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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SPECIAL ORDER)

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

Captain WILLIAM H ROADSTRUM, O364041, Field Artillery, Headquarters 687th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM. On 22 December 1944, during the enemy's thrust into the Ardennes near BASWOLNE, BELGIUM, Captain ROADSTRUM organized and led a spirited defense of a division outpost against numerically superior hostile forces attacking from the northeast. With utter disregard for his own safety, he braved heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire to rally his men and deliver such effective artillery fire against the hostile attackers that they elected to by-pass his position rather than take it. Captain ROADSTRUM'S outstanding leadership and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Third Grade ROBERT C GILLASPY, 34076603, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 687th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG. On 16 - 17 December 1944, when strong enemy forces attacked the air strip of Technician Third Grade GILLASPY'S field artillery battalion, he organized and directed the flank defense of a friendly machine gun position. In addition, he fearlessly braved heavy hostile mortar and small arms fire to maintain the battalion's observation aircraft in operating condition. Technician Third Grade GILLASPY'S dauntless efforts; his untiring energy and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal HERBERT L DAVIS, 35704380, Battery D, 796th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 10 April 1945, when strong enemy forces attempted to sever our main supply route into CRALLSHEIM, GERMANY, Corporal DAVIS, wounded by hostile rifle fire, was placed for safety into a personnel carrier mounting a .30 caliber machine gun. Ignoring his wound, he voluntarily manned the weapon until forced by a painful injury to cease firing. Corporal DAVIS' actions contributed in keeping open this vital route; his courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade ODES A MC ELROY, 38356544, Headquarters Battery, 687th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM. On 16 - 17 December 1944, when strong enemy forces attacked the air strip of Technician Fifth Grade MC ELROY'S field artillery battalion, he fearlessly manned at his .50 caliber machine gun without relief and from an

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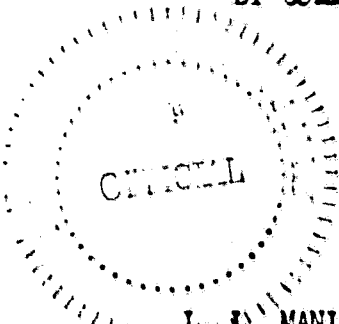
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exposed position delivered continuous fire against the hostile attackers. Through his dauntless efforts the strip was held for a much longer time than was at first anticipated; Technician Fifth Grade MC ELROY'S untiring energy and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class CLINTON C COOK JR, 37661242, 602d Field Artillery Battalion (Pack), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. On 17 August 1944, during a fire mission against enemy troops near TRANS, FRANCE, a muzzle burst from one of the guns of Private First Class COOK'S battery ignited a nearby ammunition pit. With utter disregard for his own safety, he ran to the pit, hurriedly removed powder bags out of range of the flames and, seizing a burning shell, carried it away. Private First Class COOK'S fearless actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class WILLIAM D REAGAN, 34606047, 602d Field Artillery Battalion (Pack), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. From 25 - 27 August 1944, when as a result of their airborne landings his section was left leaderless, Private First Class REAGAN assumed command and as chief of section of the base piece delivered artillery fire for his battery with such speed and accuracy as to inflict heavy casualties upon attacking enemy forces. When the hostile attack reached such intensity as to force a withdrawal of friendly units, he continued to direct his fire until a successful withdrawal could be accomplished. Private First Class REAGAN'S fearless initiative and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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