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Hq, 17th Tank Bn, After Action Report, Month of December 1944 (Cont'd)

24 December 1944 (Cont'd)

The Battalion remained in the assembly area at Les Baty until 1500 at which time it moved out to a new assembly area in the vicinity of Izier. The Service Company joined the Battalion at Les Baty and all vehicles were re-supplied with ammunition, fuel, and rations.

The Battalion Commander attended a unit Commanders' meeting at CCB where he learned that the situation was still critical and that ~~the enemy~~ every available man was needed in the Infantry. The Battalion had 96 men who did not have jobs at the time in the Battalion for their tanks had been knocked out so these men were sent to the 23d Armored Infantry Battalion to fight with the Infantry until we received tank replacements. Seventy of the men were assigned temporarily to Company "A" of the 23d Armored Infantry Battalion and 26 to Company "B" of the 23d Armored Infantry Battalion.

The Battalion Mortar Platoon had lost its vehicles and equipment at Cronback so equipment was improvised for them. They obtained two mortars from tank recovery vehicles and one 2 1/2 ton truck from Service Company and a captured German half-track were assigned to the platoon. With this equipment the platoon was ready for action again.

At 1400 the Battalion reverted to CCR control and was ordered to move to an assembly area in the vicinity of Iziers. The Battalion minus Service Company, which remained in Les Baty area, moved out of the assembly area at 1500 and closed in the new area at Iziers at 1610. Here Company "C" of the ~~33d Armored Infantry Battalion~~ ~~33d Armored Infantry Battalion~~ 33d ~~Engineer~~ Engineer Battalion and one platoon of ~~of~~ Company "C" of the 38th Armored Infantry Battalion were attached to the Battalion. CCR ordered the Battalion to assign a medium tank Company to each of the road blocks at 428998 and 468970 and Company "A" was assigned to the former and Company "C" to the latter. The remainder of the Battalion plus one platoon of Engineers were to remain in the town of Iziers as a mobile reserve. The I & R platoon was to patrol the road between the two blocks.

25 December 1944

At 0300 the Battalion and the attached Engineers and Infantry were alerted for movement to the vicinity of Werbomont at which point the Battalion Commander was to contact an officer from Division Headquarters and get further instructions. At 0415 the Battalion moved out of Iziers and proceeded along the route of My, Ville, Malacord, Lantroul, and Werbomont. At Werbomont the attached Infantry was pulled out of the column and sent to the south to the vicinity of Manhay to help CCA which was in a fight at that point. The remainder of the Battalion was halted on the road and all crews stayed on their vehicles for it looked as if it might be necessary to ~~send~~ send the whole force down to help CCA at Manhay. Finally at about 0930 the Battalion and the attached Engineers were ordered to pull off the road and take cover in the woods to the west of Werbomont, but everyone was to remain on the strictest alert. The Battalion Headquarters was set up in a building at the road junction at Werbomont and the Battalion Headquarters Company was pulled into an assembly area just north of the road junction. At about 1630 the tank Companies and the attached Engineer Company were moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of Champ-de-Harre. This force was the Division Reserve and was to remain on an alert to be committed where and when the Division needed it. The Executive half-track and the Battalion Headquarters section moved to the Division Tactical Headquarters at St. Antoine at 1800. This was done so that the Battalion Commander would be near at hand to receive orders in case the Division Commander had to commit the Battalion. The Battalion Headquarters maintained contact with the companies by radio throughout the night.

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UNIT HISTORY

17TH TANK BATTALION

For the Year 1 January 1945 to 31 December 1945

VI. CAMPAIGNS:

1. Campaign of Germany, 1 January 1945 to _____
 - a. Purpose: To defeat the German Army in Ground Warfare.
 - b. Authority: Par 3, Sect VI, G.O. No. 80, War Department.
2. Campaign of ~~Campaign of~~
 - a. Purpose:
 - b. Authority:
3. Campaign of ~~of~~
 - a. Purpose:
 - b. Authority:

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VII. BATTLES:

There was no specific ordering authority, however, the principal engagements with the enemy by the 17th Tank Battalion during the year 1945 were as follows:

1. St Vith, Belgium, January 1945.
2. Break-out of the Rhine Bridgehead March 1945
3. Elimination of the Ruhr Pocket April 1945
4. Spearhead to the Baltic April-May 1945
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CLASSIFICATION
CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
W. Bradley Capt. USA 19 Feb 46
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE

NOV 30 1945
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Stations

March

A Co: 0001, 1 Mar 45 to 3 Mar 45 Welkenraedt Belgium
3 Mar 45 to 0745 7 Mar 45 Konzen Germany
1205, 7 Mar 45 to 0140 8 Mar 45 Grich, Germany
9 Mar 45 to 9 Mar 45 Odingen "
10 Mar 45 to 0830 23 Mar 45 Bad Godesberg "
0915 23 Mar 45 to 1945 24 Mar 45 Gimmersdorf Germany
22 45 24 Mar 45 to Reidenbruch "

B Co: 0001, 1 Mar 45 to 1000, 3 Mar 45 Welkenraedt, Belg
3 Mar 45 to 0830, 7 Mar 45 Konzen, Germany
1345 ~~0830~~, 7 Mar 45 to 0015, 8 Mar 45 Fussenich, Germany
8 Mar 45 to 9 Mar 45 Luftelberg, Germany
9 Mar 45 to 1745 11 Mar 45 Mehlem, "
1815, 11 Mar 45 to 0830 23 Mar 45 Bad Godesberg "
0915, 23 Mar 45 to 2000, ~~23~~ Mar 45 Gimmersdorf "
2245, ~~23~~ Mar 45 to Reidenbruch "

Stations

~~March~~ March

C Co: 0001, 1 Mar 45 to 0700, 3 Mar 45 Welkenraedt Belgium
 1230, 3 Mar 45 to 0630, 7 Mar 45 Inzen, broich, Germany
 1300, 7 Mar 45 to 0130, 8 Mar 45 Drich, Germany
 0600, 8 Mar 45 to 1000, 8 Mar 45 Buschhoven "
 0930, 9 Mar 45 to 1800, 10 Mar 45 Untelbach "
 1845, 10 Mar 45 to 0830, 23 Mar 45 Bad Dodesberg Germany
 1000, 23 Mar 45 to 24 Mar 45 Bertum, "
 24 Mar 45 to Hesselu, Germany

D Co: 0001, 1 Mar 45 to 0900, 3 Mar 45 Welkenraedt, Belgium
 1450, 3 Mar 45 to 0730, 7 Mar 45 Konzen, Germany
 1400, 7 Mar 45 to 0030, 8 Mar 45 Fussenich, "
 0730, 8 Mar 45 to 1200, 9 Mar 45 Miel, Germany
 1400, 9 Mar 45 to 10 Mar 45 Nederbachem, "
 10 Mar 45 to 12 Mar 45 Rolandseck "
 12 Mar 45 to 1400, 22 Mar 45 Turroughoven, Germany
 1515 22 Mar 45 to 0750, 23 Mar 45 Merl "
 0815, 23 Mar 45 to 1945, 24 Mar 45 Gimmerdorp "
 2300, 24 Mar 45 to Reidenbruch "

March

Bn Hq: 0001, 1 Mar 45 to 0900, 3 Mar 45 Hoop Belgium
1300, 3 Mar 45 to 0750, 7 Mar 45 Konzen Germany
1230, 7 Mar 45 to 0100, 8 Mar 45 Grich, Germany
1600, 8 Mar 45 to 1100, 9 Mar 45 Adingen, Germany
1645, 9 Mar 45 to 1900, 20 Mar 45 Bad Godesberg, Germany
1945, 20 Mar 45 to 1940, 23 Mar 45 Dimmersdorf, Germany
2245, 23 Mar 45 to 1600, 25 Mar 45 Reidenbruch, Germany
1900, 25 Mar 45 to 0400, 26 Mar 45 - E. Hlocheid, Germany
2400, 26 Mar 45 to 1615, 27 Mar 45 - Oberzeuzheim, Germany
0850, 27 Mar 45 to 1215, 28 Mar 45 - Neuchellern, Germany
1215, 28 Mar 45 to 1235, 29 Mar 45 - Oberbillig, Germany
1235, 29 Mar 45 to 0630, 30 Mar 45 - Neuchellern
0630, 30 Mar 45 to ~~1545~~⁰⁸⁴⁰, 31 Mar 45 - Allendorf.
0845, 31 Mar 45 to 2400, 31 Mar 45, Dainroth,
Deusmar.

7th Co: 0001, 1 Mar 45 to 0750, 3 Mar 45 - Hoop Belgium
1335, 3 Mar 45 to 0730, 7 Mar 45 - Konzen, Germany
1220, 7 Mar 45 to 0100, 8 Mar 45 Grich, Germany
1600, 8 Mar 45 to 1100, 9 Mar 45 Adingen, Germany
1645, 9 Mar 45 to 1900, 20 Mar 45 Bad Godesberg, Germany
1945, 20 Mar 45 to 1940, 23 Mar 45 Dimmersdorf, Germany
2245, 23 Mar 45 to Reidenbruch, "

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March

Med Det:

0001, 1 Mar 45 to 0830, 3 Mar 45 King Belgium
1300, 3 Mar 45 to 0730, 7 Mar 45 Konzern Germany
1240 7 Mar 45 to 0200, 8 Mar 45 Geich, Germany
1620, 8 Mar 45 to 1200, 9 Mar 45 Odlingen Germany
1330, 9 Mar 45 to 1600, 9 Mar 45 Gimmerdorf, Germany
1700, 9 Mar 45 to 1905, 20 Mar 45 Bad Godesberg, "
1950, 20 Mar 45 to 2000, 23 Mar 45 Gimmerdorf Germany
2300, 23 Mar 45 to Reidenbruch, "

Solo:

0001, 1 Mar 45 to 0815, 3 Mar 45 Welkenraedt, Belgium
1500, 3 Mar 45 to 0800, 7 Mar 45 Konzern, Germany
1250, 7 Mar 45 to 0800, 8 Mar 45 Geich, Germany
1430, 8 Mar 45 to 10 Mar 45 Luftelburg, Germany
10 Mar 45 to 0915 23 Mar 45 Bad Godesberg, "
23 Mar 45 to ~~2030~~ 24 Mar 45 Gimmerdorf "
24 ~~20~~ Mar 45 to Reidenbruch "

IV Stations - (Permanent or Temporary) of Units or parts thereof.
JAN 45

~~BN HQ: VILLE, BELGIUM 1 Jan 45 to 11 Jan 45
1-11 Jan 45 - VILLE BELGIUM
12-19 Jan 45 - Coeckelafagne
20 Jan 45 - Libomint~~

BN HQ: 0001, 1 JAN 45 to 1500, 11 Jan 45 - Ville Belgium
0030, 12 JAN 45 to 1604, 19 Jan 45 - Coeckelafagne
1800, 19 Jan 45 to 0400, 20 Jan 45 Libomint
0600, 20 Jan 45 to 1530, 20 Jan 45 - Oudenial
1640, 20 Jan 45 to 1600, 22 Jan 45 - Elvange
1700, 22 Jan 45 to 0830, 29 Jan 45 Born
1400, 29 Jan 45 to 2400, 31 Jan 45 Hoog

HQ Co: 0001, 1 Jan 45 to 1500, 11 Jan 45 Ville
0030, 12 Jan 45 to 1604, 19 Jan 45 - Coeckelafagne
1800, 19 Jan 45 to 0400, 20 Jan 45 - Libomint
0600, 20 Jan 45 to 1530 20 Jan 45 - Oudenial
1640, 20 Jan 45 to ~~1600~~ 21 Jan 45 - Elvange
~~1700~~, 22 Jan 45 to 1100, 23 Jan 45 - Heidenberg
23 Jan 45 to 0830 29 Jan 45 Elvange
1400 29 Jan 45 to 2400, 31 Jan 45 Hoof Belgium

Medical Det: 0001, 1 Jan 45 to 1515, 11 Jan 45, Ville
0030, 12 Jan 45 to 1545, 19 Jan 45 Phillippart
0530, 20 Jan 45 to 21 Jan 45 Oudervank
21 Jan 45 to 1100, 23 Jan 45 Heidenberg
1700, 23 Jan 45 to 0840, 29 Jan 45 Born
1330, 29 Jan 45 to 2400, 31 Jan 45 Hoog

Service Co: 0001, 1 Jan 45 to 11 Jan 45 Les Baty, Belgium
12 Jan 45 to 0800, 20 Jan 45 ~~Sart~~^{Sart}, Belgium, Sart
1130, 20 Jan 45 to 1130, 29 Jan 45 ster, Belgium
1730, 29 Jan 45 to 2400, 31 Jan 45 Welkenraedt.

Co A: 0001, 1 Jan 45 to 1800, 11 Jan 45, Ville
0230, 12 Jan 45 to 19 Jan 45, Neufmartau
20 Jan 45 ~~to~~ Montenan
21 Jan 45 to 23 Jan 45 Deidenberg
24 Jan 45 to 25 Jan 45 Born
26 Jan 45 28 Jan 45 Hunnange
29 Jan 45 2400 31 Jan 45 ~~Limbourg~~ Welkenraedt

Co B: 0001, 1 Jan 45 to 0830, 3 Jan 45 — Range Miniere
1030, 3 Jan 45 to 1730, 11 Jan 45 — Xhoris, Belgium
0600, 12 Jan 45 to 1810, 19 Jan 45 — Ster,
2040, ~~20~~¹⁹ Jan 45 to ~~21~~ 21 Jan 45 — Walk
22 Jan 45 Deidenberg
23 Jan 45 to 0930, 29 Jan 45 Born
1600, 29 Jan 45 to 2400, 31 Jan 45 Welkenraedt

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Co C: 0001, 1 Jan 45 to 2 Jan 45 — ~~Xhoris~~ Ville Belgium
3 Jan 45 to 1330, 11 Jan 45 — Xhoris Belgium
0130, 12 Jan 45 to 19 Jan 45 — Ster Belgium
20 Jan 45 to 21 Jan 45 Oudenval
21 Jan 45 to 22 Jan 45 Deidenberg
22 Jan 45 to 23 Jan 45 Montenan
23 Jan 45 25 Jan 45 St Vith Belgium
26 Jan 45 0930 28 Jan 45 Wallcrode, Belgium
28 Jan 45 0800 29 Jan 45 Hunnange
29 Jan 45 2400 31 Jan 45 Welkenraedt

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Co D: ~~0000~~, 1 Jan 45 to , 2 Jan 45 - Range-Miniere
 3 Jan 45 to 11 Jan 45 Xheris, Belgium
 12 Jan 45 to 19 Jan 45 Cocksifagne
 20 Jan 45 to 21 Jan 45 Ebertang Am-Kreuz
 21 Jan 45 to 25 Jan 45 Deidenberg
 26 Jan 45 to 29 Jan 45 7 Lunnange
 29 Jan 45 to 31 Jan 45 Welkenraedt

FEBRUARY

'BNHQ: 17 Feb 45 to 28 Feb 45 - Hoof Belgium
 HQ Co: 17 Feb 45 to 28 Feb 45 - Hoof Belgium
 MED Det: 17 Feb 45 to 28 Feb 45 - Hoof Belgium
 SW Co: 17 Feb 45 to 28 Feb 45 - Welkenraedt Belgium
 A Co " " " "
 B Co: " " " "
 C Co: " " " "
 D Co: " " " "

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UNIT HISTORY

17TH TANK BATTALION, APO 257.

For the Year 1 January 1945 to 31 December 1945

III. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

Month	Officers	Officers Warrant	Enlisted	Net Increase	Net decrease
1 January 1945	41	3	622		44
1 February 1945	38	3	648	21	
1 March 1945	42	3	673	29	
1 April 1945	39	3	658		18
1 May 1945	38	3	682	23	
1 June 1945	42	3	720	42	
1 July 1945	43	3	631		88
1 August 1945					
1 September 1945					
1 October 1945					
1 November 1945					
1 December 1945					
31 December 1945					
TOTALS					

*As of 24th last day of mo.
 As of last day of previous mo.*

$$\begin{array}{r} 682 \\ + 41 \\ \hline 723 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 658 \\ + 42 \\ \hline 700 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 673 \\ + 45 \\ \hline 718 \end{array}$$

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UNIT HISTORY

17TH TANK BATTALION APO 257.

For the Year 1 January 1945 to 31 December 1945.

I. ORIGINAL UNIT:

1. Designation: 17th Tank Battalion, 7th Armored Division, United States Army.
2. Date of Organization: 20 September 1943.
3. Place of Organization: Fort Benning, Georgia.
4. Authority for Organization: Tables of Organization 17-27, 15 September 1943
5. Sources from which Personnel were obtained: 31st and 40th Armored Regiment of the 7th Armored Division upon its disbandment 19 September 1943.

II. CHANGES IN TABLES OF ORGANIZATION DURING THE YEAR 1945:

- 1.

25 FHC

February:

Bn remains in billet-bivouac area at Hoof, Belgium the entire month of February 1945. During the period 11-22 Feb 45, bn sends detail of 266 men to repair roads in the vicinity of Rotzen, Germany, transporting the men to & from the area each day by trucks. On 23 Feb 45, the men working on the roads in Rotzen were ^{moved to} billeted in that town & remained there until the road work was terminated 28 Feb 45.

256
224
246
798

March

Bn remains in Hoof Belgium until 3 March 45 at which time they move out in form of Task Forces ~~to~~ to Konzen Germany. Passed thru Eupen, Belgium & crossed into Germany at 1100, 3 March 45.

Weather is fair & cold. Roads are in good condition.

Moved out of Konzen Germany area 7 March 45 traveling thru Lammersdorf, Germeter, Hurtgen, Kleinhau, Brandenburg, Bergstein, Bruck, Nideggen, Gerg, Thum, Froitzheim, Fussenick, arriving in area of Geich, Germany at 1230, 7 March 45.

IV Marches + Action

January 1945

Battalion ~~remains~~ ^{moves out of} ~~in~~ ^{busiac-billet area} vicinity of Ville Belguin, 11 Jan 45 in task force formation following the route Vielle, Ville, Hamoir, Comblain, Fairon, Comblain-air-Port, Esnerx, Tilff, Les Cours, Beaufays, Nessonvau, Pepinster, Verriers, Heusy, Sart and Cockaigne. Weather ~~is~~ was extremely cold & roads covered with snow & ice. Distance travelled approximately 55 miles.

Task Force Wemple ~~contacts~~ ^{attacks} ~~the enemy~~ in the area of ~~20 Jan 45~~ ^{20 Jan 45} in the St Vith Belgium area. Elements ^{of the bn} remain in contact with the enemy from 20 Jan 45 until relieved 29 Jan 45. All objectives were taken.

Battalion moves from the St Vith area 29 Jan 45 ^{vicinity of} to ~~the~~ ^{Hoof} Belgium passing thru Malmedy, Cockaigne, Limbourg, Dupen. The weather was very cold with ~~the~~ the roads covered with snow & ice. Distance travelled approximately 25 miles.

By 71 NAPA Date 09/1/95

Authority NMO 785017

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E. Purple Heart Award (Oak Leaf Cluster)

<u>Rank & Name</u>	<u>GO No</u>	<u>DD Date</u>	<u>date of Award</u>
Ser 5 Roy A. Douglas	12	11 Jan 45	26 Dec 44
Cpl Alexander L. Kozuszek	28	37 Feb 45	25 Jan 45

- APRIL -

Bn. HQ, 0001, 1 APR 45 TO 1930, 3 APR 45 - GEISMAR, GERMANY

0245, 3 APR 45 TO 1800, 4 APR 45 - KUSTELBERG

2345 - 4 APR 45 TO 1650, 5 APR 45 - NIEDERSFELD

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UNIT HISTORY
17TH TANK BATTALION

For the Year 1 January 1945 to 31 December 1945.

VIII. COMMANDING OFFICERS:

1. Battalion Commanders:

- a. Lieutenant Colonel JOHN P. WEMPLE, 1 January 1945 to *5 Feb 45*
- b. Lieutenant Colonel *William H. Dodge* ~~6 Feb 45~~ *6 Feb 45* to *10 Feb 45*
- c. Lieutenant Colonel JOHN P. WEMPLE, *11 Feb 45* to

2. Headquarters Company:

- a. Captain LAWRENCE E. AHEARN, 1 January 1945 to *21 Mar 45*
- b. *1st Lt Robert E Greiss* *22 Mar 45*
- c. *Capt L E Ahearn*
- d.
- e.

3. SERVICE COMPANY:

- a. Captain EDMUND F. GEHLING, 1 January 1945 to
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

4. Medical Detachment (Battalion Surgeon)

- a. Captain RAMMOND M. WHEELER, 1 January 1945 to
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

5. "A" Company: *JOHN C. WILSON*

- a. ~~2d Lt RUFUS C. HANSARD~~ 1 January 1945 to *22 Jan 45*
- b. ~~1st Lt Henry B. FELTON JR~~ *Rufus C Hansard* *23 Jan 45* to *17 Feb 45*
- c. ~~1st Lt Henry B. Felton~~, *27 Feb 45* to
- d.
- e.
- f.
- g.

6. "B" Company:

- a. 1st Lt RICHARD A. HARDIN, 1 January 1945 to
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.
- g.

7. "C" Company:

- a. 1st Lt CHARLES D. CAGLE, 1 January 1945 to
- b.
- c.

8. "D" Company:

- a. 1st Lt VERNON FILES, 1 January 1945 to 24 Feb 45
- b. 1st Lt William D Hammar 25 Feb 45 to 17 Mar 45
- c. 1st Lt Vernon Files 18 Mar 45 to
- d.
- e.
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17th TANK BATTALION

For the Year I January 1945 to 31 December 1945

IX. LOSSES IN ACTION, OFFICERS AND MEN:

	NAME	RANK	UNIT	SERIAL NO.	DATE	Vicinity of: PLACE/	STATUS
1	Switalski, Alex	S. T Sgt	A	36037578	20 Jan 45	St Vith, Belgium	LWA
2	Moraglia, John T.	Pfc	A	32228057	20 Jan 45	St Vith, Belgium	LWA
3	White, Theo L.	Major	Hq	0224632	21 Jan 45	St Vith, Belgium	LIA
4	Withrow, George W.	Pfc	A	19124126	21 Jan 45	St Vith, Belgium	LWA
5	Vostrak, Frank	Pfc	C	35111832	22 Jan 45	St Vith, Belgium	LWA
6	Karrick, Russell E.	Cplm	C	36313816	21 Jan 45	"	LIA
7	Strong, James W.	S Sgt	MD	14017288	22 Jan 45	"	SWA
8	Daley, Thomas E.	Sgt	A	35273913	22 Jan 45	"	SWA
9	Saunders, Clarence L	Sgt	A	38007719	22 Jan 45	"	SWA
10	Barnosky, Elmer G.	Pfc	MD	37196442	22 Jan 45	"	LWA
11	Booker, Robert A.	Pfc	A	37417581	22 Jan 45	"	LWA
12	Vostrak, Frank	Pfc	C	35111832	22 Jan 45	"	SWA
13	Babcock, Wesley W.	Pvt	A	36959098	22 Jan 45	"	LWA
14	Shelton, Lloyd A Jr	Pvt	A	37510475	22 Jan 45	"	LWA
15	Wilson, John C. Jr	2d Lt	A	0536761	23 Jan 45	v "	LWA
16	Glass Arthur	S Sgt	A	20417034	23 Jan 45	"	LWA
17	Morlan, Roy D.	Sgt	C	37010893	23 Jan 45	"	SWA
18	Reis, Charles F.	Cpl	A	37474537	22/23 Jan 45	"	SWA
19	Grant, Carroll W.	Cpl	A	34255042	22 Jan 45	"	KIAMIA
20	Norgren, Vernon B.	Pfc	A	37558113	22 Jan 45	"	KIA
21	Tiesling, Louis E.	Pfc	A	36817802	22 Jan 45	"	KIA
22	Wills, Clifton, A.	Pfc	A	39920711	22 Jan 45	"	KIA
23	Buffington, Norrigan L	S Sgt	B	36053869	24 Jan 45	"	LIA
24	Doroha, Peter S.	Sgt	A	32253432	24 Jan 45	"	LIA
25	Stone, Shanklin E.	Tec 5	HqC	35450473	24 Jan 45	"	SIA
26	Le Blanc, Joseph P	Sgt	HqC	31074328	25 Jan 45	"	LWA
27	Seaton, Earl F.	Sgt		0663388887 414246	25 Jan 45	"	LIA
28	Moore, Earl E.	Tec 4	C	36313685	25 Jan 45	"	LIA
29	Brown, Vernon E.	Cpl	C	37032707	25 Jan 45	v "	LIA
30	Liotti, John J.	Pfc	C	31089162	25 Jan 45	"	LIA
31	Searcy, William N.	Pvt	D	38688874	25 Jan 45	"	LIA
32	Underwood, Lloyd A.	Pvt	C	39587683	25 Jan 45	"	LIA
33	Ollmetzer, Godfrey Z	Tec 5	C	32000986	25 Jan 45	"	KIA
34	Westerman, Loyce S.	Sgt	U C	39160727	25 Jan 45	"	LIA
35	Cox, Donald M.	Pfc	C	33172550	25 Jan 45	"	LIA
36	Martinez, Jesus	Sgt	C	38032329	26 Jan 45	"	LIA
37	Plucienski, Bruno	Tec 4	B	32285501	26 Jan 45	"	LWA
38	Sobus, Joseph F.	Tec 4	A	36754355	26 Jan 45	"	LIA
39	Glisson, Samuel L.	Cpl	A	34254224	26 Jan 45	"	LIA
40	Morgan, Arthur F.	Cpl	A	34710646	26 Jan 45	"	LIA
41	Mathes, Harley W.	Tec 5	C	36313843	26 Jan 45	"	LIA
42	Swiger, Cecil R	Tec 5	HqC	16045295	26 Jan 45	"	LWA
43	Booth, Clifford J.	Tec 4	C	32227873	23 Jan 45	"	SWA
44	Stromquist, Robert W.	Pfc	A	37509785	23 Jan 45	"	LWA
45	Tognieri, Bartholomew J.	Pvt	C	32000616	23 Jan 45	"	LIA
46	Jones, Walter E.	Tec 4	D	33136946	23 Jan 45	"	LIA
47	Sorrell, Clark	Cpl	C	35452967	23 Jan 45	"	LWA
48	Begley, Elmer W.	Pfc	C	38568570 38568570	23 Jan 45	"	LWA

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49	Hoobler, Donald H.	Cpl	Co A	15075126	28 Jan 45	St Vith Belgium	LIA
50	Sirbasku, William	Cpl	Co C	37324274	28 Jan 45	"	SWA
51	Niznik, Joseph J.	Tec 5	Co C	32253189	28 Jan 45	"	SWA
52	Marcille, George J. Jr	Pfc	Sv Co	12071791	v28 Jan 45	"	LIA
53	James, Edward B.	Pvt	Cp C	33847661	28 Jan 45	"	LWA
54	Stan Stanek, Alfred B.	Pvt	Co C	33768069	28 Jan 45	"	LWA
55	Wadhams, Ray F.	Pvt	Co C	31440396	28 Jan 45	"	LWA
56	Perla, Russell R.	Tec 4	HqCo	35284438	31 Jan 45	"	LIA
57	Monnot, Francis V.	Pvt	HqCo	11071422	31 Jan 45	"	LIA
58	Barnes, George J.	Pfc	Co B	36860555	5 Mar 45	Konzen Konzen, Ger	LWA
59	Przybylowica, Joseph A.	Tec 4	Co B	36118516	14 Mar 45	Bad Godesburg, Germ	LIA
60	Duzan, Lawrence E.	S Sgt	36043574	Hq Co	16 Mar 45	"	LWA

Dzobel, Otto	Pfc	Co A	35154803	27 Mar	LIA
Gray, Edward F.	Sgt	Hq Co	39840454	27 Mar	KIA
Rodriguez, Jose	Pfc	A	35418165	27 Mar	LWA
Seal, Frank W.	Cpl	A	13122030	27 Mar	LWA
Webb, Jitus S.	T/5	A	38524574	27 Mar	KIA
Avett, Paul F.	Pfc	C	34253798	28 Mar	LWA
BACA, JULIUS V	Sgt	A	37474815	28 Mar	KIA
CHISHOLM, RICHARD A.	T/5	Hq Co	39018648	28 Mar	LWA
Johnson, John P	T/5	A	37076560	29 Mar	LWA
Morgan, Arthur F.	Cpl	A	34710646	28 Mar	LWA
Mueller, Benjamin C.	1st Lt	B	01017095	28 Mar	LIA
Timm, Ernest R.	SSgt	Hq Co	36169837	28 Mar	LWA
Toner, Charles E.	Pfc	C	33768121	28 Mar	KIA
LOYD, Raymond T.	Sgt	C	36312940	29 Mar	KIA
Rusch, Raymond A.	Cpl	C	37681421	29 Mar	KIA
Fisher, Charles W.	T/5	C	36313580	29 Mar	KIA
Thompson, Chester H.	Pvt	C	37363876	29 Mar	LWA
Patten, George A.	2d Lt	C	0547326	27 Mar	DOW
ARCHER, Benjamin F.	1st Lt	B	01011985	4 Apr	SWA
Cagle, Charles D.	1st Lt	C	01016731	4 Apr	LWA
Sturtevant, Robert A.	Sgt	A	31001094	4 Apr	LWA
Schneider, Nicholas H. Jr.	Cpl	A	34230818	4 Apr	DOW
Montgomery, James W.	T/5	A	6917073	4 Apr	LWA
Dimpson, Grant N.	Pfc	A	35811907	4 Apr	LWA
Silvia, John F.	Pvt	A	31002647	4 Apr	KIA
Critchler, William W.	SSgt	A	37076085	4 Apr	LIA
Matlock, John D.	Cpl	A	38661504	4 Apr	SWA
Pedersen, Jack A.	SSgt	A	36036087	5 Apr	LWA
Wagner, John H.	T/5	SO	37324400	5 Apr	LWA

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Harris, James M	Pfc	ALo	37606110-5	Apr	SWA
Myers, Vesper L.	Pfc	ALo	34191141-5	Apr	LWA
James, Edward B	Pvt	ALo	33847661-5	Apr	LWA
Montoya, Eloy E	Pvt	Hq	38348635-5	Apr	LWA
Anderson, Stewart M	Sgt	A	36169734-	5 Apr	LIA
McNamara, Thomas F.	Sgt	B	32227947-	6 Apr	KIA
Brodman, Louis H.	Epl	A	35274235-	6 Apr	SWA
Mac Rae, Donald R	Pfc	B	32285707-	6 Apr	SWA
Vron, Louis	Pfc				DOW
Hittmann, Norman A.	-Pot-	SO	16048800-	6 Apr	
Moore, Howard T.	Sgt	B	35377748-	7 Apr	SWA
Bray, Sam A	T/4	B	34230748-	7 Apr	LWA
Dodlewski, Chester	Epl	B	36169809-	7 Apr	LWA
Ferguson, Nick E.	Pvt	B	36993241-	7 Apr	LWA
Thompson, Benjamin M.	Pvt	B	38581136-	7 Apr	LWA
Beitel, Walter L.	2d Lt	B	01012640-	8 Apr	LWA
Polovich, Michael G	Epl	B	36054086-	8 Apr	LWA
Banner, Walter M	T/4	A	14024130-	10 Apr	KIA
Fuchs, Albert J.	Epl	A	38558188-	10 Apr	LWA
Moody, Jacob G.	Pfc	A	38668670-	10 Apr	KIA
Saccenti, Vito W.	Pvt	A	32327480-	10 Apr	LWA
Norville, Bynum G.	T/4	C	34253988-	12 Apr	LWA
Krysiak, Stanley A.	T/5	D	35273874-	12 Apr	SWA
Swindell, Clatis E.	Pfc	A	38629093-	12 Apr	LWA
Barnes, James M	Pvt	A	34928506-	12 Apr	LWA
Ricci, Paul L.	Pvt	D	31447975-	12 Apr	LWA
Russell, Clarence E.	-Sgt-	A	34079277-	12 Apr	LWA
Cruz, Genovese	T/5	C	35344359-	13 Apr	SWA
Chambers, Otha E.	-Pot-	C	14121456-	13 Apr	LWA
Muciencki, Aloysius	Epl	B	32285560-	6 Apr	LIA

X Former & Present Members who have distinguished themselves
in Action: (Copies of citations received attached hereto in the following order)
A SILVER STARS:

<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>GO NUMBER</u>	<u>G.O. DATE</u>
1. 2d Lt John C Wilson Jr	43	237E645

B: BRONZE STARS:

	<u>RANK & NAME</u>	<u>G.O. No.</u>	<u>G.O. DATE</u>
1.	1st Lt Richard A. Hardin	"	" Jan 45
2.	1st Lt John S. Lavett	"	" Jan 45
3.	S Sgt Clarence L. Saunders	"	" Jan 45
4.	Tec 4 Frank A. Swantack	"	" Jan 45
5.	Cpl Walter R. Okragly	"	" Jan 45
6.	Capt Jack Howison	22	21 Jan 45
7.	Cpl John D. Matlock	29	5 Feb 45
8.	1st Lt Vernon F. Iles	43	23 Feb 45
9.	1st Lt Robert J. Schroeder	43	23 Feb 45
10.	CWO Ernest P. Stanley	43	23 Feb 45
11.	S Sgt Arthur Glass	43	23 Feb 45
12.	S Sgt Jack A. Pedersen	43	23 Feb 45
13.	Sgt Peter S. Doroha	43	23 Feb 45
14.	Tec 4 Charles R. Dudley	43	23 Feb 45
15.	Tec 4 Stanley L. Maizel	43	23 Feb 45
16.	Cpl Joseph J. Barlog	43	23 Feb 45

C: Bronze Star (Oak Leaf Cluster)

1. 2 Sgt Nerrigan L. Buffington 11 11 Jan 45
2. Major Thomas W Bailey 22 21 Jan 45

D. Purple Heart Awards: (No Citation)

<u>RANK & NAME</u>	<u>G.O. NUMBER</u>	<u>GO DATE</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>
1. Tce 5 Jay E. MacDonald	3	2 Jan 45	23 Dec 44
2. Pfc John Panas	7	6 Jan 45	20 Dec 44
3. Tce 5 Roy E. Douglas	12	11 Jan 45	19 Sep 44
4. Pfc Lewis D. Rapp	18	18 Jan 45	21 Sep 44
5. 1st Lt George R. Beattley	26	30 Jan 45	23 Jan 45
6. Sgt David W. Stone	28	3 Feb 45	22 Jan 45
7. Sgt Robert E. White	28	3 Feb 45	26 Jan 45
8. Tce 4 Felix R. Boglin	28	3 Feb 45	22 Jan 45
9. Tce 4 George L. James	28	3 Feb 45	22 Jan 45
10. Pfc Frank J. Alphonse	28	3 Feb 45	26 Jan 45
11. Pfc Frank J. Fanalli	28	3 Feb 45	26 Jan 45
12. Pfc James A. Mills	28	3 Feb 45	23 Jan 45
13. Pvt Anthony N. Condelli	28	3 Feb 45	25 Jan 45
14. Pvt Raymond P. Janasany	28	3 Feb 45	26 Jan 45
15. Pvt Raymond A. Rusch	28	3 Feb 45	25 Jan 45
16. Pvt Aaron W. Shrelfall	28	3 Feb 45	25 Jan 45
17. Cpl Vert Blanchard	33	9 Feb 45	28 Jan 45
18. Cpl Jerome J. Stumpf	33	9 Feb 45	28 Jan 45
19. Cpl Clark Sarrell	49	13 Mar 45	23 Jan 45
20. Pvt Chester H. Thompson	52	20 Mar 45	25 Feb 45

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 200.6 (A)

1 August 1945

Subject: Citations

To : Personnel Officer, 17th Tank Bn, APO 257, U S Army

1. Enclosed herewith file copies of official citations in connection with awards made to personnel of your unit, pursuant to General Orders issued by this headquarters.

2. These citations will be retained by your section for reference in compiling records such as efficiency reports and unit histories, which require information of that type.

By command of Major General HASBROUCK:

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Forsch, Charles E. (Enl)(A)

2 June 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Sergeant Charles E. Forsch, 35284629, Armored,
Headquarters Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 59, this headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, to:

Sergeant Charles E. Forsch (Army Serial Number 35284629), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 11 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Sergeant Forsch's able and untiring work solved many serious communications problems and maintained radio contact within the battalion at peak efficiency. On several occasions he repaired radios in front-line tanks while under hostile fire. During the attack on St. Vith, in Belgium, two vital radio sets broke down and the speed with which Sergeant Forsch restored them to action proved an important factor in the success of subsequent operations. The great technical skill, courage and devotion to duty of Sergeant Forsch were of immeasurable value to the entire battalion in its months of combat on the continent.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURMAN
Major, A. C. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AS 201--Grupe, David W.(Mil)(A)

2 June 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technical Sergeant David W. Grupe, 36313799, Armored,
Headquarters, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 99, this headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, to:

Technical Sergeant David W. Grupe (Army Serial Number 36313799), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 12 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. By his initiative and effort Technical Sergeant Grupe performed every assignment given him in a highly competent manner. In addition to duties as Message Center Chief and Intelligence Sergeant, he served as Operations Non Commissioned Officer on several occasions. Although inexperienced, he quickly proved his worth, many times remaining on duty for as long as 24 hours without relief to get battle orders down to the combat elements. The outstanding military skill and tireless work of Technical Sergeant Grupe proved of important aid to his battalion in completion of its missions on the continent.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Bickel, Ralph (Enl)(A)

2 June 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To: Technical Sergeant Ralph Bickel, 13054843, Armored,
Headquarters, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 89, this headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, to:

Technical Sergeant Ralph Bickel (Army Serial Number 13054843), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 19 December 1944, and from 18 March 1945 to 1 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Technical Sergeant Bickel's highly effective work in the key post of Intelligence Non Commissioned Officer proved invaluable to his battalion in its many months of combat. During the rapid drive across France, the accurate maps, overlays and reports on enemy positions and strength which he delivered to the companies greatly aided them in smashing all opposition. As his unit fought to slow the pace of the German winter counter-offensive in the Ardennes, Technical Sergeant Bickel was wounded and evacuated. On returning to his organization in March of 1945, he resumed his duties and his skillful efforts helped speed the advance of our troops deep into Germany. His willingness to brave enemy action in performance of his mission and the outstanding manner in which he carried it out are worthy of high praise.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. S.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Drechner, Walter F. (Enl)(A)

2 June 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Staff Sergeant Walter F. Drechner, 32209913, Armored,
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 3 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 89, this headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, to:

Staff Sergeant Walter F. Drechner (Army Serial Number 32209913), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Staff Sergeant Drechner worked tirelessly under adverse and hazardous field conditions to keep the battalion's trucks rolling forward with ammunition, fuel and rations vital to the success of combat operations. Even when the vehicles were making long trips over rugged terrain, Staff Sergeant Drechner, by his technical skill and effective supervision of his section, kept a maximum number of them always ready for duty. As a direct result of his able and unflagging efforts, maintenance work within his unit remained at a consistently high level during many months on the continent.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Bareis, Albert T. (Enl) (A)

2 June 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Technical Sergeant Albert T. Bareis, 33083580,
Armored, Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion, APO
257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 89, this headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, to:

Technical Sergeant Albert T. Bareis (Army Serial Number 33083580), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 10 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. T Sgt. Bareis devoted his great technical skill tirelessly to the maintenance of unimpaired communications within his battalion. Many times he remained on duty day and night without relief and under hazardous combat conditions to keep the battalion's leaders in constant contact with fast-moving assault elements. In addition, he checked and repaired radios, changed channels and often operated sets when the men assigned to them were lost as battle casualties. T Sgt. Bareis' able and unflagging efforts greatly aided his unit in forging its record of success on the continent.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Spencer, Wilfred E. Jr. (Enl) (A) 2 June 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Sergeant Wilfred E. Spencer Jr., 36167670, Armored, Company "C", 17th Tank Battalion, APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 89, this headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, to:

Sergeant Wilfred E. Spencer Jr. (Army Serial Number 36167670), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 October 1944 to 19 December 1944 in Belgium and Holland. In October of 1944, Sgt. Spencer volunteered for service with a "Raider" platoon then being organized within the battalion for use on important and hazardous missions. In the days of training that followed, Sgt. Spencer helped toughen the men and mold them into a swift, hard hitting unit. Going into action at Meijel, Holland, the "Raiders" constructed a bridge in full view of the enemy and under heavy fire, thereby opening an escape route for a surrounded company. During the German counter-offensive in the Ardennes, Sgt. Spencer reconnoitered a safe route of withdrawal for a large number of our casualties who were threatened with capture by strong hostile forces. The next day he again braved death to lead supply trucks forward and replenish the battalion's stores of ammunition, fuel and rations. By his high courage and daring leadership, Sgt. Spencer helped avert disaster to many of his comrades and won for the "Raiders" an outstanding record of dangerous assignments well done.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Landry, Sheldon J. (Enl) (A) 2 June 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : First Sergeant Sheldon J. Landry, 6384348,
Armored, Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 89, this headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, to:

First Sergeant Sheldon J. Landry (Army Serial Number 6384348), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 12 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. 1st Sgt. Landry carried out his assignment in an outstanding manner during all operations on the continent. Even when his company was widely dispersed, 1st Sgt. Landry maintained the completeness and accuracy of important administrative reports. In the Battle of the Ardennes, he repeatedly braved hostile action to keep ammunition, fuel and rations flowing to the hardpressed combat elements of the battalion. The ability, courage and devotion to duty 1st Sgt. Landry displayed are in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Bartholomew, James W. (Off) (A) 2 June 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : First Lieutenant James W. Bartholomew, O1011066,
Infantry, Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 89, this headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES W. BARTHOLOMEW (Army Serial Number O1011066), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 October 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Belgium and Holland. In October of 1944 Lt. Bartholomew volunteered for service with a "Raider" platoon then being organized within the battalion for use on important and hazardous missions. In the days of training that followed, he helped toughen the men and mold them into a swift, hard hitting unit. During the epic stand of the Division at St Vith, Lt Bartholomew assumed command of his unit's Reconnaissance Platoon and let it in the successful completion of many dangerous assignments. Unwilling to risk any of his men on a particularly hazardous reconnaissance patrol in the area of Crombach, Belgium, Lt. Bartholomew went out alone and in the course of this mission was wounded. Returning to his unit after a month in the hospital, Lt. Bartholomew resumed his command and continued to display resourcefulness, courage and leadership of the highest order in the months of combat that followed.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Hoff, William R. (Off) (A)

2 June 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : First Lieutenant William R. Hoff, 01015708,
Infantry, Company "B", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 89, this headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. HOFF (Army Serial Number 01015708), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 5 December 1944 to 12 May 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Lt. Hoff led his platoon successfully during months of bitter battle on the continent. Assuming command of his unit during the German winter counter-offensive in December of 1944, he quickly proved himself a skillful and courageous soldier, as he personally directed a defense which threw back repeated hostile assaults. In the final drive deep into Germany, Lt. Hoff's tank was at the head of the task force and on several occasions his aggressiveness and fighting spirit made possible uninterrupted advance of the column. Lt. Hoff's outstanding military ability, high courage and inspiring leadership were invaluable to his battalion in forging its fine record against the enemy.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Beattay, George R. (off)(A)

18 July 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : First Lieutenant George R. Beattay, 01011374,
Infantry, Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 21, Headquarters Seventh United States Army, 17 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 116, this Headquarters, dated 18 July 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE R. BEATTAY (Army Serial Number 01011374), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Lt Beattay always performed his duties in an outstanding manner, displaying unusual initiative and devotion to duty. Near Recht, Belgium, on 18 December 1944, Lt Beattay was instrumental in saving numerous vehicles which had been stuck in the fields. On many occasions he led gas trucks, ammunition and ration trucks to the combat elements under severe artillery barrages and adverse weather conditions. Wounded by enemy action on 23 January 1945 at St Vith, Belgium, Lt Beattay refused to be evacuated and continued to perform his duties until the action was completed. His high degree of efficiency, perseverance and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Matis, John S. (Enl)(A)

18 July 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Staff Sergeant John S. Matis, 33137039, Armored,
Company B, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 21, Headquarters Seventh United States Army, 17 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 116, this headquarters, dated 18 July 1945, to:

Staff Sergeant John S. Matis (Army Serial Number 33137039), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. As a tank commander, S Sgt Matis was cool and daring in battle and was always eager to engage the enemy. On numerous occasions he showed outstanding leadership and tactical knowledge. During the German counter-offensive in December 1944, when it became apparent that his company would have to withdraw as the enemy was closing in, S Sgt Matis volunteered to remain behind and maintain a road block to protect the rear elements as they departed. For several days S Sgt Matis worked tirelessly maintaining road blocks with bazooka teams. S Sgt Matis' superior performance of duty, his coolness under fire and outstanding leadership are worthy of the highest praise.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, AGD
Acting Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Hammar, William B. (Off) (A)

23 June 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM B. HAMMAR, 01016834, Infantry,
Company "D" 17th Tank Battalion
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AM 600-42, as amended, and Circular No. 25, Headquarters Seventh United States Army, 7 November 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 103, this Headquarters, dated 23 June 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM B. HAMMAR (Army Serial Number 01016834), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 10 November 1944 to 6 March 1945 and from 16 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, Holland and Germany. Lieutenant Hammar performed his duties as Platoon Leader in a superior manner. On several occasions he displayed outstanding courage, aggressiveness and coolness under fire. During the German breakthrough at Hecht, Belgium in December 1944, Lieutenant Hammar was directing the defensive deployment of his platoon when in the darkness, he found himself alongside a German tank. Realizing that it was impossible to traverse his gun enough and that the situation called for immediate action, Lieutenant Hammar opened the turret of his tank and with complete disregard for personal safety, started throwing hand grenades. Though he made an excellent target, he was not fired on, and succeeded in driving off the enemy. Lieutenant Hammar's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Thornton, Delmar G. (O) (A)

23 June 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star

TO : Second Lieutenant Delmar G. Thornton, 02005589,
Infantry, Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army.

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 25, Headquarters Seventh United States Army, 7 November 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 103, this Headquarters, dated 23 June 1945, to:

SECOND LIEUTENANT DELMAR G. THORNTON (Army Serial Number 02005589), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in Germany. On the night of 5 April 1945, LIEUTENANT THORNTON's platoon was the lead platoon of a company attack on the town of Wilmeringhausen, Germany. When within 500 yards of the town, LIEUTENANT THORNTON discovered the terrain to be far different from that shown on the map and the planned route of attack impossible due to terrain difficulties. The darkness rendered mounted reconnaissance useless and made it imperative that an alternate route be sought on foot. Knowing that one man stood a better chance of escaping detection by the enemy, LIEUTENANT THORNTON instructed his platoon to wait and, alone, set out to seek a route into the town. LIEUTENANT THORNTON evaded detection by great skill and daring and after extensive movement behind the enemy lines, found an approach suitable for tanks on the opposite edge of town. Returning to the tank column, he led them over the route he had covered in an attack that routed the enemy defenders and speedily won the objective with a minimum of casualties. By his heroic and gallant action LIEUTENANT THORNTON enabled the company to seize, consolidate and defend the objective from a strong counter-attack that soon followed. Lieutenant Thornton's performance was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Smiley, John S. (Enl)(A)

23 June 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Corporal John S. Smiley, 37324293, Armored,
Company "B", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 25, Headquarters Seventh United States Army, 7 November 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 103, this Headquarters, dated 23 June 1945, to:

Corporal John S. Smiley (Army Serial Number 37324293), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 26 December 1944 in Belgium. Cpl Smiley performed an outstanding service during the Ardennes Campaign when he prevented untold casualties by prompt and unselfish action in Manhay, Belgium on 26 December 1944. With the front line area confused, American planes began strafing and bombing their own troops quartered in Manhay. Realizing the need for immediate notice to the air crews that Americans were in the city, Cpl Smiley seized a colored panel and leaped from his tank and rushed into a clear area, waving the panel violently. Despite a bomb that burst about seventy five yards from him, Cpl Smiley persisted in his efforts until the pilots realized their error and ceased their activity. By this daring and courageous action without thought of his own personal safety, Cpl Smiley prevented many casualties and much damage to American vehicles. His conduct reflected great credit upon himself and his organization.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Johnson, Charles W. (Enl)(A)

23 June 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Technician Fourth Grade Charles W. Johnson, 14079316,
Armored, Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 25, Headquarters Seventh United States Army, 7 November 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 103, this Headquarters, dated 23 June 1945, to:

Technician Fourth Grade Charles W. Johnson (Army Serial Number 14079316), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. As driver of a 105mm Assault Gun, Tec 4 Johnson performed all duties in a superior manner during the months his organization was in action. His willingness to engage the enemy was evident at all times although enemy anti-tank fire on four separate occasions disabled the vehicles he was driving. His exceptional ability to maneuver his tank under adverse conditions and his coolness under fire proved of much aid to his unit in accomplishing many missions successfully. Tec 4 Johnson's untiring efforts, superb handling of his vehicle and his proven devotion to duty reflected much credit upon himself and his organization.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-James, George L. (Enl)(A)

15 June 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fourth Grade George L. James, 34262719,
Armored, Co "A" 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the president, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 25, Headquarters Seventh United States Army, 7 November 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 100, this headquarters, dated 15 June 1945, to:

Technician Fourth Grade George L. James (Army Serial Number 34262719), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During many months of bitter combat against the enemy, Tec 4 James performed all duties attendant upon his position as tank driver, in a superior manner. He consistently demonstrated outstanding mechanical and technical skill plus a coolness and daring under enemy fire that contributed much to the success of numerous missions. Tec 4 James remained undaunted and unflagging in his devotion to duty despite having six tanks disabled under him by enemy action during his service. His aggressive-ness, willingness to engage the enemy on all occasions and his outstanding operational ability reflect credit upon himself and his organization.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. C. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 200.6 (A)

10 August 1945

Subject: Citations

To : Personnel Officer, 17th Tank Battalion
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

1. Enclosed herewith file copies of official citations in connection with awards made to personnel of your unit, pursuant to General Orders issued by this headquarters.

2. These citations will be retained by your section for reference in compiling records such as efficiency reports and unit histories, which require information of that type.

By order of Colonel RYAN:

2 Incls
2 Citations

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ARMY FORM 1098, NO. 638
 (MAY 1944)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES, OFFICE OF DEPENDENCY BENEFITS, NEWARK 2, NEW JERSEY
 FAMILY ALLOWANCE (SERVICEMEN'S DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE ACT OF 1942, AS AMENDED)

APPLICATION NO. X-3 521 685

NEW AUTHORIZATION

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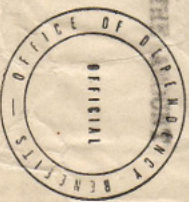
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BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:
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H. N. Gilbert
 H. N. GILBERT
 Brigadier General, United States Army,
 Director



NOTE: (*) Re-authorization
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R E S T R I C T E D
HEADQUARTERS
17TH TANK BATTALION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

20 April 1945
(Date)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award
TO : Commanding General, 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U. S. Army
THRU : Commanding Officer, CO"A", 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U. S. Army

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, as amended, it is recommended that the

Bronze Star, be awarded Tec 4 Lee Witt
(Decoration) (Rank and full name)
ASN 35265954 For Heroic action in connection with military operations not involving participation in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States.

1. Personal Data:

a. Lee Witt Tec 4 Co "D", 17th Tank Bn.
(Name) (Rank) (Organization)

Infantry Tank Driver, Light Tank Company.
(Arm or Service) (Duty at time of act)

b. Decorations previously awarded (Including Purple Heart) None
(General Order, Number and Headquarters)

c. No decoration (exclusive of Purple Heart) has previously been awarded and no recommendation for an award for this act or service has been previously submitted.

d. The entire service of Tec 4 Lee Witt since the rendition of the act or service upon which this recommendation is based, has been honorable.

2. General Data:

Was the officer recommending this award an eye-witness of the act or service upon which the recommendation is based? Yes If the officer recommending the award was not an eye-witness to the act, his signature will be construed as constituting an official certificate covering the authenticity of the act or service reported herein.

R E S T R I C T E D

3. a. Detailed resume giving complete description of action:

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b. Wounded _____ MIA _____ KIA _____
(Check appropriate remark if applicable)

APPROVED:

Vernon G. Files
(Signature)
VERNON FILES
1st Lt Infantry
Comdg. Co "D"
(Grade and Organization)

Incls: _____

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By 71 NAPA Date 09/13/05

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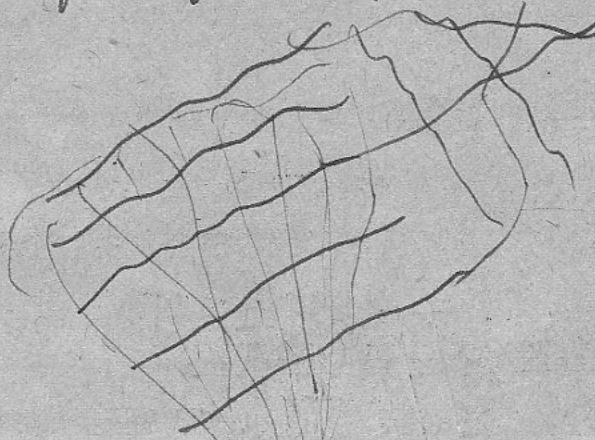
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It is recommended that Lt. Wayman, for his aggressive and heroic action with utter disregard for his own safety, be awarded the Bronze Star.

Seeing that an opportunity existed to leave the town before the enemy could prepare for the forthcoming attack



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(Check appropriate remark if applicable)

APPROVED:

Vernon Files

(Signature)
VERNON FILES
1st Lt 17th Tk Bn
Comdg. Co "D"

(Grade and Organization)

Incls: _____

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Commanding General, 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U. S. Army
Commanding Officer, CC "A", 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U. S. Army

Bronze Star
2d Lt Joseph D. Wayman

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Heroic action in connection with military operations not involving participation in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States.

Joseph D. Wayman 2d Lt. Co "D", 17th Tank Battalion

Infantry Platoon Leader, Light Tank Company

None

2d Lt. Joseph D. Wayman

Yes

[Signature]
Vernon E. Hill
1st Lt 17th TR Bn
Comdg. Co 17th

APPROVED:
JOHN P. WENFLE
1st Col 17th TR Bn
Commanding

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1st Lt. Joseph D. Wayman
Co "D", 17th Tank Battalion

Joseph D. Wayman

Platoon leader, Light Tank Company

Infantry

None

1st Lt. Joseph D. Wayman

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APPROVED:

JOHN P. WEMPLE
Lt Col 17th Tk Bn
Commanding

Vernon Files
VERNON FILES
1st Lt 17th Tk Bn
Comdg. Co "D"

17TH TANK BATTALION
APC 257, U. S. ARMY
20 April 1945
Commanding General, 7th Arm Div, APO 257, U. S. Army
Commanding Officer, CG"A", 7th Arm Div, APO 257, U. S. Army

Bronze Star

Tec 4 Lee Witt

35265954

Heroic action in connection with military operations not involving participation in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States.

Lee Witt

Tec 4

Co "D", 17th Tank Bn.

Infantry

Tank Driver, Light Tank Company.

None

Tec 4 Lee Witt

Yes

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ARMY
1st Lt Infantry
Co "D"

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T. W. DALLER
Major, 17th Tank Bn
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Commanding Officer, "C" Co, 17th Tank Bn, U.S. Army

Not involving participation in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States.

Tec 4 Witt
Tank Driver, Light Tank Company

APPROVED:

T. W. DAILEY
Major, 17th Tk Bn
C.O. Task Force DAILEY

Vernon Files
VERNON FILES
1st Lt Infantry
Comdg. Co "D"

On 8 April 1945 Task Force Dailey commanded by T. W. Dailey, Major of the 17th Tank Battalion was engaged in a battle with German armor near the town of Silver Star, Germany. The 17th Tank Battalion was equipped with M4 Sherman tanks, M3 Half-tracks, and M24 Chaffin tractors. The task force was ordered to advance through the town and destroy the German armor. Major Dailey led the task force in a series of attacks, and the German armor was destroyed. The task force was commended for its gallantry and heroism in action.

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Gallantry in action.

Thomas W. Dailey Major Hq 17th Tank Battalion

Infantry Commanding Officer, Task Force Dailey

Bronze Star

G.O. #51, 7th A.D.: Bronze Star Cluster, G.O. #22, 7th A.D.

Major Thomas W. Dailey

Yes

JOHN P. WENDEL
Lt Col 17th Tank Bn
Commanding

On 5 April 1945 Task Force Dailey commanded by T. W. DAILEY, Major of the 17th Tank Battalion was attacking the town of Obr-Valbert, Germany. Enemy small arms fire, anti-tank fire and fire from self propelled weapons held up the forward movement of the Task Force. One tank had been knocked out of action and the infantry was pinned down by heavy enemy artillery fire and it was evident that numerous casualties would be sustained if the attack did not surge forward. Major Dailey, from his position among the forward elements and disregarding his own personal safety, rallied the infantry and led them against intensive enemy small arms fire and the continual falling of enemy artillery. Though the enemy fire at several points almost cost him his life, Major Dailey at no time faltered on his forward movements with exceptional bravery and fortitude and outstanding aggressiveness, the enemy positions were dislodged, the Germans soldiers disorganized and the Task Force was able to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties.

The capture of this town was so much of a surprise to the enemy that they were unable to reorganize which resulted in the subsequent surrender of all the forces in that area and the collapse of the whole sector.

Dailey in sector

Major Thomas W. Dailey
17th Tank Battalion

Commanding Officer, Task Force Dailey

Bronze Star

O.O. 481, 17th A.D. 1 Bronze Star Quarter, G.O. 482, 17th A.D.

Major Thomas W. Dailey

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JOHN P. WEMPLE
Lt Col 17th Tk Bn
Commanding

6 March 1945

Raining, snowing, very sloppy and just a miserable day in Germany. Training schedule followed. Shower trucks at from 1000 to 1100. Presentation of awards made in the companies and Col. Wemple awards the Silver Star to three members of the Battalion. The 17th is billeted in houses (if they can be called that) Houses are made of mud and wood. Dead cattle in evidence everywhere.

Diary for Cpl Wise:

Good luck, Herb. Hope you make it but I'll be losing a good man for the diary work.

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Cpl Wise (Diary)

7 March 1945

We leave Konzen, Germany at 0750 and travel south thru rain and cold throught the day. We travel thru Lammeßdorf, Germeter, Hurtegen, Kleinhau, Brandanburg, Bergenstein, Brock, Niddegen, Berg, Thum, Grotheim, Gussenich to Geich. We bivouac in the town of Geich at 1230 (Good Billets) We see knocked out enemy and friendly tanks and guns, ammunition spread out and buildings blasted without one German home escaping the shelling. We are alerted to move out of Geich at 2100 and move at 0150 on 8 March 1945.

8 March 1945

Weather is bad, with rain and cold. We travel thru Odingen, Dellingshaven, Eurlkursten, Berkum, Gimmerdorff, and stop for a while in the town of Gimmersdorf, having coffee and watching the civilians bring in their weapons and radios. We proceed to Berkum again and then to Villip, Pech, and then to Bad Galemberg. We travel thru the nite from Geich and at 0600 when we stopped on the main road to Bonn for assembly. Road to Bonn is very good. The three task forces met at this point. The plan was for Task Force Wemple to take the center of the attack while task force King was to be on our right and task force Rhea to our left. We meet no opposition when we take off. We travel toward the Rhine River. We stop at Odigen and the tanks deployed near high ground while the infantry outposted other villages close to the Rhine. The infantry received very light sniper fire. We bivouac for the night at Odigen at 1600 and billet in homes. Some prisoners are taken.

9 March 1945

Weather is bad again with cold and rain. We move out of Odigen at about 1200 and stop at Gimmersdorf until 1400 when we move out to Bad Gottesberg and Bivouac in the city at 1730.

10 March 1945

We remain at Bad Gottesberg. Enemy is located across the Rhine. Assault guns move out at 1700 for indirect firing. Weather is fair with some rain.

11 March 1945

Cloudy and cool. Mist is in the air but it does not rain,. Companies are reverted back to the Battalion and we are now under Division Artillery. Tanks move out at 1200 for firing indirect across the Rhine. Tanks line up for half a mile at the Rhine and dig the back end of their tanks in. Some artillery coming into the town of Bad Gottesberg. (very little) Nite is dark and flares are in evidence.

UNIT HISTORY

- a. Original unit.
(1) Designation:
(2) Date of Organization
(3) Place of Organization
(4) Authority for Organization
(5) Sources from which personnel were obtained.
- b. Changes in T/O during the year:
- c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
(1) At the beginning of the period:
(2) Net increase each month
(3) Net decrease each month
(4) At end of period:
- d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.
- e. Marches
- f. Campaigns.
(1) Campaign of Northern France
August to 14 September 1944.
(2) Purpose: To drive the German Army from Northern France.
Authority: Par 3 Sect VI GO 80, War Dept. Washington 25, D. C. 5 Oct 44
(2) Campaign of Germany
15 September 1944 to present.
Purpose: To defeat Germany
Authority Ordering: Par 3 Sect VI GO 80, War Dept. Washington 25, DC 5 Oct 44.
- g. Battles
- h. Commanding Officers in important engagements.
- i. Losses in action: officers and men (by names)
- j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
- k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes of events.

NOTE: A complete copy of the citation or an extract of the citation and an extract of the General Order must be given for each Award listed. (Purple Hearts-optional)

History is to be furnished in duplicate.

April

Bro. Hq. ⁰²⁰¹~~0245~~ 1 April 45 to 1930, 2 April 45 - Geismar, Germany,
0245, 3 April 45 to 0705, 4 April 45 Medebach,

Diary

COMMUNIQUE EN BELGIAN

20 Feb 45

Road detail continues. Roads still in very bad condition. Weather is warmer. Movies in the Bn area.

21 Feb 45

Road detail continues. Spring weather prevails. Movies at Welkenraedt. Training schedule for Balance of the week published.

22 Feb 45

Seven EM and 2 Off leave for 48 hour pass to Paris. Road detail continues. Frost the nite of the 21st but sun is out and warmer this date.

*at
thru Welken raedt + Eifel*

DIARY

23 February 1945

Majority of Bn moves to Roetgen Germany on the vital road detail. They leave at 0600 and travel about 24 miles. Weather is colder but clear. Bn allotted 19 passes to Eupen but only 11 are used. Critique held for C.P.X. General Hasbrouck at Bn area and tests tanks at nite.

22 February 1945

7 MM and 2 officers leave for Patis on Pass. Weather is warm. Road detail continues. Movies are held in the "p" area.

24 Feb 45

Most of Bn still at Roetgen Germany.

DIARY

Feb. 27

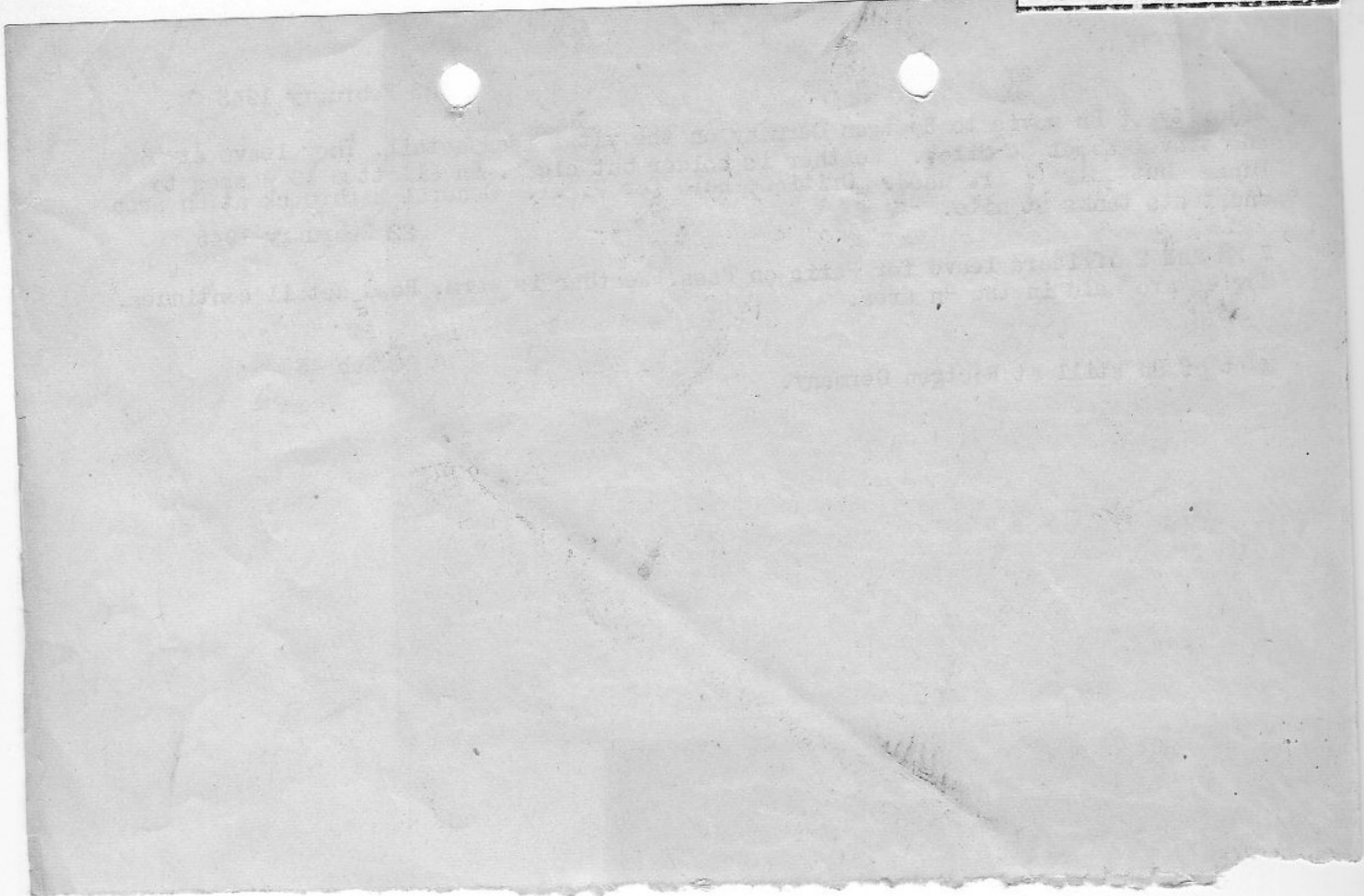
Road Detail still on.
Warm & cloudy. movies in Bn.
area at 1000. Feb. 28

Part day. men return from
Road Detail. 24 Feb.

Officers party in Wehmerwald.
Cloudy. same 25 Feb.

St. Louett, Hq. Co. turns over in
peep & is seriously injured.
Weather cloudy & warm. Some rain.

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26 Feb
Food Detail continues.
Weather remains cloudy, some
rain.

1 march.

men busy cleaning vehicles
for inspection. weather
is warm + snow also
mudely.

2 march

Inspection of vehicles
held. Mayaba demon-
stration held. Snow
plungies + colder.

3 march

we leave, Hoop +
Wetkenrod, Melguin
at 08:05. We travel
thru Wetken road + Euphr

we cross German
border at 1400, crossing
fast to Kroyer, Sunday
where we set up
Bivouac. We find
billetts in shell mided
homes. Dead cattle
in evidence in canyon of
home, cold but ^{day} of ^{staid}
Snow, mudely, met.
Spaine Comit of Inf.
mounting ^{combats} "combat
Dovee Spaine".

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By AL NAPA Date 09/17/05



23rd Inf. Co. ^{5 March 44}
all ^{with} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{light} ^{tanks} ^(M-24)
in light tanks (M-24)
training. One platoon
of "B" Co. 23rd
Inf. with
two.

look for
warmer,

Unit History

10 Feb 45

Training schedule continued. Reveille at 2700. Rain in morning with sun in the afternoon.

3 Feb 45

Services (memorial) held for Chaplain Gulak in nearby town of Wehenrath, Belgium. Heavy rains. Weather is warmer.

Swimming schedule drawn up. Parley on pass to Paris with 2 other officers + 14 EW.

4 Feb 45

Companies out on range. Firing. One civilian shot in line Co. due to accident.

DIARY

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8 Feb.

Dental Inspection for
the Mr. Call sheet put
out of C.C.A. Pain +
numbness.

9 Feb.

Reville stood by all
companies. Retired at
1645. Mixed weather
with rain + sleet.
20 + 15 EM to Eper
on pass.

Diary

10 Feb -

Road Detail. Most
of Bn. weather cold.
wet.

11 Feb.

Road Detail. weather wet

12 Feb.

Road Detail. Warm
Roads in very bad condition.

13 Feb.

Road Detail. Warm

14 Feb.

movies at night. Road Detail.
Warm + wet.

15 Feb.

Roads drying up but need
more repairs. weather warm.

16 Feb.

Road detail, rain + wet.

17 Feb. 45

Road Detail, Divisions.

7 movies

18 Feb 45

Road Detail continues on
Sunday. movies

19 Feb 45

Road Detail continues.
movies.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION 517TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY
APO 109 U. S. Army

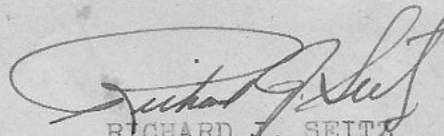
29 January 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 17th Tank Battalion, 7th Armored
Division, APO 257.

On behalf of the officers and men of this unit I take this opportunity to express the pride and confidence we felt in Lt. Hardin and Company B of your Battalion. In particular I refer to the operation just completed in the vicinity of St. Vith, for which Company B was attached to us. Although we were operating under adverse weather conditions they constantly demonstrated superior ability, aggressiveness and determination. The performance of the officers and men of Lt. Hardin's company was a credit to their organization.

It is with great pride that we look back upon the performance of Lt. Hardin's tanks as a part of our task force. Their disregard for their own comfort and well being effected materially the successful completion of our assigned missions.

It is our hope that in any future operation that we may participate in we will have Lt. Hardin and his tanks with us.



RICHARD J. SEITZ
Lt. Col., 517th Preht Inf.
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Dailey, Thomas W. (Off) (A)

21 January 1945

Subject: Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster (Bronze Star Medal)

To : Major Thomas W. Dailey, O1010442, Infantry,
Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 22, this headquarters, dated 21 January 1945, to:

MAJOR THOMAS W. DAILEY (Army Serial Number O1010442), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 8 September 1944, to 7 December 1944, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. As Battalion Executive Officer, Major Dailey worked tirelessly to carry out his important duties. He constantly put the welfare of his men above all other considerations and his efforts on their behalf resulted in high fighting morale. In battle, he remained in constant contact with front-line units to supervise operations of the troops. Major Dailey's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Buffington, Norrigan L. (Enl) (A)

11 January 1945

Subject: Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster (Bronze Star Medal)

To : Staff Sergeant Norrigan L. Buffington, 36053869, Infantry,
Company "B", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) was awarded per General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, to:

Staff Sergeant Norrigan L. Buffington (Army Serial Number 36053869) Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 22 December 1944, in the area of Crombach, Belgium. Despite the great danger, S Sgt Buffington volunteered to contact a division on our right flank in order to close the gap between the two units. Moving on foot reconnaissance over more than two miles of the most difficult terrain, he braved constant artillery, mortar and small arms fire to carry out his mission. S Sgt. Buffington's courageous performance of this vital and hazardous assignment, which made possible the linking of our forces, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Captain, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Stanley, Ernest P., Jr. (WO) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Chief Warrant Officer Ernest P. Stanley, Jr., W2123090, NMB,
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER ERNEST P. STANLEY, JR. (Army Serial Number W2123090), NMB, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 24 January 1945, in the area of Born, Belgium. When the operations half-track caught fire CWO Stanley unhesitatingly moved to fight the flames. Despite the great danger of the track's load of ammunition exploding, CWO Stanley entered the vehicle and remained there at the risk of his life, until he had checked the blaze. By his courageous action CWO Stanley not only saved the valuable half-track, but also its radio, making possible maintenance of communication and control during the days of battle that followed.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM,
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7th ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Schroeder, Robert J. (Off) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Robert J. Schroeder, O1547447, Medical
Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 17th Tank
Battalion, APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. SCHROEDER, (Army Serial Number O1547447), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 23 January 1945, in the area of Deidenberg, Belgium. With complete disregard for concentrated artillery fire 1st Lt. Schroeder repeatedly moved to forward positions over difficult snow-covered terrain to evacuate the wounded. During a day of fierce battle he cared for a majority of the casualties of three task forces and provided the sole means of moving them to safety. 1st Lt. Schroeder's great courage and devotion to the care of his injured comrades reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. EURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Files, Vernon (Off) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To: First Lieutenant Vernon Files, 0534363, Infantry,
Company "D", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this Headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT VERNON FILES (Army Serial Number 0534363), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 19 December 1944 to 6 February 1945, in Belgium. During weeks of battle 1st Lt. Files repeatedly displayed outstanding courage and leadership. While in combat in Holland 1st Lt. Files was wounded, but refused treatment or evacuation until he had reorganized his platoon. Again, at St. Vith in Belgium, 1st Lt. Files braved death to go to the aid of the wounded. His bravery and devotion to his men are in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Wilson, John C., Jr. (Off) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Second Lieutenant John C. Wilson, Jr., O536761, Infantry,
Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN C. WILSON, JR. (Army Serial Number O536761), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 23 January 1945, in the area of Deidenberg, Belgium. Although wounded in the initial phase of the attack 2d Lt. Wilson remained in command of his company and led it successfully in seizing its objectives. By staying in the vanguard of his forces, although in great pain, 2d Lt. Wilson prevented the dangerous delay that a shift in command would have caused. His outstanding courage and able leadership contributed immeasurably to the success of his unit's operations and are worthy of the highest praise.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. HURNHAM
Major, A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Howison, Jack (Off) (A)

21 January 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Jack Howison, O1011588, Infantry
Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 22, this headquarters, dated 21 January 1945, to:

CAPTAIN JACK HOWISON (Army Serial Number O1011588), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 17 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in Belgium. With the enemy directing the full force of his armor against our lines, Captain Howison displayed great courage and leadership in maintaining control of his unit during a prolonged defense against enemy attacks. In addition, he reorganized many who had become detached from their units into an effective fighting force to oppose the overwhelming strength of the German winter counter-offensive. His outstanding performance of hazardous duties played an important part in slowing the tempo of the hostile drive, giving us time to mass forces to bring it to a halt.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 17TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Lavett, John S. (Off) (A)

11 January 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant John S. Lavett, 01015561, Infantry
Headquarters Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN S. LAVETT (Army Serial Number 01015561), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 17 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in Belgium. During the epic stand of the Division against the German winter counter-offensive, 1st Lt. Lavett again and again braved death to control the fire of his mortar platoon. The support his guns provided played an important part in turning back repeated enemy attacks. When a German tank infiltrated through our lines and approached his positions, 1st Lt. Lavett directed volleys of mortar and small arms fire against it. This unexpected resistance so disorganized the crew that they withdrew with their vehicle before it could do any damage to our installations. 1st Lt. Lavett courage and able leadership inspired his men to hold fast against a foe that heavily outnumbered them during a week of bitter battle.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Captain, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Hardin, Richard A. (Off) (A)

11 January 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Richard A. Hardin, 01016417, Infantry,
Company "E", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army.

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD A. HARDIN (Army Serial Number 01016417), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 23 December 1944, in the area of Crombach, Belgium. Ordered to new positions, 1st Lt. Hardin made a personal reconnaissance of the only route of approach, despite the great danger from heavy enemy action. Although the town through which the unit had to pass was controlled by the Germans, 1st Lt. Hardin planned and executed a successful movement of his forces. Only when all his tanks had safely passed through the danger zone did 1st Lt. Hardin leave his hazardous post and regain them. The great courage and leadership he displayed in meeting this difficult combat situation are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. HUNHAM
Captain, A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Hardin, Richard A. (Off) (A)

11 January 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Richard A. Hardin, O1016417, Infantry,
Company "B", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD A. HARDIN (Army Serial Number O1016417), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 23 December 1944, in the area of Crombach, Belgium. Ordered to new positions, 1st Lt. Hardin made a personal reconnaissance of the only route of approach, despite the great danger from heavy enemy action. Although the town through which the unit had to pass was controlled by the Germans, 1st Lt. Hardin planned and executed a successful movement of his forces. Only when all his tanks had safely passed through the danger zone did 1st Lt. Hardin leave his hazardous post and rejoin them. The great courage and leadership he displayed in meeting this difficult combat situation are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Captain, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

B

1st Lt. Richard A Hardin
Co B, 17 TB
23 Dec 44
Crombach, Belgium

Ordered to new positions, Lt. Hardin made a personal reconnaissance of the only route of approach, despite the great danger from heavy enemy action. Although the town through which his unit had to pass was controlled by the Germans, Lt. Hardin planned and executed a successful movement of his forces. ~~_____~~ Only when all his tanks had safely passed through the danger zone did Lt. Hardin leave his hazardous post and rejoin them. The great courage and leadership he displayed in meeting this difficult combat situation ~~_____~~ are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Lavett, John S. (Off) (A)

11 January 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant John S. Lavett, O1O15561, Infantry,
Headquarters Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN S. LAVETT (Army Serial Number O1O15561), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 17 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in Belgium. During the epic stand of the Division against the German winter counter-offensive, 1st Lt. Lavett again and again braved death to control the fire of his mortar platoon. The support his guns provided played an important part in turning back repeated enemy attacks. When a German tank infiltrated through our lines and approached his positions, 1st Lt. Lavett directed volleys of mortar and small arms fire against it. This unexpected resistance so disorganized the crew that they withdrew with their vehicle before it could do any damage to our installations. 1st Lt. Lavett's courage and able leadership inspired his men to hold fast against a foe that heavily outnumbered them during a week of bitter battle.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Captain, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

B

1st Lt. John S Lavett
Hq Co, 17 TB
17-23 Dec 44
Hecht, Crombach, Holland

During the epic stand of the Division against the German Winter counter-offensive, Lt. Lavett ^{again and again} constantly braved death to control the fire of his mortar platoon. The support his guns provided played an important part in turning back repeated enemy attacks. When a ~~German~~ ^{German} tank ~~passed~~ ^{infiltrated} through our lines and approached his positions, Lt. Lavett directed volleys of mortar and small arms fire against it. This ~~surprise~~ unexpected resistance so disorganized the crew that they withdrew with their vehicle before ~~they~~ ^{it} could do any damage to our installations. Lt. Lavett's courage and able leadership inspired his men to hold fast against a foe that heavily outnumbered ~~them~~ them during a week of bitter battle.

PLWS

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Howison, Jack (Off) (A)

21 January 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Jack Howison, 01011588, Infantry,
Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 22, this headquarters, dated 21 January 1945, to:

CAPTAIN JACK HOWISON (Army Serial Number 01011588), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 17 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in Belgium. With the enemy directing the full force of his armor against our lines, Captain Howison displayed great courage and leadership in maintaining control of his unit during a prolonged defense against enemy attacks. In addition, he reorganized many who had become detached from their units into an effective fighting force to oppose the overwhelming strength of the German winter counter-offensive. His outstanding performance of hazardous duties played an important part in slowing the tempo of the hostile drive, giving us time to mass forces to bring it to a halt.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

B

Capt Jack Howison
Hq, 17 TB
17-23 Dec 44
Belgium

With the enemy directing the full force of his armor against our lines,
great
Captain Howison displayed ~~outstanding~~ courage and leadership in maintaining control
of his unit ~~throughout~~ ^{during} a prolonged defense against the enemy attacks.
In addition, he reorganized ~~many~~ many who had become detached from their units
into an effective fighting ~~unit~~ ^{force} to oppose the overwhelming strength of the German
Winter counter-offensive. His outstanding performance of his hazardous duties
played an important part in slowing the tempo of the hostile drive, giving us time
to mass forces to bring it to a halt.

RWB

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Dailey, Thomas W. (Off) (A)

21 January 1945

Subject: Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster (Bronze Star Medal)

To : Major Thomas W. Dailey, O1O1O442, Infantry,
Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 22, this headquarters, dated 21 January 1945, to:

MAJOR THOMAS W. DAILEY (Army Serial Number O1O1O442), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 8 September 1944 to 7 December 1944, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. As Battalion Executive Officer, Major Dailey worked tirelessly to carry out his important duties. He constantly put the welfare of his men above all other considerations and his efforts on their behalf resulted in high fighting morale. In battle, he remained in constant contact with front-line units to supervise operations of the troops. Major Dailey's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

B

Major Thomas W. Dailey
Hq, 17 T
8 Sept-7th Dec 44
France, Belgium, Holland, Germany

As Battalion Executive Officer, Major Dailey worked tirelessly to carry out his important duties. He constantly put the welfare of his men above all other considerations and his efforts in their behalf resulted in high fighting morale. In battle, he remained in constant contact with front-line units to supervise operations of the troops. Major Dailey's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

RWS

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Wilson, John C., Jr. (Off) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Second Lieutenant John C. Wilson, Jr., 0536761, Infantry,
Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN C. WILSON, JR. (Army Serial Number 0536761), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 23 January 1945, in the area of Beidenberg, Belgium. Although wounded in the initial phase of the attack 2d Lt. Wilson remained in command of his company and led it successfully in seizing its objectives. By staying in the vanguard of his forces, although in great pain, 2d Lt. Wilson prevented the dangerous delay that a shift in command would have caused. His outstanding courage and able leadership contributed immeasurably to the success of his unit's operations and are worthy of the highest praise.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

S

2d Lt. John C. Wilson
Co A, 17 TB
23 Jan 45
Diedenberg, Belg

Although wounded in the initial phase of the attack Lt Wilson remained in command of his company and led it successfully in seizing its objectives. By staying in the vanguard of his forces, although in great pain, Lt. Wilson prevented the dangerous delay that a shift ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ command would have caused. His outstanding courage and able leadership contributed immeasurably to the success of his unit's operations and are worthy of the highest praise.

RWB

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Files, Vernon (Off) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Vernon Files, 0534363, Infantry,
Company "D", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT VERNON FILES (Army Serial Number 0534363), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 19 December 1944 to 6 February 1945, in Belgium. During weeks of battle 1st Lt. Files repeatedly displayed outstanding courage and leadership. While in combat in Holland 1st Lt. Files was wounded, but refused treatment or evacuation until he had reorganized his platoon. Again, at St. Vith in Belgium, 1st Lt. Files braved death to go to the aid of the wounded. His bravery and devotion to his men are in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BRUSHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

B

1st Lt. Vernon Files
Co D, 17 TB
19 Dec-6 Feb

During weeks of ~~combat~~ ^{sattle} Lt Files repeatedly ^{displayed}
outstanding courage and leadership. ~~Being a combatant~~ ^{while in combat} in Holland Lt
Files was wounded, but refused treatment or evacuation until he had reorganized
his platoon. Again, at St Vith in Belgium, Lt Files braved death to go to
the aid of the wounded. His bravery and devotion to his men are in keeping with
the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Schroeder, Robert J. (Off) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Robert J. Schroeder, O1547447, Medical
Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 17th Tank
Battalion, APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. SCHROEDER (Army Serial Number O1547447), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 23 January 1945, in the area of Deidenberg, Belgium. With complete disregard for concentrated artillery fire 1st Lt. Schroeder repeatedly moved to forward positions over difficult snow-covered terrain to evacuate the wounded. During a day of fierce battle he cared for a majority of the casualties of three task forces and provided the sole means of moving them to safety. 1st Lt. Schroeder's great courage and devotion to the care of his injured comrades reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BUNNAN
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

B

24 1st Lt. Robert J. Schroeder
Med and Corps, 17 TB
23 Jan 45
Deidenberg, Belg

With complete disregard for concentrated
artillery fire Lt. Schroeder ~~was~~ repeatedly moved to forward positions over
difficult ~~to~~ snow-covered terrain to evacuate the wounded. During a day of fierce
battle he cared for ^a ~~the~~ majority of the casualties of three task forces and
provided ~~was~~ the sole means of moving them to safety. ^{Lt. Schroeder's} ~~his~~ great courage and devotion ^{to the cause} ~~to~~
of his injured comrades reflect high ~~credit~~ credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

RMB

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Stanley, Ernest P., Jr. (WO) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Chief Warrant Officer Ernest P. Stanley, Jr., W2L23090, NMB,
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER ERNEST P. STANLEY, JR. (Army Serial Number W2L23090), NMB, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 24 January 1945, in the area of Born, Belgium. When the operations half-track caught fire CWO Stanley unhesitatingly moved to fight the flames. Despite the great danger of the track's load of ammunition exploding, CWO Stanley entered the vehicle and remained there at the risk of his life, until he had checked the blaze. By his courageous action CWO Stanley not only saved the valuable half-track, but also its radio, making possible maintenance of communication and control during the days of battle that followed.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

B

CWO Ernest P. Stanley, Jr.
Sav Co, 17 TB
24 Jan 45
~~ex-11th~~ Born, Belgium

When the operations half-track caught fire
~~to it~~
CWO Stanley unhesitatingly moved ~~into the engine~~ to fight the flames.
Despite the great danger of the track's load of ammunition exploding, CWO Stanley
entered the vehicle and remained at ~~this hazardous post~~ ^{there, at the risk of his life,} until he had checked
the ~~blaze~~ ^{blaze.} By his courageous action CWO Stanley not only saved the valuable half-
track, but also ~~the~~ its radio, making possible maintenance of communication and
control during the days of battle that followed.

RWB

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Buffington, Norrigan L. (Enl) (A)

11 January 1945

Subject: Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster (Bronze Star Medal)

To : Staff Sergeant Norrigan L. Buffington, 36053869, Infantry,
Company "B", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, to:

Staff Sergeant Norrigan L. Buffington (Army Serial Number 36053869), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 22 December 1944, in the area of Crombach, Belgium. Despite the great danger, S Sgt. Buffington volunteered to contact a division on our right flank in order to close the gap between the two units. Moving on foot over more than two miles of the most difficult terrain, he braved constant artillery, mortar and small arms fire to carry out his mission. S Sgt. Buffington's courageous performance of this vital and hazardous assignment, which made possible the linking of our forces, is in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

HEADQUARTERS
OFFICIAL
ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Captain, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General
ARMORED DIVISION

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Federman, Abraham M. (Enl) (A)

2 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private First Class Abraham M. Federman, 42053401, Armored,
Headquarters Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 72, this headquarters, dated 2 May 1945, to:

Private First Class Abraham M. Federman (Army Serial Number 42053401), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 March 1945, in the area of Heuchelheim, Germany. During the attack on Heuchelheim, the assault gun tank in which Pfc Federman was serving as cannoneer sustained a direct hit which disabled one of its tracks. Although mobility of the vehicle was seriously impaired Cpl. Federman remained at his post and attempted to bring fire to bear on the hostile anti-tank gun. On finding that his field of fire was blocked, Pfc Federman directed the driver in moving the tank, on its one good track, to a more advantageous position. In the course of this operation the vehicle was hit twice but Pfc Federman resolutely continued the movement and knocked out the hostile weapon. His outstanding devotion to duty even when in great danger of death reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG-201-Fornwald, Robert A. (Enl) (A)

25 April 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fourth Grade Robert A. Fornwald,
33148639, Armored, Headquarters, 17th Tank
Battalion, APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

Technician Fourth Grade Robert A. Fornwald (Army Serial Number 33148639), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. The exemplary manner in which Tec 4 Fornwald carried out his assignment as radio operator in the Battalion command vehicle contributed greatly to his unit's record of success on the continent. During the Battle of the Bulge Tec 4 Fornwald remained at his post almost continuously for twelve days and nights. By this outstanding service he kept radio control and communication within his unit at a uniformly high level despite the chaotic combat conditions. During the drive into Germany Tec 4 Fornwald braved heavy artillery fire to maintain unbroken contact among the leaders of the battalion. The great courage and unflagging devotion to duty he displayed during many months of combat reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Corporal Louis E. Brodman (Army Serial Number 35274235), armored, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 6 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Many times the tank in which Cpl Brodman served as gunner moved in the van of our attacking armor. Cpl Brodman's accurate fire knocked out many German vehicles, smashed points of resistance and opened the path of advance for our men and tanks. By his great courage and devotion to duty Cpl Brodman made a notable contribution to the success of his unit on the continent.

CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Corporal Nicholas H. Schneider, Jr. (Army Serial Number 34230618), Armored, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 4 April 1945, in the area of Gronsback, Germany. During the attack on Gronsback the concussion from a direct hit on Cpl Schneider's tank knocked out three of the crew. Although the tank burst into flames and he suffered painful burns, Cpl Schneider remained in the blazing vehicle and succeeded in evacuating two of the dazed men. His courageous action which saved two comrades from death, is in keeping with high traditions of the Armed Forces.

CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Technician Fourth Grade Halter M. Banner (Army Serial Number 14324130), Armored, while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 6 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During many months of combat Tec 4 Banner displayed great skill and daring while serving as tank driver. His brave action aided in the destruction of many German vehicles and smashing of hostile strong-points. By his courage and devotion to duty Tec 4 Banner made a notable contribution to the success of his unit on the continent.

CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Sergeant Robert A. Sturtevant (Army Serial Number 31001094, Armored, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 4 April 1945, in the area of Groneback, Germany. When their tank was hit and burst into flames, Sgt Sturtevant and three others of the crew managed to evacuate it although wounded and severely burned. Heavy hostile fire made it impossible for aid men to reach them and Sgt Sturtevant's three comrades were unable to make their way back to safety. Realizing the imperative need for medical treatment Sgt Sturtevant dragged the casualties from the danger zone to point where they could be cared for. By his courageous devotion to the welfare of his fellow soldiers, even when injured himself, Sgt Sturtevant helped save the three wounded men from death.

CITATION FOR OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE STAR MEDAL)

Sergeant Raymond T. Loyd (Army Serial Number 36312940),
Armored, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 29 March 1945, in the area of Mermertschausen, Germany. Sergeant Loyd commanded the lead tank of the Task Force as it drove on Mermertschausen. When strong anti-tank fire was encountered Sergeant Loyd quickly deployed the other vehicles of his platoon and moved forward boldly in his own tank to engage the enemy cannon. Although fighting against heavy odds Sergeant Loyd advanced relentlessly and succeeded in knocking out several of the guns before concentrated anti-tank fire hit his vehicle, killing him. Sergeant Loyd's fighting spirit, with complete disregard for danger, reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Technician Fifth Grade Richard A. Chisholm (Army Serial Number 39018648), Armored, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 27 March 1945, in the area of Heuchelheim, Germany. Tec 5 Chisholm received painful head wounds when his assault gun was hit by enemy anti-tank fire which destroyed the left track of the vehicle. Despite his injury Tec 5 Chisholm remained at his post and succeeded in moving the badly battered assault gun to a position where it could bring fire on the hostile cannon. By his courageous action, even when grievously hurt, Tec 5 Chisholm made it possible for his gun to engage and destroy the German anti-tank weapon.

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

11 January 1945

AG 201-Saunders, Clarence L. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Sergeant Clarence L. Saunders, 38007719, Infantry,
Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, to:

Sergeant Clarence L. Saunders (Army Serial Number 38007719), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 20 December 1944, in the area of Rodt, Belgium. During a night of fierce action, Sgt. Saunders spotted an enemy patrol trying to infiltrate through our lines. With complete disregard for danger, he moved forward and fired on the Germans although he was completely unsupported. His aggressive move panicked the patrol and he took several of them prisoner and forced the remainder to withdraw in disorder. Sgt. Saunders' outstanding courage and aggressive action are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Captain, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

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Sgt Clarence L. Saunders
Co A, 17 TB
20 Dec 44
? , Belgium

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During a night of fierce action, Sgt Saunders spotted an enemy patrol trying to infiltrate through our lines. With complete disregard for danger, he moved forward and ~~attacked~~ ^{*fired on*} the Germans although he was completely unsupported. His aggressive move panicked the patrol and he took several of them prisoner, forced the remainder to withdraw in disorder. Sgt Saunder's outstanding ^{*and*} ~~courage in bringing~~ ^{*aggressive action*} a far greater enemy force under ~~fire~~ ^{*attack*} is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Swantack, Frank A. (Enl) (A)

11 January 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fourth Grade Frank A. Swantack, 33147389, Infantry,
Company "B", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, to:

Technician Fourth Grade Frank A. Swantack (Army Serial Number 33147389), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 22 December 1944, in the area of Crombach, Belgium. Despite the great danger, Tec 4 Swantack volunteered to contact a division on our right flank in order to close the gap between the two units. Moving on foot over more than two miles of the most difficult terrain, he braved constant artillery, mortar and small arms fire to carry out his mission. Tec 4 Swantack's courageous performance of this vital and hazardous assignment, which made possible the linking of our forces, is in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Captain, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

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Tec 4 Frank A Swan tacks

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S Sgt Norrigan L Buffington
Co B, 17th Tank Battalion
22 Dec 44
? Belgium

Crombach

Tec 4 Swan tack

Despite the great danger, S Sgt ~~XXXX~~ Buffington volunteered to contact a division on our ^rright flank in order to close the gap between the two units. Moving on foot over more than two miles of the most difficult terrain, he braved constant artillery^m mortar and small arms fire to carry out his mission. ^{Tec 4} S Sgt Buffington's courageous performance of this vital and hazardous assignment, which made possible the linking of our forces, is in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Okragly, Walter R. (Enl) (A)

11 January 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Corporal Walter R. Okragly, 32257440, Infantry,
Headquarters Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 11 January 1945, to:

Corporal Walter R. Okragly (Army Serial Number 32257440), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 21 December 1944, in the area of Recht, Belgium. When a tank was mired in bad terrain, Opl. Okragly volunteered to retrieve it. Moving forward under heavy machine gun and small arms fire, he reached the vehicle and succeeded in driving it to safety. His courageous action, which prevented the destruction of one of our tanks at a time when every gun was needed to repulse the winter counter-offensive, reflects high credit on himself and the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Captain, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

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Cpl Walter A. Okragly
Hq Co, 17 TB
21 Dec 44
Recht, Belgium

When a tank was mired in bad terrain, Cpl Okragly volunteered to retrieve it. Moving forward under heavy ~~machine~~ machine gun and small arms fire, he reached the vehicle and succeeded in driving it to safety. His courageous action, which prevented the destruction of one of our tanks at a time when every gun was needed to repulse the Winter counter-offensive, reflects high credit on Cpl Okragly and the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Matlock, John D. (Enl) (A)

5 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Corporal John D. Matlock, 38661504, Armored,
Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 29, this headquarters, dated 5 February 1945, to:

Corporal (then Private) John D. Matlock (Army Serial Number 38661504), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 12 December 1944, in the area of Ubach, Germany. During the engagements of the Division, our tank gunners repeatedly found it almost impossible to remove rounds for immediate use from ammunition compartments in the floor of the turrets. Determined to overcome this handicap, Cpl. Matlock devised a method which made possible swift and easy access to the shells in these racks. Tested both in combat and by our Ordnance, his device proved so efficient that the apparatus has been turned out in sufficient numbers for use in all of our medium tanks. By his technical skill and perseverance, Cpl. Matlock eliminated a serious combat problem that was hampering our men as they battled the Tiger and Panther tanks of the enemy.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

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Pvt John D. Matlock
Co A, 17 AB
12 Dec 44

Back, Germany

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Pedersen, Jack A. (Enl) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Staff Sergeant Jack A. Pedersen, 36036087, Armored,
Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Jack A. Pedersen (Army Serial Number 36036087), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 18 December 1944 to 22 January 1945, in Belgium. When S Sgt. Pedersen's tank was knocked out, he immediately moved to another tank, although it meant crossing terrain covered by heavy enemy fire, and continued to lead his platoon in the attack. On another occasion he delivered vitally-needed ammunition and supplies to infantry forces while under hostile observation. His courageous action, with disregard for danger, is worthy of high praise.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. B.
Assistant Adjutant General

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S Sgt Jack A. Pedersen
CoA, 17 TB
18-22 Dec 44

When S Sgt Pedersen's tank was knocked out, he immediately moved to another tank, although it meant crossing terrain covered by heavy enemy fire, and continued to lead his platoon in the attack. On ~~another~~ ^{another} occasion he delivered vitally-needed ammunition and supplies to infantry forces while under hostile observation. His courageous ^{action}, with disregard for danger, is worthy of high praise.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Dudley, Charles R. (Enl) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fourth Grade Charles R. Dudley, 33093402,
Armored, Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

Technician Fourth Grade Charles R. Dudley (Army Serial Number 33093402), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 18 December 1944 to 26 January 1945, in Belgium. The electrical system of Tec 4 Dudley's tank failed during the assault on St. Vith, making it impossible to operate the guns or radio and forcing him to move the vehicle out of the fight. Despite heavy hostile fire falling in the area, Tec 4 Dudley then used his tank to evacuate the wounded. He moved back and forth across dangerous terrain until all casualties had been taken to safety. His swift and courageous action resulted in a safe means of withdrawal for the injured and helped save the lives of many of them.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. C. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

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Tec 4 Charles R. Dudley
Co A, 17 TB
~~is~~ 22-23 Jan 45
Belgium, St Vith

The electrical system of Tec 4 Dudley's tank failed during making the assault on St Vith, ~~making~~ it impossible to operate the guns or radio and forcing him to move the vehicle out of the fight. Despite ~~the~~ heavy hostile fire falling in the area, Tec 4 Dudley then used his tank to evacuate the wounded. He moved back and forth across ~~the~~ dangerous terrain until all casualties had been taken to safety. His swift and courageous action resulted in a safe means of withdrawal for the injured and helped save the lives of many of them.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Maisel, Stanley L. (Enl) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal.

To : Technician Fourth Grade Stanley L. Maisel, 35334618,
Armored, Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

Technician Fourth Grade Stanley L. Maisel (Army Serial Number 35334618), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 13 August 1944 to 10 February 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. On many occasions Tec 4 Maisel operated his recovery vehicle on his own initiative in saving our armor from destruction. During the battle for St. Vith, Tec 4 Maisel repeatedly moved into enemy-held territory to extricate mired tanks, enabling them to continue on their mission. His courageous devotion to duty contributed greatly to the successes of his unit in its engagements on the continent.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

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Tec 4 Stanley L. Maizel
Serv Co. 1 17 TB
13 Aug-10 Feb 45

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Barlog, Joseph J. (Enl) (A)

23 February 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Corporal Joseph J. Barlog, 13060970, Armored,
Company "D", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 43, this headquarters, dated 23 February 1945, to:

Corporal Joseph J. Barlog (Army Serial Number 13060970), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 5 February 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During more than six months of combat Cpl. Barlog repeatedly braved enemy action to carry out important missions. At Beune, in Holland, he unhesitatingly volunteered for dangerous reconnaissance patrols and returned with valuable information on hostile positions and troop movements. His devotion to duty, with disregard for personal safety, reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

HEADQUARTERS
7TH ARMORED DIVISION
BERNARD A. [unclear]
Major, U. S. A.
Assistant Adjutant General

B

Cpl Joseph J. Barlog
Co D, 17 TB
11 Aug-5 Feb

During more than six ~~months~~ months of combat, Cpl Barlog repeatedly braved enemy action to carry out important missions. At Deurne, in Holland, he unhesitatingly volunteered for dangerous reconnaissance patrols and returned with valuable information on hostile positions and troop movements. His devotion to duty, with ~~complete~~ disregard for personal safety, reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Sergeant Peter S. Doroha (Army Serial Number 32253432), Armored, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 January 1945 to 24 January 1945, in Belgium. During winter operations Sgt. Doroha's tank-dozer cleared deep snow drifts from the roads and made possible unimpeded movement of our armor. Many times taking his vehicle to the point of our column, he braved enemy action to carry out this important and hazardous mission. His courageous action played an important part in the swift advances of our forces.

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Sgt Peter S Doroha
Co A, 17 TB
22-24 Jan 45
Lorraine Belgium

During winter operations Sgt Doroha's tank-dozer cleared ~~the~~ deep snow drifts from the roads and made possible unimpeded movement of our armor. Many times taking his vehicle to the point of our column, he braved enemy action to carry out this important and hazardous mission. His courageous action ^{advances} played an important part in the swift ~~forward~~ movement of our forces.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Staff Sergeant Arthur Glass (Army Serial Number 30417034), Amored, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 January 1945, in the area of St. Vith, Belgium. When his tank was hit and two of the crew injured S Sgt. Glass unhesitatingly went to their assistance. After carrying one of the casualties to safety, S Sgt. Glass returned to the danger zone to evacuate the other man. As soon as both were under medical care, S Sgt. Glass went back into action in another tank. His willingness to risk his own life to go to the aid of wounded comrades reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

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S Sgt Arthur Glass

Co A, 17 TB

23 Jan 45

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When his tank was hit and two of the crew injured S Sgt Glass unhesitatingly went to their assistance. After ~~carrying~~ carrying one of the casualties to safety, ~~he~~ S Sgt Glass returned to the danger zone to evacuate the other man. As soon as both ~~men~~ were under medical care, S Sgt Glass went back into action in another tank. His willingness to risk his own life to go to the aid of ~~his~~ wounded comrades reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

✓ AG 201-Miller, Robert E. (Off) (A)

28 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Robert E. Miller, O1012744, Infantry, 17th Tank Battalion, APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 86, this headquarters, dated 28 May 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. MILLER (Army Serial Number O1012744), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 19 April 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During his many months of service as Battalion Adjutant, 1st Lt. Miller succeeded in maintaining a consistently high level of administrative efficiency. His actions in other than administrative capacities also showed a high calibre of effort and ability. Acting both as Adjutant and Battalion S-2, Lt. Miller gave both his positions his constant and utmost effort. During recent operations, although seriously ill, he refused evacuation and continued his dual assignments until assured of the successful completion of the mission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Shilkrou, Milton (Off) (A)

18 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Milton Shilkrou, 01014964,
Cavalry, Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 81, this headquarters, dated 18 May 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT (then SECOND LIEUTENANT and FIRST LIEUTENANT) MILTON SHILKROUT (Army Serial Number 01014964), Cavalry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 22 August 1944 and from 14 December 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. During the drive across France Lt. Shilkrou repeatedly braved heavy hostile action to lead his tank platoon against the enemy. In bitter fighting at Melun, France, he was wounded and hospitalized. Upon his return Lt. Shilkrou undertook an important and difficult duties of liaison officer. Although he often operated under fire and over hazardous terrain Lt. Shilkrou consistently delivered vital information to forward commanders swiftly and efficiently. The courage, ability and devotion to duty he displayed reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Wemple, John P. (Off) (A)

26 May 1945

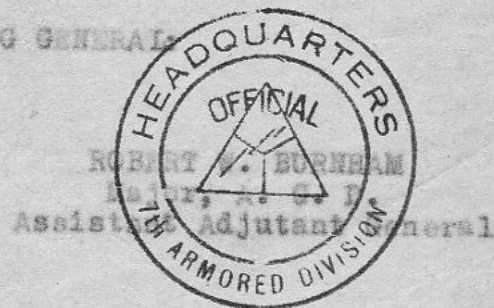
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Lieutenant Colonel John P. Wemple, O177564,
Infantry, Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 84, this headquarters, dated 26 May 1945, to:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN P. WEMPLE (Army Serial Number O177564), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Commanding his battalion continuously from Omaha Beach in Normandy, France until it reached the Baltic Sea in Northern Germany, Lt. Col. Wemple exhibited the sound judgment, cool determination and leadership that resulted in successful completion of every mission assigned him. His outstanding and resourceful leadership was a determining factor in the defense against overwhelming odds in Holland and Belgium and in the counter-offensive which drove the enemy from Belgian soil. East of the Remagen bridgehead, Lt. Col. Wemple led his task force through 150 miles of enemy territory in five days, capturing thousands of prisoners, destroying much enemy equipment and figuring prominently in the encirclement of the Ruhr valley.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL



CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

CAPTAIN (then FIRST LIEUTENANT) CHARLES D. CAGLE (Army Serial Number 01016731), Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 26 March 1945 to 4 April 1945, in Germany. During the drive of our troops deep into German territory east of the Rhine River, Capt Cagle consistently displayed outstanding courage and military skill. Capt Cagle led his men brilliantly in the sweep down the strategic Autobahn, seizure of Giessen and reduction of a strong, five-cannon road block at Unt. On one occasion, when his tank became mired in the mud, Capt Cagle immediately moved to the outside of another tank and continued in the fight until he was seriously wounded and evacuated. The exemplary manner in which Capt Cagle carried out his hazardous duties reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Varesio, Louis (201) (A)

2 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technical Sergeant Louis Varesio, 32065601, Armored
Company 'C', 170th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Order No. 72, this headquarters, dated 2 May 1945, to:

Technical Sergeant Louis Varesio (Army Serial Number 32065601), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During many months on the continent T Sgt Varesio carried out his assignment as maintenance sergeant of his company in an outstanding manner. Working tirelessly under hazardous and adverse field conditions he consistently kept the maximum number of vehicles ready for combat. On one occasion, in France, T Sgt Varesio replaced a motor while the tank was on the firing line. By his great ability and devotion to duty T Sgt Varesio played an important part in forging his unit's record of success against the enemy.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Westerman, Loyce S. (Enl) (A)

3 May 1945

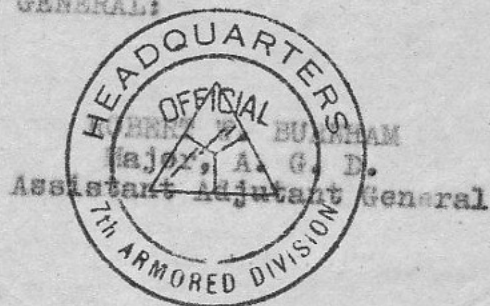
Subject: Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster (Bronze Star Medal)

To : Sergeant Loyce S. Westerman, 39160727, Armored,
Company C, 17th Tank Battalion, APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 73, this headquarters, dated 3 May 1945, to:

Sergeant Loyce S. Westerman (Army Serial Number 39160727), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 30 March 1945, in the area of Wernertshausen, Germany. As our troops smashed deep into enemy territory the tank in front of Sgt Westerman's was hit and set afire by heavy shelling. Sgt Westerman immediately maneuvered his tank forward and brought the Germans under fire. Although in an exposed position and fighting against superior firepower, Sgt Westerman destroyed four anti-tank guns, one 105mm fieldpiece, 23 motor vehicles and captured 25 soldiers. By his courageous and aggressive action Sgt Westerman neutralized strong enemy forces and made it possible for our armored column to continue on its mission with minimum casualties.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Simon, Robert L. (Off) (A)

28 May 1945

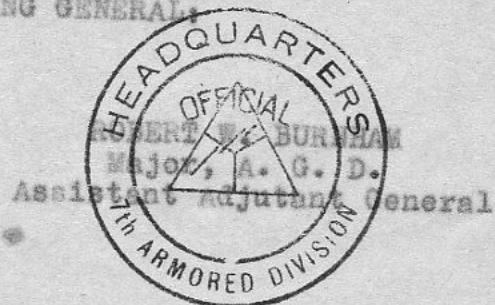
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Robert L. Simon, 01014063, Infantry,
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion, APO 257,
U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 86, this headquarters, dated 28 May 1945, to:

CAPTAIN ROBERT L. SIMON (Army Serial Number 01014063), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Captain Simon repeatedly carried out hazardous missions above and beyond the call of his normal duties as Battalion Motor Officer. On several occasions in France and Germany he organized and led recovery crews in repair and evacuation of vehicles from the fire-swept battlefield. By this courageous work Captain Simon saved valuable equipment from complete destruction. So well did he supervise the work of his section that, despite hampering field conditions, it kept a maximum number of tanks and trucks ready for action. Captain Simon's technical skill and tireless efforts contributed in great measure to the mobility of his battalion, vital to the success of fast-moving combat operations.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

✓ AG 201-Ahearn, Lawrence E. (Off) (A)

18 May 1945

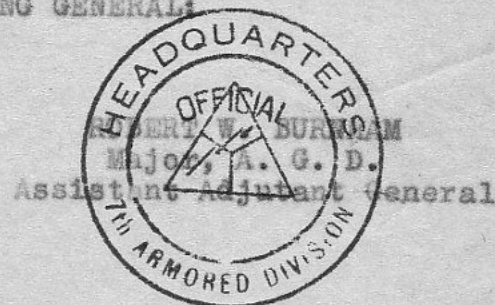
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Lawrence E. Ahearn, 01012627, Cavalry,
Headquarters Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 81, this headquarters, dated 18 May 1945, to:

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE E. AHEARN (Army Serial Number 01012627), Cavalry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During more than eight months on the continent Captain Ahearn carried out his assignment as Commanding Officer of Headquarters Company in an outstanding manner. His initiative and military skill in meeting combat situations greatly aided his battalion in carrying out many of its most important missions. During the Battle of the Bulge, in December of 1944, Captain Ahearn worked tirelessly under hazardous conditions to lead not only his company but the reconnaissance platoon when its officer was injured. By his constant regard for the welfare of his men and his excellent leadership Captain Ahearn maintained the high morale and efficiency of his company.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

✓ AG 201-Johnson, Gordon O. (Off) (A)

26 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Second Lieutenant Gordon O. Johnson, 02008545,
Armored, Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 84, this headquarters, dated 26 May 1945, to:

SECOND LIEUTENANT (then Master Sergeant and SECOND LIEUTENANT) GORDON O. JOHNSON (Army Serial Number 02008545), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Lt. Johnson performed all duties as Battalion Sergeant Major and later as Adjutant for his Tank Battalion with the utmost care and efficiency. While Sergeant Major, Lt. Johnson was frequently called upon to take over the duties of Adjutant. The intelligence and initiative Lt. Johnson displayed in performing these duties won great credit for himself and his battalion. He consistently and uninterruptedly discharged his functions for a week at a forward command post under heavy enemy artillery fire. His untiring efforts under adverse field conditions have maintained his battalion's administration at a high level.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Dailey, Thomas W. (OFF) (A)

2 May 1945

Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Major Thomas W. Dailey, O3O10442, Infantry,
Headquarters, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 72, this headquarters, dated 2 May 1945, to:

MAJOR THOMAS W. DAILEY (Army Serial Number O3O10442), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the area of Ober Valbert, Germany. As Major Dailey led his task force against the key city of Ober Valbert heavy small arms and artillery fire halted the advance. Realizing that only bold action could prevent serious delay and losses, Major Dailey rallied forward infantry elements and launched a vigorous assault upon the enemy's defense line. Completely disregarding the great danger from continuing hostile fire Major Dailey pushed forward relentlessly until the Germans were thrown back from their positions and the town was seized. By his courageous and aggressive action Major Dailey so disorganized the enemy that they were unable to offer further effective resistance, and opposition in the entire sector soon collapsed.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG EL-Jason, John G. (NO) (A)

3 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) John G. Jason, W2106091, NMB
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of
AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United
States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was a-
warded per General Orders No. 73, this headquarters, dated 3 May 1945, to:

WARRANT OFFICER (JUNIOR GRADE) JOHN G. JASON (Army Serial
Number W2106091), NMB, United States Army, for distinguishing himself
by meritorious service in connection with military operations against
an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 23 April 1945, in
France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During all operations of his
unit on the continent WOJG Jason worked tirelessly under adverse and
hazardous field conditions to carry out his important assignment as
Assistant S-4 of his battalion. Although supply lines stretched back
tenuously over many miles WOJG Jason maintained an uninterrupted flow
of ammunition, fuel and rations to the fighting men of his organization.
His outstanding ability and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon
himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG HDL-Black, John S., Jr. (Off) (A)

25 April 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain John S. Black, Jr., 01016213, Cavalry,
Headquarters, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

CAPTAIN (then FIRST LIEUTENANT and CAPTAIN) JOHN S. BLACK, JR. (Army Serial Number 01016213), Cavalry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 October 1944 to 18 April 1945, in Belgium, Holland and Germany. Serving as Battalion S-4 during many months on the continent, Captain Black maintained a flow of material of war to the fighting elements of his unit. Many times he traversed hazardous terrain to bring important supply convoys through safely. Despite adverse and hazardous field conditions Captain Black always kept tanks and men supplied with ammunition, fuel and rations. The exemplary manner in which he performed his duties aided his battalion immeasurably in successfully carrying out its combat missions.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 211-Gehrling, Edmund F. (off) (A)

25 April 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Edmund F. Gehrling, 01010773, Infantry,
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

CAPTAIN EDMUND F. GEHRLING (Army Serial Number 01010773), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. By the outstanding manner in which he carried out his assignment as commander of Service Company, Captain Gehrling played a major part in maintaining the fighting effectiveness of the battalion's combat units. During many months on the continent he worked tirelessly to assure an unbroken flow of supplies to the front. Several times his military skill and foresight saved supply trains from capture or destruction. The outstanding ability and devotion to duty he displayed under adverse and hazardous field conditions reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 301-Harrison, Bruce (Off) (A)

25 April 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Bruce Harrison, O1013454, Infantry,
Headquarters, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

CAPTAIN BRUCE HARRISON (Army Serial Number O1013454), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 5 April 1945 and 13 April 1945, in Germany. Heavy hostile artillery fire halted our attack on Ober Valbart. When our own artillery, firing without observation, failed to silence the enemy guns Captain Harrison unhesitatingly moved through a deadly curtain of steel to an exposed vantage point on high ground. From this position Captain Harrison spotted the German emplacements and directed artillery concentrations that forced the enemy to withdraw across open fields, easy targets for our troops. With the harassing cannon silenced our men and armor quickly pushed into the town. On another occasion during our drive east of the Rhine River Captain Harrison boldly advanced to investigate rumors of a radio in operation in the vicinity. While on this mission he made contact with a member of the LXXXI German Corps and negotiated the surrender of the majority of the staff of this Corps. Captain Harrison's brilliant and courageous action, with complete disregard for personal safety, was of immeasurable aid to our forces as they sped deep into German territory.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 211-Deutsch, Lawrence E. (NO) (A)

25 April 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Chief Warrant Officer Lawrence E. Deutsch, W2119882, NMB,
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER LAWRENCE E. DEUTSCH (Army Serial Number W2119882), NMB, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During many months of combat, CWO Deutsch performed his duties as Personnel Officer for a tank battalion in an outstanding manner. On some occasions when communication was difficult, CWO Deutsch went to forward elements of the command under intense artillery barrages to procure information vital to effective combat administration. Not only has the administration within the battalion been kept at an extremely high standard but many personal problems of the men have been solved due to his untiring efforts.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 301-Johnson, Henry P. (Off) (A)

25 April 1945

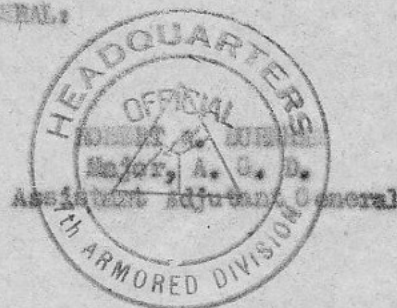
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Henry P. Johnson, 01014346, Infantry,
Headquarters Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY P. JOHNSON (Army Serial Number 01014346), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 March 1945, in the area of Heuchelheim, Germany. During action at Heuchelheim hostile fire hit Lt Johnson's Assault Gun vehicle and destroyed its left track. Although the mobility of the gun was seriously impaired Lt Johnson resolutely attempted to take up the fight with the enemy. When he found a tree obstructing his line of fire he directed the driver in moving the vehicle to a more advantageous position, a maneuver made extremely difficult by the wrecked track. Two more hits on the tank failed to turn back Lt Johnson and soon he was in position to bring fire to bear on the Germans. Shells from the Assault Gun quickly found the range and knocked out the enemy weapon. The outstanding courage Lt Johnson displayed in carrying the fight to the enemy even when at a great disadvantage reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Riggs, Clarence L. (Enl) (A)

11 July 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Staff Sergeant Clarence L. Riggs, 34188648, Armored,
Headquarters Company, 40th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 21, Headquarters Seventh United States Army, 17 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 111, this Headquarters, dated 11 July 1945, to:

Staff Sergeant Clarence L. Riggs (Army Serial Number 34188648), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 17 September 1944 in France. On 17 September 1944, during the attack on Marielles, France, S Sgt Riggs was placed in command of the Assault Gun platoon when the platoon leader was wounded. Under heavy mortar and artillery fire, he organized the platoon and led the attack which cleared all resistance from the town, personally accounting for the destruction of two self-propelled guns and one assault gun. Through his heroic action and his superior leadership, S Sgt Riggs proved an inspiration to the other members of the platoon and was largely responsible for the success of the operation. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Ray, John M (Enl) (A)

26 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Master Sergeant John M. Ray, 14095122, Armored,
Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion, APO 257,
U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 84, this headquarters, dated 26 May 1945, to:

Master Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant and Master Sergeant) John M. Ray (Army Serial Number 14095122), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Master Sergeant Ray performed the duties of Personnel Sergeant Major in an excellent manner. Under his tireless supervision and following his personal example, the section maintained a consistently high level of accuracy and perfection in administrative matters. Working in disadvantageous circumstances, due to the constant movement of the Division, Master Sergeant Ray always had the well being of his men in mind, although never allowing it to interfere with the maintenance of superior work or efficient battalion administration. Upon promotion to rank of Master Sergeant and assumption of duties of Battalion Sergeant Major, he continued to display outstanding characteristics in his performance of increased duties.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 231-Stafford, Raymond A. (Enl.) (A)

2 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private First Class Raymond A. Stafford, 37323215, Armored,
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 72, this headquarters, dated 2 May 1945, to:

Private First Class Raymond A. Stafford (Army Serial Number 37323215), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 5 April 1945, in the area of Hendersfeld, Germany. When hostile shelling set fire to an ammunition truck Pfc Stafford unhesitatingly raced to it to help fight the blaze. Even though some of the vehicle's load of White Phosphorus and bazooka shells were exploding Pfc Stafford resolutely continued on his dangerous mission until the flames were extinguished. Then, on his own initiative, he towed the vehicle out of the burn to a point where any further detonation of the shells would not jeopardize the lives of our men. By his courageous and effective action Pfc Stafford saved badly-needed munitions from complete destruction and prevented casualties that would have resulted from their explosion.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Seal, Frank W. (Enl) (A)

2 May 1945

Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Corporal Frank W. Seal, 13122030, Armored,
Company "A," 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 72, this headquarters, dated 2 May 1945, to:

Corporal Frank W. Seal (Army Serial Number 13122030), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 27 March 1945, in the area of Oberbiel, Germany. While moving at the head of a column in the attack on Oberbiel, Corporal Seal's tank was hit by bazooka fire and he was painfully wounded. Despite his injury, Corporal Seal left the shattered tank, assumed command of an infantry squad that had become disorganized and led it in repulsing an enemy counter-attack. By his swift and courageous action Corporal Seal knocked out local resistance and made it possible for the task force to continue its assault.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

HEADQUARTERS
OFFICIAL
ROBERT W. BURNHAM
Major, A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General
7TH ARMORED DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Leskoviensky, Louis S. (Enl) (A)

2 May 1945

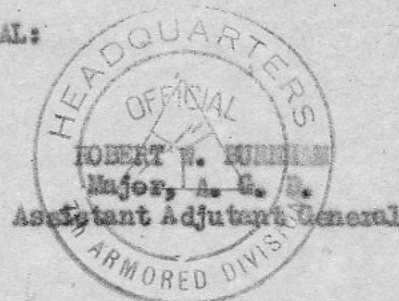
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Corporal Louis S. Leskoviensky, 36118450, Armored,
Company "A," 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 72, this headquarters, dated 2 May 1945, to:

Corporal Louis S. Leskoviensky (Army Serial Number 36118450), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic services in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 5 April 1945, in the area of Neidersfeld, Germany. A direct hit on his tank wounded Cpl Leskoviensky and two other members of the crew. When it was impossible for the other casualties to evacuate the tank and move to safety, Cpl Leskoviensky, completely disregarding the great pain from his own wounds, remained in the shattered tank to administer first aid to the two men. Only when medical assistance arrived did he leave the casualties. By his willingness to jeopardize his own life, Cpl Leskoviensky saved two of his comrades from death.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Johnson, Henry P. (OFF) (A)

25 April 1945

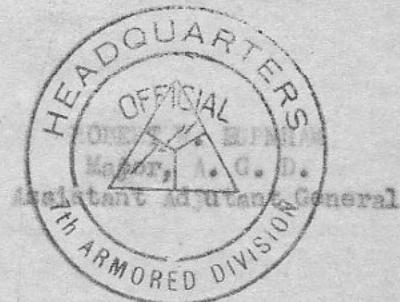
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Henry P. Johnson, 01014346, Infantry,
Headquarters Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of Ar 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY P. JOHNSON (Army Serial Number 01014346), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on March 1945, in the area of Heuchelheim, Germany. During action at Heuchelheim, hostile fire hit Lt. Johnson's Assault Gun vehicle and destroyed its left track. Although the mobility of the gun was seriously impaired Lt. Johnson resolutely attempted to take up the fight with the enemy. When he found a tree obstructing his line of fire he directed the driver in moving the vehicle to a more advantageous position, a maneuver made extremely difficult by the wrecked track. Two more hits on the tank failed to turn back Lt Johnson and soon he was in position to bring fire to bear on the Germans. Shells from the Assault Gun quickly found the range and knocked out the enemy weapon. The outstanding courage Lt Johnson displayed in carrying the fight to the enemy even when at a great disadvantage reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Westerman, Loyce S. (Enl) (A)

3 May 1945

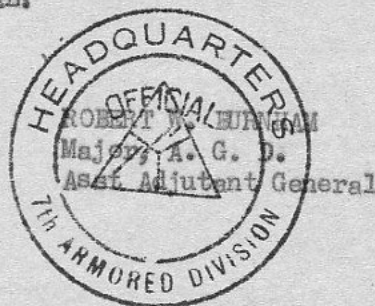
Subject: Award of Oak-Leaf Cluster (Bronze Star Medal)

To : Sergeant Loyce S. Westerman, 39160727, Armored,
Company C, 17th Tank Battalion, APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 73, this headquarters, dated 3 May 1945, to:

Sergeant Loyce S. Westerman (Army Serial Number 39160727), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 30 March 1945, in the area of Wermertshausen, Germany. As our troops smashed deep into enemy territory the tank in front of Sgt. Westerman's was hit and set afire by heavy shelling. Sgt. Westerman immediately maneuvered his tank forward and brought the Germans under fire. Although in an exposed position and fighting against superior firepower, Sgt. Westerman destroyed four anti-tank guns, one 105 mm fieldpiece, 23 motor vehicles and captured 25 soldiers. By his courageous and aggressive action Sgt. Westerman neutralized strong enemy forces and made it possible for our armored column to continue on its mission with minimum casualties.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Varesio, Louis (Enl) (A)

2 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technical Sergeant Louis Varesio, 32065601, Armored
Company "C", 17th Tank Battalion,
APO, 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 72, this headquarters, dated 2 May 1945, to:

Technical Sergeant Louis Varesio (Army Serial Number 32065601), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During many months on the continent T Sgt Varesio carried out his assignment as maintenance sergeant of his company in an outstanding manner. Working tirelessly under hazardous and adverse field conditions he consistently kept the maximum number of vehicles ready for combat. On one occasion, in France, T Sgt Varesio replaced a motor while the tank was on the firing line. . By his great ability and devotion to duty T Sgt Varesio played an important part in forging his unit's record of success against the enemy.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Cagle, Charles D. (Off) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Charles D. Cagle, (O1016731), Infantry
Company G, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Order No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

CAPTAIN CAGLE (then FIRST LIEUTENANT and CAPTAIN) (Army Serial Number O1016731), Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 26 March 1945 to 4 April 1945, in Germany. During the drive of our troops deep into German territory east of the Rhine River, Capt Cagle consistently displayed outstanding courage and military skill. Capt Cagle led his men brilliantly in the sweep down the strategic Autobahn, seizure of Giessen and reduction of a strong, five-column road block at Unt. On one occasion, when his tank became mired in the mud, Capt Cagle immediately moved to the outside of another tank and continued in the fight until he was seriously wounded and evacuated. The exemplary manner in which Capt Cagle carried out his hazardous duties reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201- Johnson, Gordon O. (Off) (A)

26 May 1945

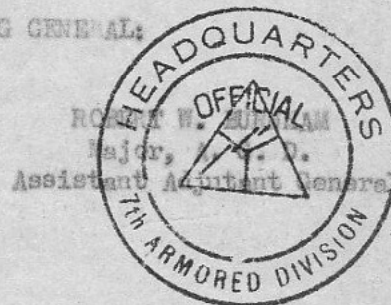
Subject: Award Of Bronze Star Medal

To : Second Lieutenant Gordon O. Johnson, 02008545,
Armored, Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 84, this headquarters, dated 26 May 1945, to:

SECOND LIEUTENANT (then Master Sergeant and SECOND LIEUTENANT) GORDON O. JOHNSON (Army Serial Number 02008545), Armored, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Lt. Johnson performed all duties as Battalion Sergeant Major and later as Adjutant for his Tank Battalion with the utmost care and efficiency. While Sergeant Major, Lt. Johnson was frequently called upon to take over the duties of Adjutant. The intelligence and initiative Lt. Johnson displayed in performing these duties won great credit for himself and his battalion. He consistently and uninterruptedly discharged his functions for a week at a forward command post under heavy enemy artillery fire. His untiring efforts under adverse field conditions have maintained his battalion's administration at a high level.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Deutsch, Lawrence E. (WD)(A)

25 April 1945

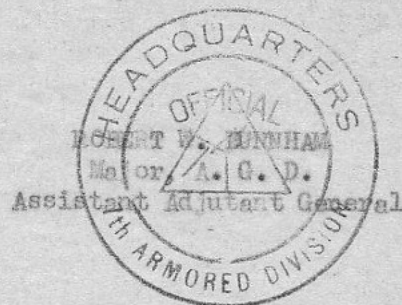
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Chief Warrant Officer Lawrence E. Deutsch, W2119882, NMB
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER LAWRENCE E. DEUTSCH (Army Serial Number W2119882), NMB, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During many months of combat, CWO Deutsch performed his duties as Personnel Officer for a tank battalion in an outstanding manner. On some occasions when communication was difficult, CWO Deutsch went to forward elements of the command under intense artillery barrages to procure information vital to effective combat administration. Not only has the administration within the battalion been kept at an extremely high standard but many personal problems of the men have been solved due to his untiring efforts.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Simon, Robert L. (OFF) (A)

28 May 1945

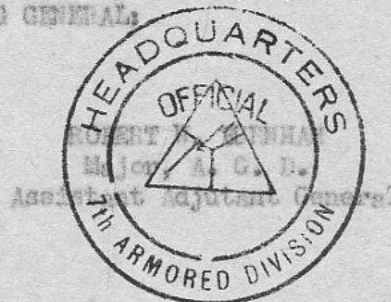
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Robert L. Simon, O1014063, Infantry,
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion, APO 257,
U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 86, this headquarters, dated 28 May 1945, to:

CAPTAIN ROBERT L. SIMON (Army Serial Number O1014063), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 30 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Captain Simon repeatedly carried out hazardous missions above and beyond the call of his normal duties as Battalion Motor Officer. On several occasions in France and Germany he organized and led recovery crews in repair and evacuation of vehicles from the fire-swept battlefield. By this courageous work Captain Simon saved valuable equipment from complete destruction. So well did he supervise the work of his section that, despite harrowing field conditions, it kept a maximum number of tanks and trucks ready for action. Captain Simon's technical skill and tireless efforts contributed in great measure to the mobility of his battalion, vital to the success of fast-moving combat operations.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201 - Ahearn, Lawrence E. (Off) (A)

18 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Lawrence E. Ahearn, O1012627, Cavalry,
Headquarters Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 81, this headquarters, dated 18 May 1945, to:

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE E. AHEARN (Army Serial Number O1012627), Cavalry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During more than eight months on the continent Captain Ahearn carried out his assignment as Commanding Officer of Headquarters Company in an outstanding manner. His initiative and military skill in meeting combat situations greatly aided his battalion in carrying out many of its most important missions. During the Battle of the Bulge, in December of 1944, Captain Ahearn worked tirelessly under hazardous conditions to lead not only his company but the reconnaissance platoon when its officer was injured. By his constant regard for the welfare of his men and his excellent leadership Captain Ahearn maintained the high morale and efficiency of his company.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Harrison, Bruce (Off) (A)

25 April 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Bruce Harrison, 01013454, Infantry,
Headquarters, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

CAPTAIN BRUCE HARRISON (Army Serial Number 01013454), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 5 April 1945 and 13 April 1945, in Germany. Heavy hostile artillery fire halted our attack on Ober Valbart. When our own artillery, firing without observation, failed to silence the enemy guns Captain Harrison unhesitatingly moved through a deadly curtain of steel to an exposed vantage point on high ground. From this position Captain Harrison spotted the German emplacements and directed artillery concentrations that forced the enemy to withdraw across open fields, easy targets for our troops. With the harassing cannon silenced, our men and armor quickly pushed into the town. On another occasion during our drive east of the Rhine River Captain Harrison boldly advanced to investigate rumors of a radio in operation in the vicinity. While on this mission he made contact with a member of the LXXXI German Corps and negotiated the surrender of the majority of the staff of this Corps. Captain Harrison's brilliant and courageous action, with complete disregard for personal safety, was of immeasurable aid to our forces as they sped deep into German territory.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Gehrling, Edmund F. (Off) (A)

25 April 1945

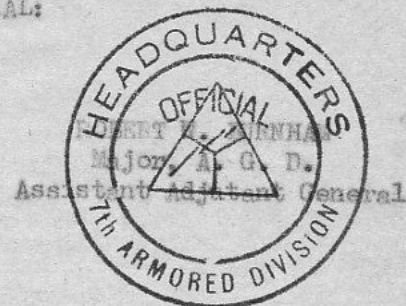
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain Edmund F. Gehrling, 01010773, Infantry,
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

CAPTAIN EDMUND F. GEHRLING (Army Serial Number 01010773), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 18 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. By the outstanding manner in which he carried out his assignment as commander of Service Company, Captain Gehrling played a major part in maintaining the fighting effectiveness of the battalion's combat units. During many months on the continent he worked tirelessly to assure an unbroken flow of supplies to the front. Several times his military skill and foresight saved supply trains from capture or destruction. The outstanding ability and devotion to duty he displayed under adverse and hazardous field conditions reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Black, John S., Jr. (Off) (A)

25 April 1945

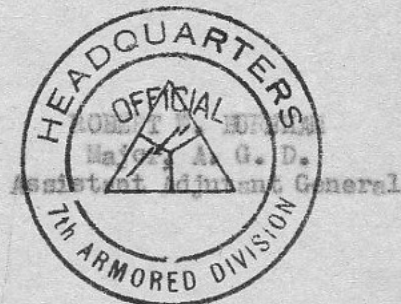
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Captain John S. Black, Jr., O1016213, Cavalry,
Headquarters, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 69, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945, to:

CAPTAIN (then FIRST LIEUTENANT and CAPTAIN) JOHN S. BLACK, JR. (Army Serial Number O1016213), Cavalry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 October 1944 to 18 April 1945, in Belgium, Holland and Germany. Serving as Battalion S-4 during many months on the continent, Captain Black maintained a flow of materiel of war to the fighting elements of his unit. Many times he traversed hazardous terrain to bring important supply convoys through safely. Despite adverse and hazardous field conditions Captain Black always kept tanks and men supplied with ammunition, fuel and rations. The exemplary manner in which he performed his duties aided his battalion immeasurably in successfully carrying out its combat missions.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Jason, John G. (WO) (A)

3 May 1945

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) John G. Jason, W2106091, NMB
Service Company, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 73, this headquarters, dated 3 May 1945, to:

WARRANT OFFICER (JUNIOR GRADE) JOHN G. JASON (Army Serial Number W2106091), NMB, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 11 August 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During all operations of his unit on the continent WOJG Jason worked tirelessly under adverse and hazardous field conditions to carry out his important assignment as Assistant S-4 of his battalion. Although supply lines stretched back tens of thousands of miles WOJG Jason maintained an uninterrupted flow of ammunition, fuel and rations to the fighting men of his organization. His outstanding ability and devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Dailey, Thomas W. (Off) (A)

2 May 1945

Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Major Thomas W. Dailey, 01010442, Infantry,
Headquarters, 17th Tank Battalion,
APO 257, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 3 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 72, this headquarters, dated 2 May 1945, to:

MAJOR THOMAS W. DAILEY (Army Serial Number 01010442), Infantry, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, in the area of Ober Valbert, Germany. As Major Dailey led his task force against the key city of Ober Valbert heavy small arms and artillery fire halted the advance. Realizing that only bold action could prevent serious delay and losses, Major Dailey rallied forward infantry elements and launched a vigorous assault upon the enemy's defense line. Completely disregarding the great danger from continuing hostile fire, Major Dailey pushed forward relentlessly until the Germans were thrown back from their positions and the town was seized. By his courageous and aggressive action Major Dailey so disorganized the enemy that they were unable to offer further effective resistance, and opposition in the entire sector soon collapsed.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



17th Tank Battalion

2 December 1944

Croix de Guerre

Pvt 1st Denton C. Stroud, 3428-760, Inf.,

Co "A", 17th Tank Battalion

Croix de Guerre

Pvt 1st Denton C. Stroud 3428-760

Pvt 1st

Inf., Co "A", 17th Tank Battalion

assigned

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17th Tank Battalion

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Pvt 1st Denton C. Stroud

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Croix de Guerre

Pvt 1cl Benton C. Stroud

Distinguished himself by gallantry in action.

Pvt 1cl Benton C. Stroud

Successful evacuation of six men and a valuable vehicle.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

On 4 October 1944 in a battle south-east of St. Antoine, Holland, Pvt 1cl Stroud was in the turret of a tank that was hit twice by anti-tank fire. When the tank had been hit the second time the tank commander ordered the crew to bail out. Pvt 1cl Stroud, not hearing the order, stayed in the tank. After the smoke cleared he crawled from the commander's seat into the driver's seat and drove the tank out of the area. On the way out of the area, Pvt 1cl Stroud stopped the tank picking up two other men in addition to the other crew members. Pvt 1cl Stroud demonstrated coolness and ability. Despite his position as a crew member, he took control of a situation where others had turned panic-stricken and as a result succeeded in evacuating six men and a valuable vehicle.

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JOHN P. HEMPLE
Lt Col., 17th Tank Bn
Commanding

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17th Tank Battalion

Croix De Guerre 5 December 1944

Sergeant Arthur H. Weillner, 35083001, Inf
Croix De Guerre

17th Tank Battalion

Sgt. Arthur H. Weillner, 35083001

Sergeant

Inf., Co "B", 17th Tank Battalion

Tank Commander

assigned

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Sgt. Arthur H. Weillner

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Croix De Guerre

Sgt. Arthur H. Mueller

Distinguished himself by gallantry in action.

Sgt. Arthur H. Mueller

Successful evacuation of wounded man.

On 19 August 1944, Co "B", 17th Tank Battalion was engaged in battle at Melun, France. Private Mitchell S. Willoughby, Co "B", a member of Sgt. Mueller's tank crew dismounted from his tank and proceeded away from the tank on a foot reconnaissance mission. Pvt Willoughby reached a point near a wall when he was hit by an enemy sniper. Sgt. Mueller, having observed this dismounted from his tank, taking his vesicular first aid kit with him and proceeded through a concentration of sniper fire to a point where Pvt Willoughby was shot. After administering first aid to Pvt Willoughby he started to move the man over to the tank. On the way to the tank Sgt Mueller was shot through the leg by enemy fire. With continued disregard of his personal injury Sgt. Mueller managed to get the man evacuated to the tank. At the time Sgt. Mueller reached the tank, he was again subjected to a concentration of enemy fire suffering a gun shot wound in the back. Sgt. Mueller lost consciousness at the time the Medics arrived.

JAMES P. HENLEY

Chief of Staff

Lt. Col., 17th Tank Bn

By LB NARA Date 9-19-05

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17th Tank Battalion

8 December 1944

Croix de Guerre

Tec 5 Edmund J. De Carlo, 52255-75 Inf

Med Det., 17th Tank Battalion

Croix de Guerre

Tec 5 Edmund J. De Carlo, 52255-75

Tec 5

Inf., Med Det., 17th Tank Battalion

Aid man

assigned

17th Tank Battalion

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Tec 5 Edmund J. De Carlo

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17th Tank Battalion

5 December 1944

Croix de Guerre

Captain Mortimer B. Pier, 6101280, Inf

Co "A", 17th Tank Battalion

Croix de Guerre

Captain Mortimer B. Pier, 6101280

Captain

Inf., Comdg. Co "A", 17th Tank Battalion

Company Commander

assigned

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Captain Mortimer B. Pier

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Croix de Guerre

Captain Mortimer D. Fier

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Distinguished himself by gallantry in action.

Captain Mortimer D. Fier

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Directed successful withdrawal of tanks.

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR

When his company was employed in an attack south-east of St. Athanis, Holland on 4 October 1944, Captain Mortimer D. Fier, Commanding Co "A", was in the lead tank. This area at the time was under heavy enemy artillery fire and the closeness of enemy small arms and anti-tank fire was a double jeopardy for any man in the vicinity. After Capt Fier's tank was hit, he bailed out. His radio had been destroyed by the hit. Capt Fier, disregarding wounds inflicted in both of his legs directed the evacuation of tanks from his position on the ground. Capt Fier directed the evacuation by hand signals and succeeded in getting instructions across to several tank crews in this manner. When one tank crew came out toward Capt Fier to evacuate him, he waved them back, realizing that it would be suicide for a tank to come into the proximity of his tank. Capt Fier and his crew were evacuated by a tow tank team. The first thought that Captain Fier had was of his men's safety. His second move was to inform me of the immediate situation so that I could further the operation.

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JAMES F. WHEBLE
 Lt. Col., 17th Tank Bn
 Commanding

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

18 Aug 1945

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IN REPLY REFER TO: AG 312.1

Subject: Downgrading of Classified Records

17 Tank Bn

To: Commanding General
7th Armored Division
APO #257 c/o P.M., New York

1. Under authority contained in Par 15 AR 380-5 the documents described in paragraph 3 below, classified as "RESTRICTED" by the originating agency and forwarded with other records to The Adjutant General, have been downgraded for filing purposes to "Non Classified."

2. It is desired that all agencies furnished any of these documents or copies thereof, be informed of the change in classification.

3. List of documents:

<u>Description of Document</u>	<u>Issuing Headquarters</u>	<u>Date</u>
History, 607-69.1 (904)	17th Tank Bn	20 Sep - 31 Dec 43

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Samuel L. Denton

Adjutant General



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