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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

FOREST E. ADAMS, 01178677, Second Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in ~~Italy~~. Aware that he could not direct artillery fire on an enemy gun position from the point where he had established his observation post, Lieutenant Adams, forewarned of the danger of his mission, voluntarily moved out to the forward slope of a hill beyond the infantry outpost and in full view of the enemy. From this vantage point he began giving fire orders, directing the adjustments over an infantry wire connected with the artillery radio. While observing the bursts and making corrections on his original adjustment, the gun on which he was firing started shelling his position. Heedless of personal safety, he calmly continued to refine his adjustment until it was satisfactory. Entered the Service from Janesville, Wisconsin.

CURTIS D. HAIL, 20808615, First Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in ~~Italy~~. In the assault on furiously defended enemy positions near a vital town, hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire inflicted many casualties on the attacking troops. Considering aid to his wounded comrades as more important than assurance of personal safety, Sergeant Hail voluntarily left the comparative security of the company command post and assisted in evacuating five casualties. While moving across the shell blasted area in performing this deed, he was severely wounded in his left arm. Disdaining evacuation and ignoring the painful wound, he continued his work with extraordinary calmness and efficiency until, after two days, he was ordered to the aid station by his commanding officer. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

FRANKLIN E. TANNER, 20815027, First Sergeant, Battery C, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 19 January 1944 in ~~Italy~~. During a heavy enemy barrage of his battery's position, Sergeant Tanner courageously left a position of cover to go to the assistance of the medical aid men among the casualties which were being sustained. Calmly administering first aid to a wounded soldier whom he found during his search of the area, he carried him through the increasingly heavy fire to a place of safety from which he was later evacuated. Resuming his loyal help to his men, Sergeant Tanner successfully completed a careful check of the battery and made possible prompt medical care to all of his wounded comrades. Entered the Service from Weatherford, Texas.

JOEL D. GOODE, JR., 20801464, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 December 1943 in ~~Italy~~. Fully aware of the dangers involved, Sergeant Goode volunteered to lead a daylight patrol into enemy territory to draw enemy fire and thus locate their gun emplacement. He advanced with two other patrol members past the infantry outposts under enemy observation, and, when a machine gun opened fire on them, he ordered his men to withdraw as he had been instructed. They had gone only a few yards when one of the men was severely wounded. Disregarding personal safety, Sergeant Goode stopped to render

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quick, efficient first aid to the wounded man. In so doing, he himself was wounded; but he mustered enough strength to support his comrade and guide him back to the safety of the friendly lines. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN V. BARNES, 20809659, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in Italy. In an attack on strongly fortified enemy positions across a strategic river, the assaulting forces were stopped by heavy enemy fire. When continuous artillery and mortar concentrations and intense machine gun fire threatened to disorganize and confuse the men, Sergeant Barnes, acting sergeant of a machine gun platoon, organized those men who were near him and led them across the river. He and his companions were among the few who successfully made the crossing and stormed enemy positions on the opposite bank. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

EDWIN H. MERRITT, 20814663, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 and 16 December 1943 in Italy. As a member of a liaison section, Sergeant Merritt, aware that radio communications were erratic because of unfavorable weather and terrain, and that telephone lines were constantly broken, determined to establish dependable communications with his artillery battalion. He began climbing to the top of the mountain where he knew his transmissions would not be masked by hill masses, and, though often forced by the intense mortar shelling to seek cover, he dauntlessly continued up the precipitous mountain trail with his bulky equipment. Reaching a satisfactory spot, Sergeant Merritt successfully maintained communications with the artillery until the end of the action. Entered the Service from Bonham, Texas.

FREDERICK (NMI) CABRAL, 32406694, Corporal (then Private), Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in Italy. When his mortar platoon ran out of ammunition during the bitterly fought establishment of a beachhead, Private Cabral daringly risked the heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which was sweeping the area in an attempt to secure more ammunition. Returning to the shore, he discovered an abandoned truck loaded with all types of ammunition but plainly exposed to the observation and artillery fire of the enemy. With magnificent courage, Private Cabral drove through the intense barrage; and although the vehicle received several hits, he successfully delivered not only the mortar shells but the other ammunition at strategic points along the line. Entered the Service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

ENRIQUE E. ANDOW, 38439343, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in Italy. Assigned to set up wire communications behind the assault units during the bitterly contested crossing of a treacherous river, Tec 5 Andow voluntarily accompanied the forward elements across the treacherous waters under intense artillery, mortar, nebelwerfer and machine gun fire. Carrying the vital wire line with him over heavily mined terrain and constantly exposed to the sweeping barrage, he established communications to the most forward positions. Repeatedly the lines were knocked out by the heavy fire, but Tec 5 Andow determinedly repaired and maintained the wire even after sustaining painful wounds. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

ROBERT T. BERRY, 31195007, Private First Class, Battery A, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1944 in Italy. When the wire line between his battery and the Fire Direction Center was damaged by heavy enemy shelling, Private First Class Berry, aware of the necessity of maintaining communication between these two points, ignored the heavy artillery fire and started laying a new line from his battery position. Although the shelling lasted for two hours, he dauntlessly continued laying each new break in the line and succeeded in securing.

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almost uninterrupted wire communications. Entered the Service from Meriden, Conn.

WAYNE H. SMITH, 33434200, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in ~~Italy~~. While moving forward well in advance of his unit during an assault against strong enemy positions, Private First Class Smith alertly discovered the hostile forces beginning a counter-attack through the same area. Immediately notifying his comrades of the danger, he courageously occupied an exposed position and effectively delayed the enemy by his accurate fire until a complete defense could be organized. Entered the Service from Clarion, Pennsylvania.

AUSTIN L. GEAR, 15377787, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in ~~Italy~~. During the heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire accompanying a severe counterattack, Private First Class Gear was painfully wounded. Courageously refusing to give up his position, he determinedly maintained effective fire against the hostile forces and covered his sector for four days until the danger of infection from his injury compelled his evacuation. Entered the Service from Mill Creek, West Virginia.

MIGUEL (N.I) GUERRERO, 38025728, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in ~~Italy~~. During the organization of his platoon's position, a severe counterattack was suddenly launched by enemy forces in the vicinity. Courageously running forward in the face of heavy hostile fire, Private First Class Guerrero occupied an advantageous position to meet the assault and effectively delayed it with deadly rifle grenade fire until his comrades could prepare a complete defense. Later when the supply of ammunition was running low, he risked a hazardous barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire to obtain additional ammunition for himself and the other members of the platoon with which to maintain their positions during the sustained attack. Entered the Service from Crystal City, Texas.

JAMES F. CONLEY, 17161192, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in ~~Italy~~. When no linemen were available to repair a communication line which was blown out during an intense artillery and mortar barrage, Private First Class Conley, a machine gunner, voluntarily entered the fire-swept area to reestablish communications. Successfully completing this hazardous task, he determinedly returned to his gun position where he found that serious casualties had been sustained by members of the crew. Again risking exposure to the heavy fire, he gathered the men together and skillfully reorganized the position. Entered the Service from Vain, Oklahoma.

DAGOBERTO J. CHAVEZ, 38361698, Private First Class, Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 24 December 1943 in ~~Italy~~. Assigned as a member of a three man party to maintain wire communications to a forward observation post, Private First Class Chavez was caught in a heavy artillery barrage which swept the area. When his two comrades were wounded, he immediately left his position of cover to go to their immediate help. Although exposed to the continued intense fire, he calmly administered first aid and carried the more seriously wounded man to a protected spot from which he was later evacuated. Determinedly returning to the observation post he untiringly carried out the mission of the entire party and contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector. Entered the Service from Sonora, Texas.

EDWIN E. HEYSE, 35544160, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1943 in ~~Italy~~. Assigned as a member of a carrying party organized to deliver necessary supplies and ammunitions to troops

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occupying difficult mountain positions, Private First Class Heyse determinedly led the way over treacherous trails which were constantly subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Courageously pushing forward despite the increasing danger of direct hostile fire during numerous times when they were exposed to enemy observation, he was wounded when almost within reach of his objective. Gammely continuing on, he successfully completed his mission. Entered the Service from South Bend, Indiana.

SELSO H. BERSOSA, 38065540, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 1 to 5 December 1943 in Italy. As a member of a party assigned the task of carrying ammunition and rations up steep, precipitous trails to the fighting troops, Private First Class Bersosa performed his duties determinedly and efficiently. On one occasion, when he was struggling up the trail in a blinding rain storm, slipping and falling in the mud, the enemy opened fire on the carrying party with artillery and mortars. Determined to deliver the rations he was carrying, Private First Class Bersosa ran on, hitting the ground when he heard the whistle of a shell, and in this way continued up the trail to his destination. The following night, while again carrying rations over the same trail, he was seriously wounded by enemy fire. Entered the Service from Pecos, Texas.

JOHN J. MC NULTY, 32340468, Private, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in Italy. Private McNulty was a member of a liaison section attached to the 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, which had been ordered to cross a strategic river, in an assault on enemy positions. After crossing the river in the face of furious artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he was ordered to withdraw to the near bank of the river. Here he established an observation post, and constantly harassed by the enemy shelling, remained at his post for ten hours, tirelessly working to maintain communications with his artillery battalion. By his dogged determination to perform his assigned missions, in spite of all resistance, Private McNulty made possible the continuous supporting fire of the artillery. Entered the Service from Long Island, New York.

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