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NO. 1521 AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

- OMER E. FORTIER, 01112697, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant) 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Lewiston, Maine.
CARL S. MCCLUGGAGE, 34366767, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.
KENNETH C. WILT, 33247699, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

For gallantry in action on 5 February 1944 in Italy. The above named officer and enlisted men were assigned the task of clearing enemy mine fields from a road leading to a mountain village, so that our tanks could approach within firing range of the town. Although the road was covered by artillery, mortar and small arms fire, they proceeded calmly and quickly, checking the mines for booby traps and removing them with dispatch. The nature of their work made it difficult for them to take cover; but realizing the extreme urgency and importance of their mission, this officer and enlisted men continued working even when the enemy fire was most intense. By retaining their cool judgment in the face of grave danger and by the efficiency with which they performed their task, they courageously made it possible for tanks to proceed along the road to a successful completion of their mission.

- WILL E. DEAHLER, JR., 01106582, First Lieutenant, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.
CHARLIE F. DUNCAN, 20817912, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Leonard, Texas.
AUBREY T. JETER, 20817962, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.
DANIEL E. JUNELL, 20817965, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.
LUTHER S. BRUCE, 20817922, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Telephone, Texas.
JOSEPH D. ROSS, 20817986, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.
CLYFTON N. JONES, 36173955, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Midland, Michigan.
HERBERT A. LORIE, 36173672, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Otisville, Michigan.
JOHN W. MESE, 35607902, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from New Philadelphia, Ohio.
CECIL D. THOMAS, 13090937, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Saltillo, Pennsylvania.

For gallantry in action on 29 January 1944 and 2 February 1944 in Italy. The above named officer and enlisted men were assigned the mission of clearing three pathways through enemy mine fields from the main road down to a treacherous

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river; these routes were essential for the use of infantry assault troops. Since the presence of Schu mines precluded the use of mine detectors they were forced to employ the probing method, which is both tedious and dangerous. Laboring constantly under the threat of enemy fire and imperilled by the presence of Teller mines fiendishly booby trapped, they worked indefatigably on their hands and knees, sometimes crawling forward on their stomachs to avoid hostile fire. By their technical efficiency and determination to complete the mission in spite of all dangers, they cleared the pathways in a short time and made possible the safe advance of the infantry.

ANTOINE (NMI) PELLERIN, 38051319, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in Italy. In an attack against strongly fortified enemy positions on a strategic hill, Sergeant Pellerin was assigned as forward observer for an 81 mm mortar section. He advanced in the face of intense enemy machine gun fire, stringing his observation post wire line and, whenever he had the opportunity, firing on enemy targets. Although his post was blasted by hand grenades, he continued to direct effective mortar fire on enemy installations in the path of the attack. Entered the Service from Port Arthur, Texas.

ADOLPH P. KASPORWITZ, 32343069, Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944 in Italy. During the afternoon of 27 January 1944 an intensive enemy artillery and mortar barrage was placed in the area occupied by the Cannon Company. Two self-propelled guns were damaged by shell fragments, and in both instances, the fuel tanks were punctured, causing the gasoline to spill out and flood the ground nearby. Because of the danger of fire or explosion the men were ordered to withdraw from the area. When the men started to move back Sergeant Kasporwitz went to each of the guns, climbed up on them and removed the firing locks. By his prompt courage and presence of mind he rendered the valuable guns useless to the enemy in case of their capture. Entered the Service from Tottenville, New York.

ROBERT S. NAWODIL, 35049507, Sergeant, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Beria, Ohio.

NICHOLAS (NMI) DYBACH, 33604596, Private First Class, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.

NEWTON R. BRANN, 35143069, Private First Class, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Anderson, Indiana.

WILLIAM S. BREWER, 36732776, Private First Class, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

EDWARD C. GANNON, 35594240, Private, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

TONY (NMI) CARMISCIANO, 32904228, Private, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ANTHONY J. CANCELLEIRE, 32789691, Private, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

LEONARD (NMI) BELL, 20807373, Private, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Rusk, Texas.

CHARLES P. BENNETT, 34499995, Private, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Ducktown, Tennessee.

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JOSEPH H. TAYLOR, 1493104, Sergeant, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

For gallantry in action on 20-21 January 1944 in Italy. Ordered to recross a strategic river in a second attack on strongly defended enemy positions, these men carried rubber assault boats six hundred yards through an intense mortar barrage and furious small arms fire to the river crossing point. On the hostile side of the river, they advanced in the face of heavy fire until stopped by barbed wire entanglements covered by the cross fire of machine guns. Unable to advance further, the group consolidated and held their positions throughout the night until the increased intensity of enemy shelling made the area untenable.

GORDON A. ROSE, 20809248, Sergeant, Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13-14 September 1943, in Italy. When his unit became cut off after occupying an enemy held town, Sergeant Rose volunteered to accompany repeated patrols on dangerous reconnaissances of hostile positions and strength. Alertly discovering the presence of enemy soldiers in an abandoned house, he courageously moved forward under heavy fire to capture them and bring them back to his position. His aggressive leadership contributed materially to the successful holding of the sector. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

HENRY H. PROBST, 37146899, Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Sterling, Nebraska.

HUGO (RMI) SCOPPA, 32394837, Technician Fourth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

For gallantry in action on 20-22 January 1944 in Italy. These men assisted the battalion liaison officer with the 141st Infantry Regiment during a savagely resisted attack across a treacherous river. Reaching the enemy-held bank in a blizzard of artillery, mortar and small arms fire, the liaison party took shelter in an irrigation ditch and established their post. They recrossed the river on a footbridge made extremely hazardous by constant, zeroed-in enemy fire. When the liaison officer was killed by a mortar shell, they assumed the liaison duties, remaining at their post until ordered to return to their unit.

DALE P. CHANEY, 20805008, Corporal, Company D, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February, 1944, in Italy. Corporal Chaney, instrument corporal, was assigned the task of assisting in the establishment of an observation post in support of the first battalion defenses on a vital mountain. Although under intense mortar and small arms fire, he helped to establish this observation post and assisted in adjusting devastating mortar fires. As a result of his courage and initiative, all enemy attacks on the battalion were repelled. Entered the Service from Stephenville, Texas.

DONALD W. BROSIUS, 36624460, Technician Fifth Grade, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10-28 February 1944 in Italy. While his company was establishing a defensive position during extreme snow, rain, and sleet, Tec 5 Brosius, mail clerk, volunteered to assist in the setting up of communications to a forward observation post from which effective mortar fire could be directed at the enemy emplacement. Moving forward determinedly while exposed to heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he worked untiringly; and when the other members of the crew had to be evacuated because of paralyzing frostbite, he

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doggedly continued servicing his communications alone. His courageous effort contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

RAYMOND E. McCOMBICH, 35360544, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Gary, Indiana.

ROBERT C. MURPHY, 20232344, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

For gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in Italy. When word came to the 111th Medical Battalion aid station that several soldiers were stranded on the far shore of a river and exposed to enemy fire; these men were assigned the mission of crossing the river and evacuating the wounded. After carrying a boat to the edge of the river, they guided the controlling wire and skillfully maneuvered the boat across the treacherous currents of the swift flowing stream. Constantly imperilled by artillery, mortar and small arms fire, they carried the wounded to the boat and recrossed the river. When the boat reached the near bank, they assisted in unloading the men and evacuating them to positions of safety behind the lines.

WALTER (M1) WALIGORIA, 33267954, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 143rd Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 12 December 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Waligoria voluntarily remained on duty continuously for three days under severe artillery and mortar fire to maintain wire communications between the 143rd Infantry Regiment and the supporting artillery. Immediately prior to the attack he left his position of shelter during continued enemy artillery and mortar fire, and in total darkness, he repaired several breaks in the lines and continued to service these lines. Entered the Service from East-Butler, Pennsylvania.

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