on both sides. Disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant Maloney, with two other men, braved the heavy fire to sweep the road side with mine detectors in an effort to locate a path for the tanks. Through his courageous action and devotion to duty, the tanks were moved through the cleared path in the minefield to a covered position. Entered military service from East Hartford, Connecticut.

Robert Mizzi, 32 820 791, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Kilstett, France. During the determined enemy attempt to break through our lines at Kilstett, France, Private Mizzi proceeded 100 yards under an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire to attempt to repair one of his platoon's machine guns. Braving the murderous fire, he reached the gun emplacement and assisted the gunner in correcting the stoppage. Then, under increasingly intense fire, he remained at the gun position supplying ammunition to the gunner until the enemy force had been driven back. Private Mizzi's courageous action and selfless determination enabled his Company to withdraw successfully to new positions. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Gerald S. Otis, 32 937 579, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 21 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. While reconnoitering roads for enemy mines in the vicinity of Ludwigswinkel, Germany, Private Otis and three other men located twenty-four well camouflaged anti-tank mines, each one containing an anti-personnel booby trap. Disregarding sniper fire and heavy artillery falling in the area, he assisted in uncovering, neutralizing, and removing the mines, thus insuring a safe passage for the infantry troops soon to advance through the sector. Private Otis' outstanding courage and expert ability were instrumental in eliminating a threat to the rapid advance of our forces. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Willfred J. Rabidoux, 31 339 978, Corporal, Infantry, Company K, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, near Althorn, France. During his company's attack on strongly defended positions in the Harde Mountains, Corporal Rabidoux, although suffering from a painful leg wound, was able to pick out one of the enemy positions. Under covering fire he advanced on the enemy emplacement, fearlessly facing the withering fire, to force the surrender of three enemy soldiers whose accurate fire had seriously been impeding the attack. Corporal Rabidoux intrepidity at the risk of his life while wounded eliminated a serious threat to the continued advance of our forces through the Harde Mountains.



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Entered military service from Winooski, Vermont.

Frank A. Raney, 39 934 638, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 7 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. As first scout for a reconnaissance patrol near Lichtenberg, France, Private Raney observed an enemy machine gun position seventy-five yards to the front. The enemy suddenly opened fire, directing such an intense volume of fire at the patrol, that it was forced to withdraw. Remaining behind to cover the withdrawal, Private Raney killed one machine gunner and partially silenced the fire of several others with his rifle. As a result of his courageous action and devotion to his comrades, the patrol was able to withdraw successfully without a casualty. Entered military service from Weiser, Idaho.

Stonewall J. Sprouse, 34 865 460, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, at Furth, Germany. While halted temporarily in Furth, Germany, awaiting the results of a forward reconnaissance mission, Private Sprouse's truck received a direct hit from enemy artillery, setting it on fire. Realizing the vehicle was loaded with high explosives, Private Sprouse, although painfully wounded, braved the continuous shelling to rescue a wounded man from the truck and carry him to safety. He then returned to assist in extinguishing the burning truck. After he had rendered all assistance possible he had his own injuries treated and was evacuated to the rear. Through his indomitable courage and heroic devotion to duty, Private Sprouse undoubtedly saved the life of a wounded comrade. Entered military service from Charleston, South Carolina.

Thomas F. Tracy, 31 016 156, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 24 January 1945, near Neuberg, France. While carrying men and equipment to a position in front of our main line of resistance to lay a mine field, Private Tracy's truck came under intense mortar and small arms fire. Although given the opportunity to withdraw, he remained in the area to load his vehicle with casualties to be evacuated. On the following night, again in front of our lines, he evacuated seriously wounded men from under a heavy artillery concentration. In addition to this mission, he also delivered vitally needed ammunition to a rifle company during the night and aided in repelling an enemy attempt to break through our lines. Private Tracy's courageous perseverance and unflinching determination contributed materially to the successful conclusion of the action in this sector. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Don H. Weddington, 35 079 970, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, at Furth, Germany. While halted temporarily in Furth, Germany, awaiting the results of a reconnaissance mission, Private Weddington's truck received a direct hit from enemy artillery, setting it on fire. Realizing the vehicle was loaded with high explosives, Private Weddington, with utter disregard for his own safety, braved the continuous shelling to rescue a wounded man from the truck and carry him to safety. He then returned to assist in extinguishing the burning truck. Through his indomitable courage and heroic devotion to duty, Private Weddington undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded comrade. Entered military service from Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Stuart E. Worden, 16 157 726, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 April 1945, near Emingersdorf, Germany. When the Ranger Platoon for which Private Worden was a radio operator came under intense machine gun and rifle fire while crossing an open field, he advanced in the face of the fire to a position of cover in order

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to communicate with Battalion Headquarters. Finding that transmission was impossible from this position, he braved the heavy fire once more to reach high ground where the radio would function. He then reported the situation and obtained the aid of a platoon of tanks, remaining exposed throughout the transmission to the increasingly intense fire. Private Worden's courageous action and unflinching determination saved his entire platoon from possible death or injury. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Michael J. Wozniak, 33 400 518, Staff Sergeant, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 January 1945, near Schweighausen, France. While directing litter squads in the evacuation of casualties near Schweighausen, France, Sergeant Wozniak learned that there was a seriously wounded man far forward of our positions. He proceeded under intense mortar fire and fearlessly directed a litter squad in treating and evacuating the injured infantryman. Sergeant Wozniak's courageous determination in the face of heavy fire saved the wounded man from further injury or possible death and was an inspiration to the men in his command. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:— By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following.

John H. Sterthaus, 34 789 766, Technician Fourth Grade, (then Private First Class), Corps of Engineers, Company B, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, near Obbach, Germany. While engaged in a road reconnaissance, the jeep in which Private Sterthaus was riding with three others struck a mine, knocking him unconscious. The driver was killed immediately and the other two occupants were so seriously injured that they were unable to raise themselves from the ground. Upon regaining consciousness, Private Sterthaus, despite a broken rib and severe lacerations of the face and chest, crawled through the minefield and walked and crawled to the nearest medical aid station three-quarters of a mile away to summon aid for the others. His complete disregard for personal safety and indomitable courage enabled medical aid to be promptly administered to his injured comrades and undoubtedly saved their lives. Entered military service from Daytona Beach, Florida.

III. AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:— By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Harold F. McGehee, 38 471 110, Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, near Wildengruth, France. While leading a large combat patrol whose mission was to destroy an enemy machine gun emplacement near Wildengruth, France, Private McGehee displayed exceptional leadership and ingenuity. Deploying a part of his group, he crept close to the position with the remainder of the patrol and laid charges on it without being detected by the enemy. After the explosion, a sharp fire fight occurred in which numerous casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Ascertaining that the destruction was complete, he reassembled his patrol under artillery fire and led it to the safety of our lines without a single

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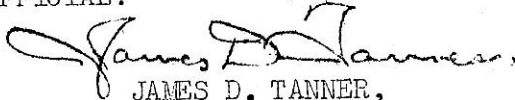
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casualty. Private McGehee's outstanding courage and resourcefulness contributed materially to the rapid accomplishment of the dangerous mission and the safe return of his men. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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