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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 individuals:

JOSEPH C CLIFFORD, O1 713 463, Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 274 Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945. During a dawn attack on Wingen, France, Company F, Infantry, after sustaining heavy casualties, was unable to withdraw owing to intense enemy fire. Attempting to evacuate the wounded across 300 yards of open terrain the "battle-green" litter squad became disorganized when four litter bearers were wounded. Learning of the situation Captain Clifford left the battalion aid station, quickly set up an advance aid station, reorganized the litter squad and successfully led them into the village and evacuated the wounded under concentrated enemy automatic and small arms fire. His courage and decisiveness under fire saved the lives of many wounded men. Entered military service from Gloversville, New York.

FRANCIS T DEVINE, 38 227 565, Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action near Obermuhlthal, France, on 11 January 1945. When a detail carrying hot food to men of Company A, Infantry, was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Devine, acting on his own initiative, crawled to the right flank of the enemy weapon and knocked it out with rifle fire. His prompt and courageous action eliminated possible casualties and permitted the detail to complete its mission. Entered military service from Superior, Wisconsin.

MERRITT I DICK, 37 557 104, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275 Infantry, for meritorious service in action from 1 to 13 January 1945 near Baerenthal, France. Under heavy enemy fire which destroyed the battalion aid station, and without regard for his personal safety, Private First Class Dick untiringly and proficiently aided in the treatment and evacuation of casualties. He contributed directly to the saving of at least two lives by driving a jeep loaded with wounded through a concentration of enemy artillery fire. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

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AWARD OF THE BROWN STAR MEDAL cont'd.

ROBERT E HARRINGTON, SS 486 880, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 114 Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945. When the advance of Company G, 114 Infantry was stopped in the woods near Wingen, France, Private First Class Harrington was part of a half-squad of men who crawled through heavy enemy machine gun fire and knocked out the enemy guns which were delaying the attack. During this action the squad leader was seriously wounded. Without regard for his own safety, Private First Class Harrington saved his wounded comrade's life by evacuating him to cover, in the face of fire from four enemy machine guns. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES N LAING, SS 342 395, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 114 Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January 1945. When Philippsbourg, France was surrounded on three sides by enemy forces Private First Class Laing (a truck driver) volunteered to leave the comparative safety of a house to man an armored scout car which was under enemy mortar and artillery fire. When the vehicle was moved into firing position he assisted in delivering machine gun fire on the enemy until the two houses from which the enemy had been firing on the battalion command post were set ablaze. He then assisted the driver in taking the vehicle along a main road under enemy fire to meet expected tank reinforcements, until the vehicle would run no more owing to enemy inflicted fire. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HARRY TAVLINSKY, SS 470 066, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 114 Infantry, for heroism in action on 31 January 1945, in the Sarreguemines area, France. Observing two comrades pinned down by hostile fire, one of whom was thought to be wounded, Sergeant Tavlinsky voluntarily moved across open terrain, under enemy fire from a tower across the Saar River, to reach the men and guide them successfully to cover. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

By command of Major General BARNETT:

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