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I - 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, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, is awarded to:

First Lieutenant EARL W. BACHELOR, 01173147, Field Artillery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. On 23 December 1944, while First Lieutenant BACHELOR was on reconnaissance for forward positions in the vicinity of Grosbous, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the town was attacked by a force of enemy tanks and infantry. When attempts to reach the battalion command post by radio for fire support failed, Lieutenant BACHELOR, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety, went back over the treacherous route to the battalion command post, across open ground under direct fire of the enemy tanks, to a point where a wire crew was working. Then, with the battalion communications chief, he brought a wire line forward, again crossing the open shell swept ground, to a point where the fire of his battalion could effectively be adjusted on the enemy. Due to Lieutenant BACHELOR's fearless initiative and inexhaustible energy he materially assisted in repelling the enemy attack. His heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Technical Sergeant RICHARD W. KNOX, 11088393, Ordnance Department, * * * Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate), Army of the United States. On 1 January 1945, Technical Sergeant KNOX was a member of a group of three enlisted men called upon to dispose of a German bomb which had entered the roof of a Map Depot in Belgium, and had lodged five feet beneath the tile floor failing to explode. At the time of this service the commanding officer of the Bomb Disposal Unit was absent on another mission involving the use of the greater part of the organizational bomb disposal equipment. Technical Sergeant KNOX speedily and dexterously improvised substitute equipment to defuze and remove the German 250 Kg high explosive bomb, well knowing it might contain a delayed action fuze. The remarkable ingenuity and tenacity of purpose displayed by Technical Sergeant KNOX, in improvising and substituting equipment without the technical advice of his commanding officer, expedited the recovery and removal of this highly dangerous missile, thus preventing possible loss of life and property. Technical Sergeant KNOX's actions reflect the highest credit upon him and the military forces of the United States.

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Sergeant ARTHUR SCHAEFFER, 42033688, Ordnance Department, * * * Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate), Army of the United States. On 1 January 1945, Sergeant SCHAEFFER was a member of a group of three enlisted men called upon to dispose of a German bomb which had entered the roof of a Map Depot in Belgium, and had lodged five feet beneath the tile floor failing to explode. At the time of this service the commanding officer of the Bomb Disposal Unit was absent on another mission involving the use of the greater part of the organizational bomb disposal equipment. Sergeant SCHAEFFER speedily and dexterously improvised substitute equipment to defuze and remove the German 250 Kg high explosive bomb, well knowing it might contain a delayed action fuze. The remarkable ingenuity and tenacity of purpose displayed by Sergeant SCHAEFFER, in improvising and substituting equipment without the technical advice of his commanding officer, expedited the recovery and removal of this highly dangerous missile, thus preventing possible loss of life and property. Sergeant SCHAEFFER's actions reflect the highest credit upon him and the military forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade MICHAEL G. MITCHELL, 36868227, Ordnance Department, * * * Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate), Army of the United States. On 1 January 1945, Technician Fifth Grade MITCHELL was a member of a group of three enlisted men called upon to dispose of a German bomb which had entered the roof of a Map Depot in Belgium, and had lodged five feet beneath the tile floor failing to explode. At the time of this service the commanding officer of the Bomb Disposal Unit was absent on another mission involving the use of the greater part of the organizational bomb disposal equipment. Technician Fifth Grade MITCHELL speedily and dexterously improvised substitute equipment to defuze and remove the German 250 Kg high explosive bomb, well knowing it might contain a delayed action fuze. The remarkable ingenuity and tenacity of purpose displayed by Technician Fifth Grade MITCHELL, in improvising and substituting equipment without the technical advice of his commanding officer, expedited the recovery and removal of this highly dangerous missile, thus preventing possible loss of life and property. Technician Fifth Grade MITCHELL's actions reflect the highest credit upon him and the military forces of the United States.

II - 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, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy during the respective periods indicated, is awarded to:

Captain JOHN W. ELDER, 025068, Field Artillery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States, 2 December 1944 to 11 December 1944.

Master Sergeant ROY C. HOTT, 13061480, Field Artillery, Headquarters * * * Field Artillery Group, Army of the United States, 10 September 1944 to 8 January 1945.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT D. SWEENEY, 7008755, Cavalry, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), Army of the United States, 1 August 1944 to 11 December 1944.

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III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant LEONARD CARNEY, 36104851, Field Artillery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. On 23 December 1944, while Technical Sergeant CARNEY was supervising the work of a wire crew laying a forward liaison line near Grosbous, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the town was attacked by a force of enemy tanks and infantry. When attempts to reach the battalion command post by radio for fire support failed, he was called upon by an officer making a reconnaissance in the area to lay a wire from his battalion command post in order that the fire of his battalion might be adjusted on enemy tanks and infantry attacking the town of Grosbous. Without hesitation, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he assisted the battalion communications officer in laying a wire line across the open ground under direct fire of enemy tanks. Sergeant CARNEY's initiative and energy materially assisted in repelling the enemy attack. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

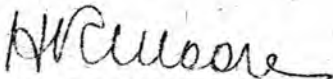
IV - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to Technician Fifth Grade JOHN B. ROGERS, 37536863, Ordnance Department, * * * Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate), Army of the United States, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 8 January 1945 in Belgium.

By command of the CORPS COMMANDER:

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