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Award of the Soldier's Medal I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal II

I. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:---By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

James E. Jacobs, 33 080 933, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 5 September 1945, at Krimml, Austria. When a kitchen stove exploded and covered a nearby soldier with flaming gasoline, Sergeant Jacobs, with complete disregard for his personal safety, immediately covered his comrade with mattress covers and extinguished the flames. Then, putting out the fire raging about the burning stove, he rushed the burned man to the medical aid station for medical treatment. By his prompt and heroic action, Sergeant Jacobs saved a fellow soldier from serious injury or possible death. Entered military service from West Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

Carl O. Kurfees, 42 007 002, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 20 August 1945, in Krimml, Austria. Corporal Kurfees displayed exceptional courage and ability on this date in recovering a drowning child from a nearby swimming pool and reviving the small boy by artificial respiration. Summoned to the pool by a civilian, he unhesitatingly plunged into the water, pulled the child to safety, and promptly began artificial respiration. Laboring for forty minutes without rest, he succeeded in restoring consciousness to the almost lifeless body. By his courageous action and unswerving determination, Corporal Kurfees saved the child's life. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

Giltner R. LaMaster, 38 346 351, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 13 May 1945, near Mittersill, Austria. When ammunition being carried in the caisson attached to one of the trucks of a battalion motor column exploded, Corporal LaMaster immediately proceeded to the furiously blazing vehicle and assisted in unhitching the trailer and moving it from the high explosives on the truck. Despite the danger from exploding hand grenades and small arms ammunition, he climbed into the truck and threw the blazing boxes of ammunition to the ground where they were extinguished by his comrades. Corporal LaMaster's prompt and courageous action contributed materially to saving the truck and ammunition, and undoubtedly prevented a more serious explosion which would have endangered the lives of the men in the convoy. Entered military service from Lubbock, Texas.

Thomas M. Lambros, 36 733 337, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 13 May 1945, near Mittersill, Austria. When ammunition being carried in the caisson attached to one of the trucks of a battalion motor column exploded, Private Lambros immediately

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proceeded to the furiously blazing truck and assisted in unhitching the trailer and moving it from the vicinity of the high explosives on the vehicle. Despite the danger from exploding hand grenades and small arms ammunition, he climbed into the truck and threw several blazing boxes of ammunition to the ground where they were extinguished by his comrades. Private Lombros' prompt and courageous action contributed materially to saving the truck, and undoubtedly prevented a more serious explosion which would have endangered the lives of the men in the convoy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM F. RYAN, 019 142, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving conflict with an enemy on 13 May 1945, near Mittersill, Austria. When part of a load of ammunition exploded in a caisson behind one of the vehicles in Colonel Ryan's motor column, he promptly dismounted from his jeep and proceeded at once to the burning truck. Despite exploding grenades and small arms ammunition, he assisted to unhitch the blazing trailer and to move it from the ammunition truck. Then seizing an axe, Colonel Ryan fearlessly approached the burning boxes and proceeded to chop the flaming cases from the howitzer ammunition in order to prevent the fire from reaching the high explosives. Colonel Ryan's prompt and highly courageous action aided materially in saving the truck and ammunition, and prevented a serious explosion which would have endangered the lives of many of his men. Entered military service from New York; New York.

Eugene F. Townsend, 42 166 872, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 1 October 1945, near Abtenau, Austria. While Private Townsend and his assistant driver were on a road near Abtenau, Austria, the quarter-ton truck he was driving struck a soft spot, overturned, and rolled down an embankment into a stream, throwing the assistant driver into the swift current in an unconscious condition. Despite the severe injuries he had received, Private Townsend leapt into the water and, after a seventy-yard struggle against its strong flow, succeeded in pulling his comrade onto the surface of a large rock in midstream, where he immediately proceeded to give artificial respiration until aid arrived. Private Townsend's heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Clinton, New York.

David Weyland, 42 004 205, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 30 September 1945, near Vaglau, Austria. While passing a lumber mill near Vaglau, Austria, Sergeant Weyland and a comrade observed that the building was on fire. Calling to the civilian workers to assist, he and the other soldier removed the fire extinguisher from their truck and took nearby civilian fire fighting equipment to fight the fire. Then, at the risk of his life, Sergeant Weyland climbed to the roof of the building and worked in the midst of smoke and flames until the fire was extinguished. During the fire, when one of the civilians assisting him slipped on the wet roof, his prompt action saved the man from certain death. Sergeant Weyland's prompt and courageous action saved valuable property from destruction and reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Samuel N. Willner, 42 007 043, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 30 September 1945, near Vaglau, Austria. While passing a lumber mill near Vaglau, Austria, Sergeant Willner and a comrade observed that the building was on fire. Calling to the civilian workers to assist, he and the other soldier took the fire extinguisher from their truck and other civilian fire fighting equipment and unhesitatingly set to work to extinguish the rapidly spreading blaze.

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Then, at the risk of his life, Sergeant Willner mounted to the roof of the building and worked amidst the smoke and flames until the fire was extinguished. During the fire, when one of the civilians assisting him slipped on the wet roof, his prompt action saved the man from certain death. Sergeant Willner's prompt and courageous action saved valuable property from destruction and reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Rosella, New Jersey.

II. 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 for meritorious achievement in action:

RALPH M. ALLEN, 02 010 766, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 8 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Novice, Texas.

George A. Persin, 12 144 147, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 25 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Ralph E. Boedewig, 36 981 002, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 26 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Aurora, Illinois.

Donald L. Carlon, 33 694 177, Corporal (then Private First Class), Infantry Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 25 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Robert P. Cotton, 39 598 465, Private First Class, Infantry, Antitank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 24 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from South Gate, California.

Cecil L. Countryman, 37 446 757, Sergeant, Infantry, Company F, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 29 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Orie H. Daniel, 33 627 246, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 17 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

Richard F. Dunbar, 12 141 057, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 9 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Robert B. Ervin, 37 341 688, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Basil Floriani, 33 835 150, Corporal (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 24 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

Ernest C. Frye, 39 219 476, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Kent, Washington.

Hubert H. Game, 39 116 871, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 7 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Ralph N. Grimm, 33 554 135, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 29 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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Earl E. Huyett, 33 939 634, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 27 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Henry D. Johnson, 34 990 657, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Smithville, Tennessee.

Jacob I. Koon, 44 025 166, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 3 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Irmo, South Carolina.

Richard J. Mackey, 35 931 248, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 3 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert M. Marsden, 36 114 113, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Antitank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 15 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Algonac, Michigan.

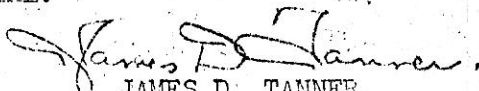
William H. Mullen, 33 130 170, First Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 25-26 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Louis A. Rondinaro, 32 939 493, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 4 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Watkins Glen, New York.

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