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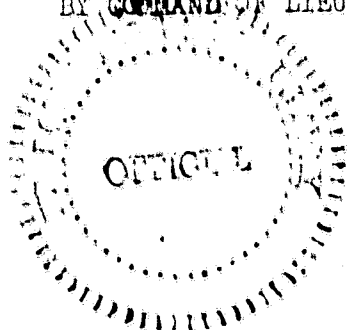
ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 29 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular Number 56, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant PAUL T. FRANZEN, 01047969, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "B", 634th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY and BELGIUM. On 16 December 1944 and 17 December 1944, Lieutenant FRANZEN, serving as a platoon commander in Battery "B", 634th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, distinguished himself by his outstanding performance of duty. Through incessant shelling he went among his gun positions, reconnoitering for alternate sites and supervising the displacement of his materiel to alternate positions as soon as enemy fire threatened to destroy any of his equipment. Faced with encirclement, Lieutenant FRANZEN, with commendable initiative, made a reconnaissance of the entire area in the face of hostile fire to determine the most suitable direction for a withdrawal. When authorized to withdraw, his resourceful leadership and initiative were instrumental in disengaging his platoon from untenable positions with a minimum of casualties. His courageous leadership and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL KEYES:



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