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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant FRANK M. HICKS, 34176959, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery C, 217th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 5 January 1945 at * * * , Belgium. Sergeant HICKS, mess sergeant, was returning at night to his battery from the Class I Supply Point at * * * , which was being shelled by enemy artillery, when a shell exploded near his vehicle, wounding the driver and causing the vehicle to crash. Sergeant HICKS, although suffering from the concussion, removed the unconscious driver from the vehicle and obtained medical aid for him from a nearby aid station. After arranging for his truck load of rations to be guarded, he walked to his organization while still suffering from concussion, obtained assistance, returned and evacuated the wrecked vehicle and supplies. The heroic actions and loyal devotion to duty as displayed by Sergeant HICKS reflect great credit upon him and upon the armed forces of the United States.

Corporal KENNETH H. DUCKETT, JR., 33729568, Chemical Warfare Service, Company C, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium, on 7 January 1945. Corporal (then Private First Class) DUCKETT, a gunner in a platoon of 4.2 inch mortars, was firing into an area where a large force of enemy infantry and tanks were assembling for a counter-attack. The mortar attended by Corporal DUCKETT was only twenty feet away when a defective shell exploded in the barrel of one of the other mortars, killing two of the crew and wounding another. Despite the temporary confusion, the effect of the blast and the possibility of more defective ammunition, he and another member of his crew, without hesitation, reset and checked their mortar and continued to fire. Corporal DUCKETT's cool courage and prompt actions were greatly responsible for the successful fulfillment of the fire mission and reflect great credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

Private First Class JOE Q. BARNES, 38129354, Chemical Warfare Service, Company C, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium, on 30 December 1944. Private First Class BARNES, a driver, on two occasions left positions of comparative safety, despite intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, to assist an aid man in administering first aid to two wounded men of another unit. He was instru-

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mental in saving the life of one of the men by applying a necessary tourniquet. On both occasions he disregarded frequent artillery bursts at tree level to accomplish their evacuation in a one-quarter ton truck over 800 yards of difficult terrain. Private First Class BARNES' courage and unhesitating actions reflect credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

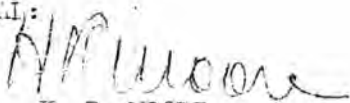
Private First Class JOSEPH R. RYAN, 32213747, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Belgium, on 30 December 1944. Private First Class RYAN, a medical aid man, on two occasions left positions of comparative safety, despite intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, and with the assistance of another man administered first aid to two wounded men of another unit. He was instrumental in saving the life of one of the men by applying a necessary tourniquet. On both occasions he disregarded frequent artillery bursts at tree level to accomplish their evacuation in a one-quarter ton truck over 800 yards of difficult terrain. Private First Class RYAN's courage and unhesitating actions reflect great credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

Private First Class GEORGE O. SAVIDO, 32304215, Chemical Warfare Service, Company C, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 7 January 1945 near * * * , Belgium. Private First Class (then Private) SAVIDO, an assistant gunner in a platoon of 4.2 inch mortars, was firing a mission into an area where a large force of enemy infantry and tanks were assembling for a counter-attack. The mortar attended by Private First Class SAVIDO was only twenty feet away when a defective shell exploded in the barrel of one of the other mortars, killing two of the crew and wounding another. Despite the temporary confusion, the effect of the blast and the possibility of more defective ammunition, he and another member of his crew, without hesitation, reset and checked their mortar and continued to fire. Private First Class SAVIDO's cool courage and prompt actions were greatly responsible for the successful fulfillment of the fire mission and reflect great credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

By command of Major General MILLIKIN:

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