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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOHN B ANDEL, 38 241 446, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945, in the hills near Oetingen, France. After cutting through three rolls of concertina wire during a night attack to gain the high ground held by the enemy, Company E, 276th Infantry, was pinned down by intense machine gun, rifle fire, and grenades. Knowing that two comrades had been killed or seriously wounded by fire from a nearby dugout, Private First Class Anandel voluntarily accompanied two other soldiers as ammunition bearer and rifle support and while his comrades were blasting out the enemy position with bazooka fire, killed one of the enemy. His brave action resulted in the capture of three prisoners and the subsequent accomplishment of the company mission. Entered military service from Rosenberg, Texas.

ANGELO A ARCURI, 20 544 329, First Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945, at Forbach, France. During the attack on Forbach, when the riflemen were pinned down by enemy sniper fire, First Sergeant Arcuri, with bold initiative, ran through hostile fire to knock out the snipers with hand grenades. Although lightly wounded, he then successfully spurred his men forward and the advance resumed. Entered military service from Fairmont, West Virginia.

GERALD A BALES, 37 527 140, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 to 13 January 1945, in the vicinity of Obermuhlthal, France. For thirteen consecutive days of front line duty, Private First Class Bales not only accomplished his assignments as machine gunner with Company G, 275th Infantry, but performed numerous deeds beyond the call of duty. In one instance, on 11 January, in the absence of a medical aid man, he left cover during intensive action and exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire to remove and treat several wounded men. Again, on 13 January, he helped to bring needed ammunition and supplies through extremely heavy artillery fire to an isolated unit. Entered military service from Herrington, Kansas.

LLOYD G BARRIAM, 38 519 076, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945, in the hills near Oetingen, France. After cutting through three rolls of concertina wire during a night attack to gain the high ground held by the enemy, Company E, 276th Infantry, was pinned down by intense machine gun, rifle fire, and grenades, just

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as it reached the strong enemy emplacements. Knowing that two comrades had been killed or seriously wounded by fire from an enemy dugout, Technical Sergeant Barham voluntarily accompanying two other soldiers, crawled forward, threw an illuminating white phosphorous grenade, and assisted in firing the bazooka which blasted out the enemy position. His courageous action resulted in the capture of three prisoners and enabled the company to advance and gain its objective. Entered military service from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

GEORGE H BARRITT, 20 720 982, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January and 20 February 1945, at Wintersberg and Forbach, France. On 15 January, during the assault made by the third platoon, Company I, 274th Infantry, Sergeant Barritt advanced over the open terrain and by continually firing his BAR, forced the enemy to keep well under cover. This did much to demoralize the enemy and made it possible for the platoon to continue the attack. Again on 20 February, although wounded by shrapnel during the action, Sergeant Barritt displayed outstanding leadership by taking his squad across 500 yards of open terrain through an enemy artillery barrage to successfully occupy the objective - a new section of Forbach. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

CLAUDE E BARTHOLOMEW, 6 263 004, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 270th Engineer (C) Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Forbach, France. While engaged in mine detecting reconnaissance with a patrol, Corporal Bartholomew heard the cries for assistance of two infantrymen who had been severely wounded by an enemy anti-personnel mine located near a concertina obstacle. Although live enemy mines were scattered throughout the area and enemy snipers were known to be in the immediate vicinity, Corporal Bartholomew, on his own initiative, immediately cleared a path through the minefield and aided medical men in the evacuation of the wounded. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

WILLIAM C BECK III, O 555 939, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945, in the Niederbronn Forest, France. Lieutenant Beck was leading his patrol up "Wurtzelkopf" hill in the Niederbronn Forest when it was pinned down by enemy fire. Lieutenant Beck then took four men and without regard for his own safety, led them through enemy observation and fire to the top of the hill without sustaining any casualties. His brave action resulted in killing one of the enemy, wounding two, capturing one, and obtaining information of great value to ensuing operations. Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia.

RICHARD A BEYER, O 551 899, First Lieutenant, (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 to 28 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Taking over command of Company A, 274th Infantry, on 3 January 1945, during intensive action, First Lieutenant Beyer displayed outstanding leadership and ability in accomplishing all assigned missions until the engagements were concluded on 28 January 1945. Occupying critical high ground, the company repulsed a strong counter attack on 4 January and until ordered to advance on 16 January, successfully stopped enemy patrols from infiltrating friendly territory. On 16 January the company accomplished the difficult mission of advancing and taking prominent ground, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and keeping company casualties at a minimum. Entered military service from Shawano, Wisconsin.

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ALVIN G BOELTER, 37 572 963, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, in Philippsbourg, France. Completely disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Boelter crawled along a railroad track through heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire to administer first aid to wounded men. His brave action resulted in the successful evacuation of eight wounded men. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

ARTHUR A BROWN, 39 455 837, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the periods 9 to 21 January and 15 to 21 February at Niederbronn and Behren, France. During these two periods of intense fighting, Private First Class Brown displayed outstanding courage in steadfastly manning his observation post, although hampered by extreme cold, heavy snow, and under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. On several occasions he left his observation post and crawled under heavy enemy shell fire to repair communication lines knocked out by enemy action. His untiring and prompt transmission of accurate data by which friendly artillery and mortar fire could adjust on enemy positions contributed greatly to the success of the company mission. Entered military service from Grangeville, Idaho.

FRED J CASSIDY, O 553 863, First Lieutenant, (then 2d Lieutenant), Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 4 to 7 January 1945, at Wingen, France. During four days of critical engagements with the enemy Lieutenant Cassidy achieved excellent results by making a personal reconnaissance of the enemy before deploying his men for each attack. By careful planning and courageous leadership, he inspired the confidence and respect of his men. On 6 January, the enemy launched a counter attack against the left flank of his company with such force that it was forced to withdraw. Without regard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant Cassidy manned a machine gun while being subjected to withering enemy fire to cover the withdrawal of the first and third platoons. Some time later, Lieutenant Cassidy rallied his men together and again attacked this time successfully evicting the enemy and capturing the town. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

LEWIS A DOUGHERTY, O2 048 896, First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3 to 6 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. After giving first aid to two soldiers while under enemy fire, Lieutenant Dougherty moved them into a pillbox and left to get his jeep to evacuate them to the aid station. Finding his jeep captured, he returned to the wounded men only to find their pillbox occupied by the enemy. With another soldier he took cover in the cellar of a house for three days, until the enemy operated machine gun position on the floor above was demolished by friendly artillery. He escaped through the lines to the battalion aid station where he was found to be suffering from severe exposure and extreme exhaustion. He was ordered to the rear for rest and treatment but disregarding his personal welfare, insisted on returning to duty immediately. He remained on duty in spite of his exhausted condition until all available wounded had been treated and evacuated. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

ADRON O GATELY, 38 563 867, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 to 21 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Private First Class

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Gateley, acting as a litter bearer, volunteered on many occasions to go on litter hauls through heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, even when it was not his turn to go. His devotion to duty and courage meant the speedy evacuation of casualties, with the probable saving of many lives. Entered military service from Altus, Oklahoma.

HERBERT H HAHN, 37 477 009, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 and 7 February 1945, in the hills north of Gaubivingen, France. For forty four continuous hours of intense engagements with the enemy, Private First Class Hahn, a company messenger, maintained vital communications for three companies with the OP, 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry. Although lacking experience, he successfully operated an SCR-300 radio and assisted in operating and maintaining an EE-8-A telephone. His requests for counter-battery mortar and artillery fire assisted in checking or stopping enemy barrages. When the companies withdrew, he was one of the last to leave and abandoned his communications equipment only when it became entangled in concertina wire. His bravery under fire and his successful handling of vital work beyond his assigned duty contributed materially to the success of the engagements. Entered military service from Fort Crook, Nebraska.

PAUL C JEHL, 35 557 200, Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. Company A, 274th Infantry, was ordered to withdraw from its position during the night of 16 January, but Sergeant Jehl decided to stay with his light machine gun and cover the company withdrawal. The enemy, sensing the company movement, attacked and dropped a grenade into the machine gun emplacement with no damage. Sergeant Jehl went into action with his machine gun and with the aid of one rifleman, stopped the counter attack and drove the enemy back. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

WAYNE D LAYNE, 33 655 242, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January and 20 February 1945, at Wintersberg and Forbach, France. His company about to launch an attack on enemy held high ground near Wintersberg, Staff Sergeant Layne, after a personal reconnaissance to determine the exact enemy location, led his men in a bold assault on the enemy positions, and was among the first to reach his company's objective. At Forbach, on 20 January, he displayed outstanding leadership in urging a platoon forward through artillery and small arms fire to capture the platoon objective but was stopped short of his goal by shell fire which broke his leg. His brave action enabled the platoon to advance and accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Adington, Virginia.

MARVIN G MYRVOLD, 36 227 093, Private, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Acting under orders, Private Myrvold organized a patrol and moved out into enemy territory. On running into enemy strong points, he maneuvered the patrol around these positions and, without the loss of personnel, moved on to accomplish his mission. On the basis of information gained by the patrol, enemy strong points were knocked out, allowing another company to move forward. Entered military service from Hudson, Wisconsin.

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JOHN NIETO JR, 37 708 562, Sergeant; (then Private) Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 3 to 21 January 1945 near Philippsbourg, France. Sergeant Nieto deployed his squad on the open right flank of Company A, 274th Infantry when it occupied defensive positions near Philippsbourg. Sergeant Nieto was instrumental in beating back three counterattacks while being subjected to constant observation and sniper fire in his exposed position. The devotion to duty and the utter disregard for his own safety in holding his position gave the company time to effect a safe withdrawal, and the safe evacuation of the wounded. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

WILLARD F ORR, 39 026 616, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 8 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. Serving as the lead scout for a six man patrol, Private First Class Orr encountered an enemy patrol of 25--two of whom he killed immediately with rifle fire. After signaling his patrol into better positions he accounted for two more of the enemy, and then the combined power of the six man patrol dispersed the hostile patrol. By his alertness and prompt action his patrol was saved from ambush was able to accomplish its mission to get information and to destroy enemy communication lines. Entered military service from Libby, Montana.

FRANK P PARIS, 32 676 152, Sergeant; (then private First Class) Infantry Company I, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945, near Behren, France. During an attack near Behren, the second and part of the first platoons, Company F, 274th Infantry, were pinned down by enemy fire. This enemy fire caught one squad leader on open terrain where he was unable to gain cover or protection. Seeing that the squad leader was severely injured, Sergeant Paris rushed forward in the face of enemy fire and dragged the squad leader to safety. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

DAVID T PARKER, 39 210 517, Private First Class, Company C, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 13 to 18 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Private First Class Parker, company messenger, displayed outstanding valor during the attack on Philippsbourg, in maintaining the sole communication between the company command post and platoon locations. For five days, though subjected to enemy rifle and grenade fire, he accomplished approximately six trips each day, over hilly and wooded terrain, to successfully maintain the vital communication. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

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JOHN D PITTMAN, 38 497 434, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 5 to 21 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Private First Class Pittman volunteered to go on litter cases through heavy concentrations of enemy fire, in many instances, even when it was not his team's turn to go. His courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in the rapid evacuation of casualties for medical care, and contributed to the possible saving of many lives. Entered military service from Bogalosa, Louisiana.

WILLIAM F RILEY, O 354 533, Captain, Infantry, Company E, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 6 to 8 February 1945 in the vicinity of Gaubivingen, France. Attacking at night over open terrain against an enemy network of trenches studded with automatic weapons and protected by barbed wire and mines, Captain Riley maintained excellent control of his company to successfully reach his objective. An adjacent company considerably disrupted by similar opposition was completely disorganized when the enemy counter-attacked the following night. Captain Riley organized what elements of the beleaguered company he could contact and attached them to Company E. Ordered to withdraw under cover of darkness, Captain Riley maintained control and contact so well that the company sustained only minimum casualties. Captain Riley also commanded a similar withdrawal of an adjacent heavy weapons platoon that had lost its leader. By his coolness and courage, he led his company to a successful completion of its mission and as a result, was a major factor in the successful battalion attack. Entered military service from Lineville, Alabama.

KENNETH E ROBINSON, 36 010 018, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. During the attack on Philippsbourg, Company A, 274th Infantry while crossing an open field was pinned down by artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Three men were wounded during the company advance and because of the enemy fire, aid men were unable to proceed into the area. Sergeant Robinson, without regard for his own safety, went to the aid of the wounded and evacuated them to cover where first aid was administered. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

OLIVER E ROSTAIN, 39 550 848, Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 4 to 5 January 1945. During a fire fight in the vicinity of Philippsbourg, France, Sergeant Rostain, communications Sergeant, disregarded his own personal safety while being subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to maintain signal communications with Battalion Headquarters and other companies. His devotion to duty greatly aided the success of battalion operations. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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WILLIAM W TUCKER, 34 435 400, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action in the hills north of Gaubivingen, France. Following the connecting file between Companies E and F, 274th Infantry, during a night attack of the 2d Battalion on strongly held enemy positions, Staff Sergeant Tucker, while laying wire to a proposed 81mm mortar OP, found that contact had been lost between the two companies. Quickly realizing that the attack required coordination, he immediately moved at great personal risk through intense enemy fire, to establish vital contact between the companies. Succeeding, he and his wireman, continued, despite hostile machine gun and artillery fire, to advance and set up his mortar OP. Finding his OP the only one successfully established, he observed and adjusted mortar and artillery fire for the entire battalion--all the while subjected to enemy shelling. His quick awareness of the importance of his position and his ability to overcome difficult obstacles facilitated the battalion's success in gaining and holding its objective. Entered military service from Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

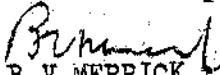
CHARLES D WOODS, O2 006 154, 2d Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 4 January 1945, at Philippsbourg, France. With several men of his squad wounded, one unable to move, Lieutenant Woods guided to safety those wounded who were able to walk. Then, courageously returning, under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he picked up the helplessly wounded soldier and, without regard for his own personal safety, carried him to cover--thereby saving his comrade's life. Entered military service from Burley, Idaho.

ROBERT L ZASS, 36 982 728, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. While guarding an approach to the positions of Company A, 274th Infantry, Private First Class Zass observed the approach of an enemy patrol of one officer and seven soldiers. Patiently permitting the patrol to advance to within 35 yards of his position he opened fire and killed the entire group. Entered military service from West Allis, Wisconsin.

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