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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in countries indicated:

CAPTAIN ALBERT F. RUTLEDGE, 01204504, Infantry, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS A. LANAHAN, 01204522, Infantry, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCIS J. RISHER, 01622730, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 27 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALFRED W. BRUNJES, 01692614, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

First Sergeant Carl F. Carlson, 31005000, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Sergeant England L. Galloway, 6360727, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant Fred G. Klesa, 33100350, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant James R. Abshire, 33094121, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Luther B. Barefield, 34034341, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Hugh W. Bilbo, 6399361, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

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Sergeant Winfred R. DeHart, 6969362, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Walter F. Gale, 39710973, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 27 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Thomas H. Jester, 34587207, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 14 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant Jerrold C. Kearns, 32047048, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Jack L. Kirchhofer, 37507894, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 27 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Kenneth W. Van Alstyne, 20242255, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Charles D. Varnorin, 31017058, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade James J. Coker, 34063359, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade Alfred F. Dunn, 12063260, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert H. Estes, 34121101, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943, to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Claude F. Friend, 33066012, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fourth Grade Homer K. Myers, 34042920, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Technician Fourth Grade Clarence R. Parham, 34090581, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert R. Schlemmer, 6989314, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal Raymond S. Bowling, 34042507, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Corporal Harold Brannon, 34041306, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Corporal Samuel Brown, 33078984, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Nelson R. Foley, 34106189, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis A. Callagy, 32088474, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Matthew Cap, 32159085, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Jack Cape, 20449178, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade William H. Carr, 32146283, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Edgar S. Carter, 34110197, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert L. Crawford, 33100344, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Technician Fifth Grade Richard A. DaDeppo, 33078908, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Virgil R. Deluca, 12006137, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert C. Dempsey, 31095710, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward A. Dudek, 33085430, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Fifth Grade Elva Everett, 34033694, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade Louis J. Falasca, 32154503, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade James M. Fox, 33079010, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert W. Glueckstein, 36808634, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 27 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Ralph E. Hauser, 34257608, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Alexander F. Heit, 19077651, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Kemp H. High, 34110343, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Johnson, 12006520, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Milton F. Johnson, 34034261, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade Jack B. Joyce, 14030668, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred G. Lamb, 20242417, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Hugh D. Lawrence, 20449593, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Alton R. Beck Jr., 34009875, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Frank L. Bomer, 34042735, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class James B. Bolon, 34116060, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Albert F. Benin, 12002254, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Hiram F. Bookout, 34121086, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Harry C. Boyd, 34121083, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 14 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Arthur A. Burgess, 31016966, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Private First Class Benjamin T. Buzzard, 15054116, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Thellic Casper, 34016463, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Lloyd J. Colson, 34761947, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France and Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class John A. DeGeorge, 33270939, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Romeo DeMarco, 31280800, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 27 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class George R. Draper, 31095719, Field Artillery, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States, from 24 February 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Tunisia, Sicily, France and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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