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12 September 1945

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**NUMBER 246**

- Section I - Award of Bronze Star Medal
- Section II - Award of Soldier's Medal
- Section III - Award of Purple Heart
- Section IV - Amendment of General Orders Numbers 129, 241, and 242 this Headquarters as

**I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL** - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cfr 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, No 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM N ADAMS, 35110380, Headquarters Special Troops, Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 August 1944 to 15 September 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

**II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL** - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cfr 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, No 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade HARRY L CHILDS, 36971027, Company C, 1263rd Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy in GERMANY. On 16 April 1945, in LEMGO, GERMANY, an American soldier was covered with blazing gasoline from an exploding cook stove. When the man fell from the room, Technician (then Private First Class) CHILDS threw himself on the floor and with utter disregard for the burns he himself was sustaining and for the imminent explosion of two more stoves in the blazing kitchen, he extinguished the flames. Technician CHILDS' courageous actions saved the life of his comrade. His unselfish devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

**III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART** - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1944, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

First Sergeant WILLIAM H BAYS 38305794, Headquarters Battery, 796th Anti-aircraft Artillery (Aviation Weapons) Battalion (Self Propelled), United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 8 April 1945 at ASSMISTADT, GERMANY.

**IV. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBERS 129, 241, AND 242 THIS HEADQUARTERS AS:**

1. So much as General Orders 129, this Headquarters as, awarding a Distinguished Service Cross to Private Leo W. Satterfield 33806424, is amended to read: "Private First Class LEO W. SATTERFIELD, 33806424" is amended to read: "Private LEO W. SATTERFIELD, 33806424", and so much as reads "20 February 1945" is amended to read "15 February 1945".

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CG No 216, Hq Third US Army, 12 September 1945, cont'd.

Re. So much of Sec 15, General Orders 214, this Headquarters as, as reads: "Purple Heart" is amended to read "Bronze Star Medal".

By command of General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,  
Major General, US Army,  
Chief of Staff.

L. L. LUNLY,

Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Acting Adjutant General.

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