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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class WALTER A HAMEL, 33027759, Cavalry, United States Army, Troop "A", ** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized). For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 22 August 1944. Private First Class HAMEL was serving as a machine-gunner on a one-quarter ton truck which was following an armored car along a road known to be defended by enemy forces. The armored car was disabled by enemy fire and its occupants, taking cover in a ditch, were isolated from friendly supporting troops. Private First Class HAMEL, with utter disregard for his own safety, remained at his gun, firing at the enemy, while the driver drove their vehicle to the endangered men. Under this cover of fire, the men climbed into the vehicle and were carried to safety. The cool and determined action of Private First Class HAMEL in the face of enemy fire, his aggressiveness, and his heroic devotion to duty are evidence of his outstanding character as a soldier.

Private First Class ROLLO P HARDING, 32106810, Cavalry, United States Army, Troop "A", ** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized). For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near FORET DE MONTARGIS, FRANCE, on 22 August 1944. Private First Class HARDING, riding his motorcycle as the leading vehicle of a patrol through a wooded area known to be occupied by the enemy, was captured when an enemy artillery barrage cut him off from his own forces. During a subsequent artillery barrage directed against the enemy by our forces, Private First Class HARDING, while a prisoner, succeeded in persuading 29 of his captors to surrender to him by convincingly warning them that they would be wiped out if they continued to resist our action. Upon reporting to our artillery with his 29 prisoners, Private First Class HARDING contributed additional detailed information about the enemy, thus enabling our forces to capture 100 more prisoners. The cool-headedness of Private First Class HARDING, his initiative, and his devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

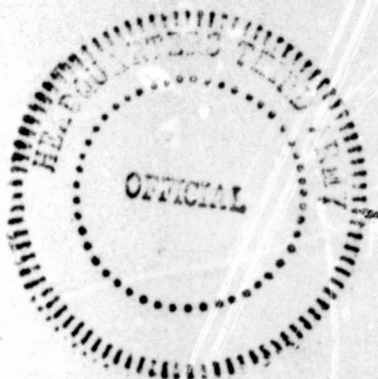
Major SHERMAN W BROWN, JR., 0152434, Medical Administrative Corps, 32d Medical Depot Company (then Headquarters Third United States Army). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the United Kingdom and France during the period March 1944 to 14 September 1944.

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By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HUGH J. GAFFEY,
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