

HEADQUARTERS 70TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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Award of the Silver Star.....I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal.....II
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II --AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

DONALD E EMERSON, 37340529, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945. When the advance of his company was stopped in the woods near Wingen, France, Sergeant Emerson led a half-squad of men through enemy machine gun fire to knock out with hand grenades the enemy guns which were delaying the company's attack. During the successful action he was seriously wounded and was evacuated by a member of his squad. His leadership inspired the rest of the men and his action permitted the company to advance. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

ROBERT D GRAY, 39206894, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945. While Company L, Infantry, was engaging a strong enemy force in clearing three hills northeast of Rothback, France, Private First Class Gray, under intense enemy machine gun fire, crawled alone to the enemy gun emplacement and with a hand grenade and automatic rifle fire destroyed the enemy position and killed the three occupants. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

WESLEY P LUCAS, 35076732, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945. During the attack on Wingen, France, Company F, Infantry, was advancing down an open street when it was suddenly fired upon by automatic weapons and sniper fire from cleverly concealed enemy positions in the buildings. The company Commander and a messenger were wounded and the balance of the squad were pinned to the road. Private First Class Lucas, on his own initiative and with total disregard for his own safety, courageously crawled alone through observed enemy fire to a position where he put out of action with hand grenades, the automatic weapons which had been firing on his unit. His brave action and initiative removed a dangerous threat to the lives of the men in the squad and permitted them to take cover, reform, and advance. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

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THOMAS J MAHER, 32473456, Private First Class, (then Private) Medical Department, Medical Detachment, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, at Wingen, France. During the attack on Wingen, when the company to which he was attached suffered heavy casualties, Private First Class Maher, a medical aid man, although repeatedly fired upon by enemy snipers, unhesitatingly continued to care for and evacuate wounded men to cover. His devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety under heavy enemy fire was responsible for saving the lives of many of his wounded comrades. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

ROBERT L MASTRANGELO, 35912246, Private First Class, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, Infantry, for meritorious service in action on 7 January 1945 near Rothback, France. The 2d Platoon, Company M, Infantry, going to the support of Company L, was ambushed by about 15 enemy riflemen, firing from concealed positions nearly 200 yards away, and suffered heavy casualties. Private First Class Mastrangelo immediately came forward and administered medical aid, in the open under enemy fire, until the wounded could be removed to safety by the rest of the platoon. His courageous action was instrumental in saving the lives of several men. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

DAMON B TAYLOR, 20256589, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, Infantry, for heroism in action on 7 January 1945, near Rothback, France. While going into position to support Company L, Infantry, the second platoon was fired upon by enemy riflemen concealed in positions nearly 200 yards away. Staff Sergeant Taylor was one of the three individuals immediately hit. Although suffering a leg wound, he assisted with the removal of the other wounded men to safety and set up his gun position before allowing himself to be evacuated. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

By command of Major General BARNETT:

LEO A BESSETTE
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff.

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Lt Col, AGD
Adj General

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Captain, 274th Infantry
Adjutant

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