

Tupper
OH - 1-46
Red 25-2-45
74

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 103

GENERAL ORDERS

3 January 1945.

NUMBER 3

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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 Silver Star is awarded to:

Major LAMAR SOUTTER, 0333904, Medical Corps, ** Auxiliary Surgical Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, Major SOUTTER, General Surgeon, ** Auxiliary Surgical Group, volunteered as a member of a surgical group organized for the hazardous mission of parachuting into the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to provide medical aid for a large number of seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the city. When conditions later determined that the group and necessary equipment would be flown in by glider, a landing under enemy artillery and small arms fire was accomplished on 26 December in a field near the city. Upon arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city the group immediately organized and began operating, working throughout the night, disregarding enemy bombing and artillery fire which on one occasion blew open the door of the operating room, forcing them to work by flash-light. After a few hours rest on the following day they continued operating, working through the night of 27 December and into the next day. By noon of 28 December all patients had been evacuated to a field hospital which had been established in the city after armored forces advancing from the south had made contact with the defending forces. This gallant group saved many lives. The courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty of each member exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Major HOWARD F SERRELL, 0501561, Medical Corps, ** Auxiliary Surgical Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action. During a counter-offensive by strong enemy forces, the city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM was surrounded and all possible routes of evacuation for the many seriously wounded men within the city were cut off. On 25 December, Major SERRELL, of the ** Auxiliary Surgical Group, in order to render surgical assistance, voluntarily flew into the besieged city by liaison plane, disregarding the danger of hostile fire. Arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city where the wounded men were being treated by available medical personnel he immediately set up an operating room. Working indefatigably throughout the night and the following day he performed twenty major surgical operations despite continued enemy bombing and shelling of the hospital area. Additional surgical personnel arrived on 26 December by glider and Major SERRELL continued working with them until a field hospital was eventually established when armored forces advancing from the south made contact with the defenders of the city. This gallant officer saved many lives. His courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

- 1 -

R E S T R I C T E D

RESTRICTED

CO No. 3, Hq Third US Army, 3 Jan 1945, cont'd.

Captain STANLEY P WISCIOWSKI, 0471663, Medical Corps, *** Auxiliary Surgical Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, Captain WISCIOWSKI, Anesthetist, *** Auxiliary Surgical Group, volunteered as a member of a surgical group organized for the hazardous mission of parachuting into the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to provide medical aid for a large number of seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the city. When conditions later determined that the group and necessary equipment would be flown in by glider, a landing under enemy artillery and small arms fire was accomplished on 26 December in a field near the city. Upon arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city the group immediately organized and began operating, working throughout the night, disregarding enemy bombing and artillery fire which on one occasion blew open the door of the operating room, forcing them to work by flashlight. After a few hours rest on the following day they continued operating, working through the night of 27 December and into the next day. By noon of 28 December all patients had been evacuated to a field hospital which had been established in the city after armored forces advancing from the south had made contact with the defending forces. This gallant group saved many lives. The courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty of each member exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

See amend by No 9 - Jan. 10, 1945

* Captain FOY H MOODY, 0511887, Medical Corps, *** Auxiliary Surgical Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, Captain MOODY, General Surgeon, *** Auxiliary Surgical Group, volunteered as a member of a surgical group organized for the hazardous mission of parachuting into the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to provide medical aid for a large number of seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the city. When conditions later determined that the group and necessary equipment would be flown in by glider, a landing under enemy artillery and small arms fire was accomplished on 26 December in a field near the city. Upon arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city the group immediately organized and began operating, working throughout the night, disregarding enemy bombing and artillery fire which on one occasion blew open the door of the operating room, forcing them to work by flashlight. After a few hours rest on the following day they continued operating, working through the night of 27 December and into the next day. By noon of 28 December all patients had been evacuated to a field hospital which had been established in the city after armored forces advancing from the south had made contact with the defending forces. This gallant group saved many lives. The courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty of each member exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Captain EDWARD N ZINSCHLAG, 0380919, Medical Corps, *** Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, Captain ZINSCHLAG, General Surgeon, *** Evacuation Hospital, volunteered as a member of a surgical group organized for the hazardous mission of parachuting into the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to provide medical aid for a large number of seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the city. When conditions later determined that the group and necessary equipment would be flown in by glider, a landing under enemy artillery and small arms fire was accomplished on 26 December in a field near the city. Upon arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city the group immediately organized and began operating, working throughout the night, disregarding enemy bombing and artillery fire which on one occasion blew open the door of the operating room, forcing them to work by flashlight. After a few hours rest on the following day they continued operating,

R E S T R I C T E D

GO No. 3, Hq Third US Army, 3 Jan 1945, cont'd.

working through the night of 27 December and into the next day. By noon of 28 December all patients had been evacuated to a field hospital which had been established in the city after armored forces advancing from the south had made contact with the defending forces. This gallant group saved many lives. The courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty of each member exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Captain HENRY M. HILLS, 01685874, Medical Corps, *** Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, Captain HILLS, Orthopedic Surgeon, *** Evacuation Hospital, volunteered as a member of a surgical group organized for the hazardous mission of parachuting into the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to provide medical aid for a large number of seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the city. When conditions later determined that the group and necessary equipment would be flown in by glider, a landing under enemy artillery and small arms fire was accomplished on 26 December in a field near the city. Upon arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city the group immediately organized and began operating, working throughout the night, disregarding enemy bombing and artillery fire which on one occasion blew open the door of the operating room, forcing them to work by flashlight. After a few hours rest on the following day they continued operating, working through the night of 27 December and into the next day. By noon of 28 December all patients had been evacuated to a field hospital which had been established in the city after armored forces advancing from the south had made contact with the defending forces. This gallant group saved many lives. The courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty of each member exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Technician Third Grade JOHN H. DONAHUE, 32257287, *** Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, Technician Third Grade DONAHUE, serving as an orthopedic technician, *** Evacuation Hospital, volunteered as a member of a surgical group organized for the hazardous mission of parachuting into the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to provide medical aid for a large number of seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the city. When conditions later determined that the group and necessary equipment would be flown in by glider, a landing under enemy artillery and small arms fire was accomplished on 26 December in a field near the city. Upon arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city the group immediately organized and began operating, working throughout the night, disregarding enemy bombing and artillery fire which on one occasion blew open the door of the operating room, forcing them to work by flashlight. After a few hours rest on the following day they continued operating, working through the night of 27 December and into the next day. By noon of 28 December all patients had been evacuated to a field hospital which had been established in the city after armored forces advancing from the south had made contact with the defending forces. This gallant group saved many lives. The courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty of each member exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

- 3 -

R E S T R I C T E D

R E S T R I C T E D

GO No. 3 HQ Third US Army 3 Jan 1945, cont'd.

Technician Fourth Grade LAWRENCE T RETHWISCH, 32203249, ** Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, Technician RETHWISCH, serving as a surgical technician, ** Evacuation Hospital, volunteered as a member of a surgical group organized for the hazardous mission of parachuting into the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to provide medical aid for a large number of seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the city. When conditions later determined that the group and necessary equipment would be flown in by glider, a landing under enemy artillery and small arms fire was accomplished on 26 December in a field near the city. Upon arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city the group immediately organized and began operating, working throughout the night, disregarding enemy bombing and artillery fire which on one occasion blew open the door of the operating room, forcing them to work by flashlight. After a few hours rest on the following day they continued operating, working through the night of 27 December and into the next day. By noon of 28 December all patients had been evacuated to a field hospital which had been established in the city after armored forces advancing from the south had made contact with the defending forces. This gallant group saved many lives. The courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty of each member exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

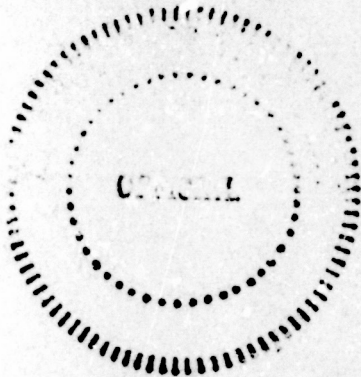
Technician Fourth Grade JOHN S FOMLES, 17161408, ** Auxiliary Surgical Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, Technician FOMLES, ** Auxiliary Surgical Group, volunteered as a member of a surgical group organized for the hazardous mission of parachuting into the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to provide medical aid for a large number of seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the city. When conditions later determined that the group and necessary equipment would be flown in by glider, a landing under enemy artillery and small arms fire was accomplished on 26 December in a field near the city. Upon arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city the group immediately organized and began operating, working throughout the night, disregarding enemy bombing and artillery fire which on one occasion blew open the door of the operating room, forcing them to work by flashlight. After a few hours rest on the following day they continued operating, working through the night of 27 December and into the next day. By noon of 28 December all patients had been evacuated to a field hospital which had been established in the city after armored forces advancing from the south had made contact with the defending forces. This gallant group saved many lives. The courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty of each member exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Technician Fourth Grade CLARENCE MATZ, 36706917, ** Auxiliary Surgical Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 24 December 1944, Technician MATZ, ** Auxiliary Surgical Group, volunteered as a member of a surgical group organized for the hazardous mission of parachuting into the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to provide medical aid for a large number of seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the city. When conditions later determined that the group and necessary equipment would be flown in by glider, a landing under enemy artillery and small arms fire was accomplished on 26 December in a field near the city. Upon arriving at the make-shift hospital within the city the group immediately organized and began operating, working throughout the night, disregarding enemy bombing and artillery fire which on one occasion blew open the door of the operating room, forcing them to work by flashlight. After a few hours rest on the following day they continued operating, working through the night of 27 December and into the next day. By noon of 28

CG No. 3 Hq Third US Army 3 Jan 1945, cont'd.

December all patients had been evacuated to a field hospital which had been established in the city after armored forces advancing from the south had made contact with the defending forces. This gallant group saved many lives. The courage and heroic unselfish devotion to duty of each member exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

R. E. CUMINGS,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

"A" "P" "T"

- 3 - The Adj Gen (Att: Decorations & Awards Br)
- 4 - CG Hq US Army (AG Opns Div - 2)
(Att: Awards & Decorations Br, AG Mil Pers Div - 2)
- 5 - CG Hq A G (Att: G-1 Sec - 1)
(Att: CG 37th MRU - 1)
- 3 - G-1, this Hq
- 31 - Surg, this Hq