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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:

Richard W. Albertson, 36 725 412, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945, near Schweighausen, France. When his mortar squad was surrounded by the enemy during the attack against our Moder River Line, Private Albertson made his way through deadly mortar and artillery fire to report the critical situation to his Company Commander. Returning through the enemy infested territory with vitally-needed ammunition, he assisted in defending his precarious position until ordered to withdraw. While effecting the withdrawal, he was seriously wounded as he assisted the wounded men of his squad in making their way to friendly lines. Through his indomitable courage and heroic determination, Private Albertson contributed greatly to the successful defense of Alsace. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Marvin H. Aull, 34 842 240, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, in the Hardt Mountains, France. While acting as night operator for a radio relay station located near his battalion's position in the Hardt Mountains, Sergeant Aull heard someone approaching his foxhole. Calling out a challenge, he hurled a grenade toward the area of the disturbance when he was not answered. Moving forward, he single-handedly captured a seven-man enemy patrol and returned with them to his relay station where he notified the Battalion Intelligence Officer of his activities. Upon questioning the captured soldiers, it was learned that they were members of a reconnaissance patrol which was reconnoitering our lines before launching a counter-attack the following morning. Through his great daring and unflinching devotion to duty, Sergeant Aull made an effective contribution to our successful campaign through the Hardt Mountains. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

John V. N. Barker, 14 131 024, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. During his company's attack on the hills surrounding Wurzburg, Germany, Sergeant Barker noticed one of his comrades lying wounded and exposed to intense flak and machine gun fire. With absolute disregard for his personal safety, he advanced through the murderous fire to the side of the injured man and carried him across seventy-five yards of open terrain to a position from which he could be evacuated to the rear. Sergeant Barker's exceptional courage and devotion to his comrade undoubtedly saved the wounded man from further injury or possible death. Entered military service from West Hartford, Connecticut.

William T. Bode, 33 882 434, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, at Echarthausen, Germany. Approaching the town of Echarthausen, Germany in an attempt to persuade the burgoemeister to surrender the town, Private Bode was fired upon by a large group of enemy soldiers. Promptly returning the fire, he wounded five Germans and killed three, forcing the remainder to seek cover

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from his deadly fire. He then seized a German civilian who directed him to the burseomeister's house, where he issued instructions for surrendering. Returning to the Company Command Post, he organized a patrol and led it into the town, capturing it without firing a shot. Private Bode's exceptional courage and aggressiveness in the face of overwhelming odds enabled his company to continue its successful advance without casualty. Entered military service from Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

John W. Boykin, 38 336 856, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, at Hatten, France. When intense enemy fire severed wire communications between the Battalion Command Post and the line companies savagely resisting fanatical enemy attacks at Hatten, France, Private Boykin unhesitatingly volunteered to restore the vital wire lines. Completely exposing himself to murderous artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, he remained in the open until all lines had been repaired. Finally, when all communications were destroyed, he took up a post as a rifleman and assisted to repel the enemy. Private Boykin's outstanding courage and unflinching determination contributed materially to the eventual repulse of the fiercely attacking enemy forces. Entered military service from Bastrop, Louisiana.

Virgil N. Christensen, 37 467 199, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. When the lead scout of his platoon was wounded during the bitter fighting in Wurzburg, Germany, Sergeant Christensen deployed the members of his squad and ordered them to lay down a base of fire. Moving through heavy machine gun fire, he made his way to the injured soldier and carried him to a position of comparative safety from where he was evacuated to the rear for medical treatment. Through his great daring and heroic action, Sergeant Christensen saved the life of a wounded comrade. Entered military service from Parker, South Dakota.

Gerald F. Christie, 37 198 076, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 March 1945, at Wingen, France. While on a reconnaissance patrol deep into enemy territory, Sergeant Christie observed that one of his men had been seriously wounded in the foot after stepping on an Enemy Shu-mine. Completely disregarding his personal safety, he assisted two other soldiers to carry the man back to our lines as the enemy opened fire with machine guns and rifles. Braving the deadly fire, he continued across open terrain until the injured man had been safely evacuated to the rear for medical treatment. Sergeant Christie's courageous action and unswerving devotion to duty undoubtedly saved his wounded comrade from further injury or possible death. Entered military service from Atlantic, Iowa.

Ewing Daily, 35 067 297, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 April 1945, near Unterbach, Germany. While leading his platoon in an attack on enemy positions near Unterbach, Germany, Sergeant Daily was severely wounded in the leg by mortar fragments. Despite his wound, he continued to advance through the intense artillery and mortar barrage, directing the fire of his men on groups of fleeing enemy soldiers. Upon learning that three of his comrades were wounded, he relinquished command of the platoon to a section sergeant. After securing aid for the wounded men, he finally consented to his own evacuation. Sergeant Daily's courageous actions and unswerving devotion to duty played a major role in the successful completion of the attack. Entered military service from Warren, Ohio.

Joseph J. Darby, 11 033 535, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry,



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Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 February 1945, near Wingen, France. When his combat patrol was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire while approaching the enemy main line of resistance near Wingen, France, Private Darby volunteered to attack the hostile emplacement. Moving forward under the covering fire of his comrades, he stormed the intrenched enemy, killing five Germans before he was forced to withdraw to friendly lines. Through his great daring and heroic determination, Private Darby enabled the patrol to successfully complete its mission. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

Frank R. Dearing, 33 663 963, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, near Würzburg, Germany. When his squad was pinned down during the heavy fighting on the outskirts of Würzburg, Germany, Private Dearing, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward in an attack on an enemy machine gun. Storming the hostile position, he knocked out the machine gun nest and killed four riflemen acting as security for the emplacement. Through his great daring and heroic action, Private Dearing enabled his squad to continue its attack. Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

Nicholas J. Dragone, 31 140 680, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, at Würzburg, Germany. During the fighting through the fire-swept streets of Würzburg, Sergeant Dragone was sent to locate a platoon of tank destroyers and guide them to his battalion's positions. Making his way through the narrow streets, he was fired upon from the cellar of a nearby building. Crawling forward, he hurled two grenades through the cellar window, killing two enemy soldiers and wounding another. He then continued on his mission. Through his indomitable courage and aggressive determination, Sergeant Dragone eliminated a threat to our occupying forces. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Leroy Evans, 18 047 118, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, at Würzburg, Germany. When the enemy concentrated direct artillery fire upon his machine gun position, wounding three members of his squad, Private Evans continued his deadly fire and was successful in disabling a 75mm self-propelled gun. He then accompanied the attacking riflemen in their forced crossing of the Main River, inflicting heavy casualties upon the defending enemy with his accurate machine gun fire. Through his great daring and heroic determination, Private Evans contributed immeasurably to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Würzburg. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Arthur L. Hall, 19 067 679, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 March 1945, near Wildenguth, France. While occupying an observation post along our main line of resistance, Private Hall observed the approach of a strong enemy combat patrol and unhesitatingly set out to warn the remainder of his company. Despite intense fire directed at him by the enemy, he tenaciously continued to make his way to the Company Command Post with the vital information, returning shortly with his comrades to assist in repulsing the approaching enemy. Private Hall's alertness and courageous determination eliminated a serious threat to the security of our main line of resistance. Entered military service from Newport Beach, California.

Carl E. Hammack, 35 706 021, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in Arnstein, Germany. During the fierce fighting for the town of Arnstein,

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Germany, Private Hammack took command of a litter squad and led his men through the fire-swept streets to evacuate several casualties. Fearlessly exposing himself to intense machine gun and small arms fire, he administered first aid to the wounded and then directed their evacuation to the rear for more extensive medical treatment. By Private Hammack's outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty many injured infantrymen were saved from further injury or possible death. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

ARTHUR N. INNES JR., 02 025 550, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 April 1945, near Dachau, Germany. During the attack on the infamous concentration camp at Dachau, Germany, heavy enemy machine gun fire from fanatical SS troopers forced our attacking column to halt and seek cover. Hearing a call for help, Sergeant Innes and another soldier fearlessly entered the impact area of the deadly fire, and, making three round trips, carried their wounded comrades to safety. Through his indomitable courage and heroic devotion to duty, Sergeant Innes assisted in saving the lives of six wounded comrades. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Howard S. Insinger, 33 772 040, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9-10 January 1945, at Hatten, France. When communication between his company and the Battalion Command Post was lost during the fanatical German attack against Hatten, France, Private Insinger braved withering artillery and mortar fire to deliver vital instructions and information between the two headquarters, making numerous trips until his company's positions were completely overrun. He then joined forces with other soldiers to help repel attacks against the Battalion Headquarters. Despite direct fire on his position from tanks and artillery, he refused to leave until a superior enemy force infiltrated our lines. Private Insinger's outstanding courage and aggressive determination played a major role in the eventual repulse of the determinedly attacking enemy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Garnett Jones, 36 684 390, Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, near Gambenheim, France. During the attack against Gambenheim, France, Sergeant Jones continually exposed himself to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire while leading his heavy machine gun squad in support of rifle troops advancing against the town. Setting up his machine gun in a completely exposed position, he sent the remainder of the squad to cover and manned the gun alone. When the rifle troops were forced to withdraw in the face of overwhelming enemy strength and firepower, he provided covering fire until they were out of range of enemy action. Sergeant Jones' display of outstanding courage and leadership was an inspiration to his comrades and contributed immeasurably to the success of the operations in this sector. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

Odell M. Lorts, 17 160 212, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945, near Wingen, France. When his combat patrol was pinned down by deadly machine gun fire from the enemy's main line of resistance, Private Lorts, with utter disregard for his own safety, voluntarily moved forward. Crawling through the withering barrage, he made his way to a vantage point and opened fire with his rocket launcher, knocking out the German emplacements with two rounds. Through his great daring and selfless determination, Private Lorts enabled the patrol to successfully complete its mission. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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Ray W. McDonald, 31 349 871, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 30 April 1945, near Dachau, Germany. During the attack on the infamous concentration camp at Dachau, Germany, heavy enemy machine gun fire from fanatical SS troopers forced our mechanized column to halt and seek cover. Hearing a call for help, Sergeant McDonald and another soldier fearlessly entered the impact area of the deadly fire, and, making three round trips, carried their wounded comrades to safety. Through his indomitable courage and heroic devotion to duty, Sergeant McDonald assisted in saving the lives of six wounded comrades. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

Juan M. Medrano, 38 680 652, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. While advancing through the fire-swept streets of Wurzburg, Germany, Private Medrano and another soldier took up positions forward of their platoon to knock out an enemy tank reported in the vicinity. As the tank passed his position, the bazooka man fired on it, forcing the tank crew to abandon the vehicle. Private Medrano then concentrated rifle fire on them before they could escape. By his outstanding courage and prompt action, he eliminated a serious threat to the successful advance of our forces through the city. Entered military service from Brownsville, Texas.

Alden C. Moyer, 33 190 361, First Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company I, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. While attempting to contact supporting tank units during the attack against Schweinfurt, Germany, Sergeant Moyer remained in an exposed position under intense artillery fire in order to insure the maximum in radio transmission. Unable to make contact by radio, he proceeded through the deadly fire and returned with the tanks to the position at which they were needed. He then assisted in the evacuation of wounded and organized a group to bring up water and rations from the rear. Sergeant Moyer's courageous actions and unswerving devotion to duty throughout the day contributed materially to the successful completion of his company's advance against the well-defended city. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Joseph R. Nowacki, 6 915 114, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. When the combat patrol of which Private Nowacki was a member was approaching the heavily-defended positions on Hill 415 near Lichtenberg, France, it was met with devastating cross fire from enemy machine guns. Moving forward through the deadly fire, Private Nowacki made his way to the rear of one of the enemy positions and silenced it with a grenade, permitting the remainder of the patrol to outflank the other emplacements. By his outstanding courage and aggressive determination, Private Nowacki played a major role in the successful completion of the patrol's mission. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Edward L. O'Dette, 31 304 557, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company F, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 January 1945, near Schweighausen, France. When his reconnaissance patrol was pinned down by an enemy machine gun near Schweighausen, France, Sergeant O'Dette, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward in an attempt to silence the hostile gun. Crawling and tunnelling through the deep snow, he advanced 75 yards through the deadly concentration of fire and stormed the German emplacement, killing the two crew members. He then led his patrol to friendly lines and reported to his Battalion Commander the vital information he had gained of enemy strength and deployment. Through his great daring and heroic determination Sergeant O'Dette contributed

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immeasurably to the defeat of a fanatical enemy attempt to recapture Alsace. Entered military service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

George M. Orr, 33 465 628, Private, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. When Private Orr's combat patrol was fired upon by an enemy sniper near Lichtenberg, France, he and another man unhesitatingly advanced in the face of the deadly fire to eliminate the sniper. Wounded seriously in the leg by the accurate fire, he continued to move forward, firing steadily until the sniper was killed. Private Orr's outstanding courage and aggressiveness enabled the patrol to continue its advance and complete its mission. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Peter A. Plepel, 36 323 213, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945, near Darnstein, France. During the advance of Company I near Darnstein, France, Private Plepel's rifle platoon was given the mission of neutralizing several enemy machine gun positions holding up the company advance. Crawling to the flank of one of the emplacements, he approached in the face of deadly machine gun fire and threw a hand grenade among the crew, killing several and silencing the gun. As he attempted to eliminate the next position, he was seriously wounded in the legs before he could complete his mission. Private Plepel's outstanding courage and unswerving determination contributed materially to the successful advance of his company through this dangerous sector. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Arlan H. Sutton, 38 641 091, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. While advancing through the fire-swept streets of Wurzburg, Germany, Private Sutton, a bazooka man, and another soldier took up positions forward of their platoon to knock out an enemy tank reported in the vicinity. As the tank passed his position, he fired on it, forcing the tank crew to abandon the vehicle. While his comrade opened fire on enemy infantry following the tank, Private Sutton followed the tank crew and captured the entire group in a nearby building. By his outstanding courage and prompt action, he eliminated a serious threat to the successful advance of our forces through the city. Entered military service from Wills Point, Texas.

Charles W. Volkert Jr., 33 622 626, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, at Schweinfurt, Germany. During the advance of our forces into the heavily defended town of Schweinfurt, Germany, Private Volkert was caught in a vicious machine gun cross-fire from concealed enemy positions. Fearlessly braving the deadly fire, he continued to advance to a position from which he fired rifle grenades into one of the enemy emplacements, silencing it. He then crawled toward the second weapon and silenced it by throwing a hand grenade among the crew. Private Volkert's indomitable courage and aggressive determination played a major role in clearing a path for his company's advance into the city. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

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