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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES A. BOOTHMAN, 16127639, 531st Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company (Tank), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Technician Fifth Grade BOOTHMAN was a member of an evacuation wrecker crew of the 531st Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company, Tank, which, on 6 July 1944, was under orders to clear disabled tanks from a road near LA HAYE DU FUIITS, FRANCE. Despite a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage which was laid on the immediate area, Technician Fifth Grade BOOTHMAN bravely continued at his task until the mission was accomplished, disregarding his own safety. His courage, resourcefulness and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Technician Fifth Grade ROCCO S VIGIA, 31347064, 107th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 17 December 1944. The superior manner in which Technician VIGIA performed his duties as surgical technician while serving with the 107th Evacuation Hospital distinguish him as an outstanding soldier. His services in the hospital installation at MALMEDY, BELGIUM were particularly noteworthy and merit high commendation. Technician Fifth Grade VIGIA's accomplishments and his loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade TRUMAN R FULTON, 37379691, 2d Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 June 1944, enemy shore batteries inflicted serious casualties on board the Liberty Ship SS Ezra Weston. Technician Fifth Grade FULTON, crossing on the ship, though not trained in specialized first aid, remained courageously on the exposed deck and administered first aid to the wounded. He acted without direction completely disregarding his own safety and was responsible for saving many lives. Technician Fifth Grade FULTON's coolness under fire and his supreme devotion to duty distinguish him as an outstanding soldier and merit high commendation.

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Major PERCY D WIDMER, 0503707, Infantry, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 15 May 1944 to 15 Jan 1945.

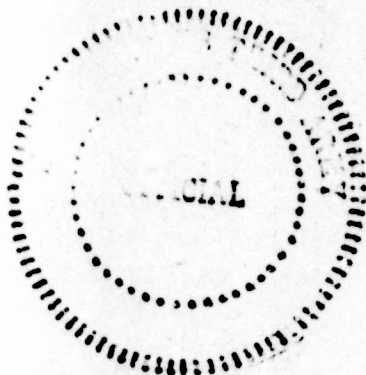
✓ Captain WALTER H SCHAU, 0452219, Medical Administrative Corps, 593d Medical Ambulance Company, Motor, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 22 October 1944.

✓ Second Lieutenant ALICE L JOHNSON, 1737545, Army Nurse Corps, 103d Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 12 July 1944 to 29 December 1944.

✓ Corporal JAMES A CHARLIE, 36571952, Company "B", 503d Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 30 December 1944.

✓ First Sergeant THOMAS A BROWNING, 6267722, Company "B", 503d Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 6 July 1944 to 22 December 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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