



HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION

APO 257, U. S. Army

22 November 1944

AG 201-Humphrey, George L. (En1) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private George L. Humphrey, 34121055, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339,  
U. S. Army.

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Private George L. Humphrey (Army Serial Number 34121055), Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as cannoneer, Pvt Humphrey's platoon was engaged in the mission of maintaining a road block on the Asten-Meijel route, effectively preventing the movement of enemy troops. When a Mark VI tank approached within 200 yards of his vehicle, he kept steadfastly at his post, even though the gunner repeatedly failed to bring his gun into action. Despite continuing fire from small arms, mortars and 88mm guns, Pvt Humphrey remained with his vehicle, even after it had sustained a direct hit from the enemy tank. Although wounded himself, Pvt Humphrey helped evacuate the wounded gunner from the destroyer. His courageous devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon Pvt Humphrey and the military service.

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APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Johnson, Rudolph A. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private Rudolph A. Johnson, 37544723, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, -U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, The Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Private Rudolph A. Johnson (Army Serial Number 37544723), Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 27 and 28 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as cannoneer, Pvt Johnson assisted in maintaining a road block on the important Asten-Meijel route, destroying one German tank and keeping enemy troops from using the road. After supporting infantry had withdrawn, his tank destroyer became bogged down in the soft terrain. Although in imminent danger of capture by infiltrating enemy troops, Pvt Johnson remained with the destroyer until the arrival of a recovery vehicle. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Pvt Johnson and the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Lander, Stephen W. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Staff Sergeant Stephan W. Lander, 33266894, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November, 1944, to:

Staff Sergeant Stephen W. Lander (Army Serial Number 33266894), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 October 1944, in the area of Neerkant, Holland. When his platoon took up a defensive position along the Asten-Meijel road, S/Sgt Lander demonstrated outstanding initiative in maintaining communications between the widely-separated destroyers. Although under intense fire from enemy artillery and anti-tank guns, he kept unremittingly at his liaison work. In the face of superior enemy armored forces and constantly infiltrating German infantry troops, he supervised the evacuation of the crew of a burning tank destroyer. Even after all supporting troops had withdrawn, S/Sgt Lander stayed with the last remaining destroyer, 2000 yards ahead of the rest of his unit, preventing enemy vehicles from using the road.

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APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Lee, Charles A. M. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Corporal Charles A. M. Lee, 37493125, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Corporal Charles A. M. Lee (Army Serial Number 37493125), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 27 October 1944 and 28 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While serving as gunner, Cpl Lee assisted in maintaining a road block on the important Asten-Meijel route, destroying one German tank and keeping enemy troops from using the road. After supporting infantry had withdrawn, his tank destroyer became bogged down in the soft terrain. Although in imminent danger of capture by infiltrating enemy troops, Cpl Lee remained with the destroyer until the arrival of a recovery vehicle. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Cpl Lee and the Armed Forces.

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APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Leeper, Cornell C. (Enl) (A)

Subject; Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private First Class Cornell C. Leeper, 37652005, Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Private First Class Cornell C. Leeper (Army Serial Number 37652005), Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion United States Army for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 and 29 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as driver, Pfc Leeper assisted in maintaining a road block on the important Asten-Meijel route, effectively preventing the approach of enemy vehicles. During thirty-six hours of continuous action this destroyer knocked out three Mark VI tanks and assisted in destroying two others. Though subjected to heavy enemy fire from artillery, mortars, anti-tank guns and small arms, Pfc Leeper remained steadfastly at this post until his vehicle sustained a direct hit and caught fire. Pfc Leeper's courageous devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

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APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Mays, Willie (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Corporal Willie Mays, 38079547, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 2600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Corporal Willie Mays (Army Serial Number 38079547), Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as gunner, Cpl Mays' platoon was engaged in maintaining a road-block on the Asten-Meijel route. Although mechanical difficulties prevented operation of his weapon, Cpl Mays remained at his gun in the face of four Mark VI tanks, which approached within 200 yards. Five times he vainly endeavored to fire his gun. As their vehicle was endeavoring to withdraw it was hit by a high explosive shell, which seriously wounded Cpl Mays. His magnificent devotion to duty during a most critical situation reflected the highest credit upon Cpl Mays and the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Merrill, Ernest L. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private Ernest L. Merrill, 37467453, Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Private Ernest L. Merrill (Army Serial Number 37467453), Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 23 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as cannoneer, Pvt Merrill's platoon was given the mission of maintaining a road block more than a mile forward of the other vehicles of his battalion. Although exposed to constant enemy fire, he determinedly kept at his position, even after supporting infantry troops had been forced back. After being surrounded by enemy infantry and sighted by four German tanks, Pvt Merrill's vehicle was ordered to withdraw from its untenable position. Breaking through a cordon of hostile troops at high speed, their vehicle sustained a direct hit in the turret, injuring the entire crew. By his aggressive action and devotion to duty, Pvt Merrill set an outstanding example of valor, which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Murray; Leo L. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Corporal Leo L. Murray, 37544692, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the president, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Corporal (then Private) Leo L. Murray (Army Serial Number 37544692), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 29 October 1944, in the area of Neerkant, Holland. When the tank destroyer in which he was serving as gunner set up a road-block, Cpl Murray's accuracy with the vehicle's cannon accounted for five of the enemy's heaviest tanks, the Mark VI Tiger. Allowing the Germans to come within four hundred yards of his position to increase the effectiveness of his fire, he helped repulse four assaults by formations that outgunned our own forces. In the last of them, concentrated shelling from four tanks fired Cpl Murray's tank destroyer and forced him out of the action. By his courage and ability he aided greatly in the successful operations that denied use of the important Asten-Meijel highway to the enemy.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Myrum, Theodore H. (En1) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Corporal Theodore H. Myrum, 37544977, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Corporal Theodore H. Myrum (Army Serial Number 37544977), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 23 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as gunner, Cpl Myrum's platoon was engaged in maintaining a road block on the Asten-Meijel route, effectively preventing the approach of enemy vehicles. For an hour and a half he engaged in a fierce duel with a Mark VI tank. Exhibiting superior marksmanship, Cpl Myrum scored fifteen direct hit on the enemy tank, but the rounds were unable to penetrate the heavy armor. During the course of the duel, his destroyer was hit and set ablaze, and Cpl Myrum suffered a serious wound. His outstanding skill and courageous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Cpl Myrum and the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Reese, James H. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fifth Grade James H. Reese, 37493126, Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Technician Fifth Grade James H. Reese (Army Serial Number 37493126), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as driver, Tec 5 Reese's platoon was engaged in the mission of maintaining a road block on the Asten-Meijel route, effectively preventing the movement of enemy vehicles. When a Mark VI tank approached within 200 yards of his vehicle, he kept steadfastly at his post, even though the gunner repeatedly failed to bring his gun into action. As Tec 5 Reese was attempting to reverse the destroyer, it was hit by an enemy shell and the gunner seriously wounded. Despite continuing fire from small arms, mortars and 88mm guns, Tec 5 Reese remained with his vehicle, and helped evacuate the gunner and two other injured soldiers. His courageous action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the Armed Force, and reflects credit upon Tec 5 Reese.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Ruiz, Ginovevo J. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Private First Class Ginovevo J. Ruiz, 37340048, Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Private First Class Ginovevo J. Ruiz (Army Serial Number 37340048), Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 29 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. During the fiercely contested engagement along the Asten-Meijel road, Pfc Ruiz defied the heaviest fire to deliver important messages between the company command post and the platoon positions. Hiding a light, unarmored vehicle through intense artillery, mortar, anti-tank and small arms fire, he maintained constant communication with the various elements of the company. So strong was the enemy resistance that at times he had to crawl for hundreds of yards to accomplish his mission. Completely disregarding his own safety, he repeatedly went to the aid of wounded soldiers, and evacuated them from the fire-swept field. His unremitting efforts and courageous conduct throughout the battle reflect the greatest credit upon Pfc Ruiz and the Military Service.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Rutka, Leo (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Staff Sergeant Leo Rutka, 37544617, Field Artillery,  
Company "E", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Staff Sergeant Leo Rutka (Army Serial Number 37544617), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 28 and 29 October 1944, in the area of Neerkant, Holland. S Sgt Rutka deployed his platoon in road-block positions that denied the enemy the use of the vital Asten-Meljel highway, despite almost constant tank attack. Waiting until the Germans were within point-blank range, he directed fire which took a heavy toll of enemy manpower and equipment. When all four tank destroyers were badly damaged, he finally withdrew, leaving eight burned-out Mark VI Tiger tanks on the road. During the engagement, his platoon also destroyed an observation post set up in a church steeple. All during this fiercely-contested action, S Sgt Rutka displayed outstanding heroism and leadership worthy of the highest praise.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Sandquist, Kermit D. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fourth Grade Kermit D. Sandquist, 37175293,  
Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 814th Tank  
Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U.S. Army

1. By direct of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Technician Fourth Grade Kermit D. Sandquist (Army Serial Number 37175293), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 October 1944, in the area of Neerkant, Holland. While serving as mechanic, Tec 4 Sandquist undertook to recover an M-10 Tank Destroyer and a truck which were bogged down in soft terrain. Braving intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he changed the tires on the truck and moved the two vehicles to places of safety. Throughout the mission he was in danger not only from the heavy barrage, but from infiltrating enemy infantry. Tec 4 Sandquist's outstanding initiative and courageous devotion to duty are worthy of the highest commendation.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Senn, Martin L. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private Martin L. Senn, 34389569, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Private Martin L. Senn (Army Serial Number 34389569), Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 Oct 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as cannoneer, Pvt Senn's platoon was given the mission of maintaining a road block more than a mile forward of the other vehicles of his battalion. Although exposed to constant ~~infantry~~ enemy fire, he determinedly kept to his position, even after supporting infantry infantry troops had been forced back. After being surrounded by enemy infantry and sighted by four German tanks, Pvt Senn's vehicle was ordered to withdraw from its untenable position. Breaking through a cordon of hostile troops at high speed, their vehicle sustained a direct hit in the turret, injuring the entire crew and seriously wounding Pvt Senn. By his aggressive action and complete devotion to duty Pvt Senn set an outstanding example of valor which reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Smolarek, Sigmund M. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Sergeant Sigmund M. Smolarek, 36329722, Field  
Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army - -

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

First Sergeant Sigmund M. Smolarek (Army Serial Number 36329722), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 October 1944 and 29 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. During a fiercely contested engagement with powerful enemy forces, 1st Sgt Smolarek exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to assist in recovering an M-10 vehicle which had mired down in the mud. Ignoring constant barrages of mortar and artillery fire, he worked tirelessly to deliver ammunition to key positions and evacuate vehicles. Going beyond the call of duty, he personally assisted in loading destroyers during a fire fight with six Mark VI tanks. His fearless and efficient leadership under enemy fire contributed directly to the success of the company in battle, and warrants the highest commendation.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Turley, Cecil H. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Sergeant Cecil H. Turley, 37254373, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Sergeant Cecil H. Turley (Army Serial Number 37254373), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 28 and 29 October 1944, in the area of Meijel, Holland. During two days of road block duty, the tank destroyer commanded by Sgt Turley accounted for five of the enemy's Mark VI Tiger tanks. Allowing the Germans to come within four hundred yards of his position to increase the effectiveness of his fire, he helped repulse four assaults by formations which heavily outgunned our own forces. Late in the second day, concentrated shelling from a Mark VI fired St Turley's vehicle, causing the crew to abandon it and retire from the action. By his courage and leadership ability he aided greatly in the successful operations which denied use of the important Asten-Meijel highway to the enemy.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257. U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Velez, Joseph F. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fifth Grade Joseph F. Velez, 37467950, Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army-

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph F. Velez (Army Serial Number 37467950), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 27 and 28 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as gunner, Tec 5 Velez assisted in maintaining a road block on the important Asten-Meijel route, destroying one German tank and keeping enemy troops from using the road. After supporting infantry had withdrawn, his tank destroyer became bogged down in the soft terrain. Although in imminent danger of capture by infiltrating enemy troops, Tec 5 Velez remained with the destroyer until the arrival of a recovery vehicle. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Tec 5 Velez and the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 8TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 201-Walstrom, Harvey L. (Enl) (A)

22 November 1944



Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Private First Class Harvey L. Walstrom, 37652382, Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this Headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Private First Class Harvey L. Walstrom (Army Serial Number 37652382), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 28 and 29 October 1944, in the area of Meijel, Holland. The tank destroyer of which Pfc Walstrom was driver moved out under heavy shelling 2000 yards beyond the others to take up a road-block position on the important Asten-Meijel highway. That night, the supporting infantry withdrew, leaving the vehicle surrounded by enemy troops and in grave danger from four advancing Mark VI Tiger tanks. Ordered to withdraw, Pfc Walstrom drove the tank destroyer at top speed through the ring of Germans, forcing them to break and killing several of them. When only 500 yards from the rest of the unit, his vehicle sustained a direct hit in the turret, wounding Pfc Walstrom and four other members of the crew. Despite this, he continued to drive another 1000 yards until fire broke out. Disregarding the pain from his own injury, he entered the blazing turret and attempted to evacuate the gun commander and loader, beating back the flames with his hands. When other men from the company arrived to finish the job, Pfc Walstrom unhesitatingly went to the aid of two of his comrades and by his heroic action helped save their lives.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

22 November 1944

AG 201-Zelenak, Jack R. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Silver Star

To : Sergeant Jack R. Zelenak, 6941340, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 95, this headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, to:

Sergeant Jack R. Zelenak (Army Serial Number 6941340), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 28 October 1944, in the area of Heijel, Holland. Taking up the fight with an advancing Tiger tank while on road-block duty, the tank destroyer commanded by Sgt Zelenak hit the enemy vehicle with fifteen rounds only to have them glance off the heavy armor of the Mark VI. When an enemy hit fired his tank destroyer, killing the loader and wounding the gunner and assistant gunner, he supervised the evacuation of the crew. Under heavy enemy fire, his calm actions helped save the lives of the injured. Sgt Zelenak's courage and leadership in a difficult situation reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

25 November 1944

AG 201-Bunch, Wayne J. (Enl) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fourth Grade Wayne J. Bunch, 37467661, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 98, this headquarters, dated 25 November 1944, to:

Technician Fourth Grade Wayne J. Bunch (Army Serial Number 37467661), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 October 1944, in the area of Neerkant, Holland. While serving as a mechanic, Tec 4 Bunch undertook the mission of recovering an M-10 tank destroyer and truck which were bogged down in the soft terrain. Ignoring intense barrages from enemy artillery, mortars and small arms, he made his way to the disabled vehicles and successfully evacuated them to a safe area. Throughout the mission he was constantly in danger of attack by infiltrating enemy troops, but he kept determinedly at his task. His courageous action was responsible for the recovery of vitally needed equipment and is worthy of the highest commendation.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

ROBERT W. BURNHAM  
Captain, A. G. D.  
Assistant Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

25 November 1944

AG 201-Cook, James R. (Off) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant James R. Cook, 0441917, Field Artillery,  
Headquarters 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 98, this headquarters, dated 25 November 1944, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES R. COOK (Army Serial Number 0441917), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 October 1944, in the area of Neerkant, Holland. While serving as battalion motor officer, 1st Lt Cook undertook the mission of recovering an M-10 tank destroyer and truck which were bogged down in the soft terrain. Ignoring intense barrages from enemy artillery, mortars and small arms, he led his men to the disabled vehicles and successfully evacuated them to a safe area. Throughout the mission the small group was in constant danger of attack by infiltrating enemy troops, but 1st Lt Cook kept determinedly at his task. His courageous leadership led to the recovery of vitally needed equipment and is worthy of the highest commendation.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

25 November 1944

AG 201-Gregory, Jesse L. (Enl) (A)



Subject: Award of Silver Star (Posthumously)

To : Private First Class Jesse L. Gregory, 37458869, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded per General Orders No. 98, this headquarters, dated 25 November 1944, to:

Private First Class Jesse L. Gregory (Army Serial Number 37458869), Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 and 28 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as cannoneer, Pfc Gregory's platoon was engaged in the mission of maintaining a road block on the important Asten-Meijel route, effectively preventing the movement of enemy troops. So intense was the barrage from enemy artillery, anti-tank guns, mortars and small arms that the crews of supporting vehicles were forced to abandon their positions. Undertaking a duel with a Mark VI tank, Pfc Gregory stayed steadfastly at his post, exchanging fire with the enemy vehicle for more than an hour. During the course of the engagement, three rounds from the tank burst in Pfc Gregory's vehicle, mortally wounding him. By his courageous devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds, Pfc Gregory earned for himself the unrestrained admiration of the entire battalion.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

25 November 1944

AG 201-Murphy, Charles R. (Enl) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private First Class Charles R. Murphy, 36349577, Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 98, this headquarters, dated 25 November 1944, to:

Private First Class Charles R. Murphy (Army Serial Number 36349577), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 29 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as cannoneer, Pfc Murphy's platoon was engaged in the mission of maintaining a road block on the Asten-Meijel route, effectively preventing the approach of enemy vehicles. In meeting a frontal attack from four Mark VI tanks, Pfc Murphy's vehicle sustained three direct hits, which killed one member of the crew and wounded another. Disregarding the overwhelming enemy strength, Pfc Murphy remained steadfastly at his post, his vehicle firing the first shot at the opposing tanks. By his courageous devotion to duty Pfc Murphy and his crew enabled the supporting destroyers to bring flank fire on the enemy, destroying three of the hostile tanks.

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ROBERT W. BURNHAM  
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Assistant Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

25 November 1944

AG 201-Richards, Earl C. (Enl) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private Earl C. Richards, 37404888, Field Artillery,  
Company "A", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 98, this headquarters, dated 25 November 1944, to:

Private Earl C. Richards (Army Serial Number 37404888), Field Artillery, Company "A", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 18 September 1944, in the area of Vittonville, France. While he was serving as driver, an artillery shell burst nearby, striking a vehicle and setting it ablaze. Although ammunition inside the stricken vehicle was exploding constantly, Pvt Richards disregarded the great danger to remove two large trucks from the immediate area. Pvt Richards' presence of mind and outstanding courage saved important equipment from destruction and won for himself the admiration of the members of his battalion.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

25 November 1944

AG 201-Wayt, Fred (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumously)

To : Private Fred Wayt, 37704754, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army



1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 98, this headquarters, dated 25 November 1944, to:

Private Fred Wayt (Army Serial Number 37704754), Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. While he was serving as cannoneer, Pvt Wayt's platoon was engaged in the mission of maintaining a road block on the Asten-Meijel route, effectively preventing the approach of enemy vehicles. In meeting a frontal attack from four Mark VI tanks, Pvt Wayt and his fellow soldiers disregarded the overwhelming enemy strength and fired the first shot at the opposing forces. In the duel which followed, his gun sustained three direct hits, mortally wounding Pvt Wayt. By his courageous devotion to duty Pvt Wayt and his crews enabled the supporting destroyers to bring flank fire on the enemy, destroying three of the hostile tanks.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

1 December 1944

AG 201-Wennerstrand, Clifford S. (Off) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Second Lieutenant Clifford S. Wennerstrand, 01825785,  
Field Artillery, Company "C", 814th Tank Destroyer  
Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 106, this headquarters, dated 1 December 1944, to:

SECOND LIEUTENANT CLIFFORD S. WENNERSTRAND (Army Serial Number 01825785), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 28 October 1944, in the area of Liesel, Holland. In resisting a fierce counter-attack south of Liesel, 2d Lt Wennerstrand's company was in vital need of additional ammunition. While he was serving as company executive officer, he undertook personally to deliver the munitions to the hard-pressed gunners. Although the ammunition truck immediately became a target for direct enemy fire, 2d Lt Wennerstrand continued determinedly on his mission. Leading the vehicle along alternate routes, he succeeded in reaching his company positions in time to replenish the almost exhausted supply of the various gunners. His outstanding courage and leadership in meeting this combat situation reflect high credit on 2d Lt Wennerstrand and the Armed Forces.

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JOHN I. McGIVER  
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Assistant Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

9 December 1944

AG 201-Evers, Raymond H. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Silver Star (Posthumously)

To : Private First Class Raymond H. Evers (37406959), Field Artillery,  
Company "C", 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star was awarded, per General Orders No. 122, this headquarters, dated 9 December 1944, to:

Private First Class Raymond H. Evers (Army Serial Number 37406959), Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 October 1944, in the area of Meijel, Holland. Pfc Evers was serving on road-block duty when a twenty-man German patrol crossed the highway and took cover in a clump of bushes. When the platoon leader and an enlisted man attempted to force them from their positions, the enemy opened fire on them with rifles, machine guns and rifle grenades, wounding them both. Despite the heavy fire covering the area, Pfc Evers leaped to the .50 caliber machine gun on a truck and directed it against the Germans. He covered the attempted evacuation of the two injured soldiers and then continued to pour on a withering volume of fire into the bushes. As he attempted to get more ammunition, Pfc Evers was hit and killed. His swift and courageous action, which saved the life of one of his comrades and played a large part in the destruction of the enemy patrol, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

9 December 1944

AG 201-Lazaros, Thomas G. (Off) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : First Lieutenant Thomas G. Lazaros, 01168330, Field  
Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 122, this headquarters, dated 9 December 1944, to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS G. LAZAROS (Army Serial Number 01168330), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 27 October 1944 to 29 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. Occupying a defensive position along the important Asten-Meijel route, 1st Lt Lazaros maintained an effective road block, resisting the strongest enemy attempts to invade his sector. After his commanding officer was seriously wounded in action, he took over the leadership of his company. Although the enemy launched five separate attacks and came within 150 yards of the road block, they were beaten back each time. By his brilliant tactical leadership, 1st Lt Lazaros succeeded in destroying eight German tanks and causing seven more to withdraw.

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Assistant Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

10 December 1944

AG 201-Drum, Marvin C. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Corporal Marvin C. Drum, 37406762, Field Artillery,  
Company "C", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, -U. S. Army



1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 123, this headquarters, dated 10 December 1944, to:

Corporal Marvin C. Drum (Army Serial Number 37406762), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 27 and 29 October 1944, in the area of Heitrak, Holland. Advancing against the concentrated fire of three German Tiger tanks, Cpl Drum's tank destroyer participated in an assault on the enemy positions, destroying two and damaging the remaining hostile vehicles. Although shells were bursting in close proximity to his tank destroyer, Cpl Drum performed his duty as loader coolly and with great dispatch. A short time later, in defending the Asten area against encroaching enemy troops, he assisted in the destruction of numerous targets, including a building occupied by 50 German soldiers. When his own tank destroyer was struck five times by enemy fire and burst into flames, Cpl Drum ran 1000 yards to join another crew of his battalion. By his aggressive and courageous conduct, Cpl Drum became an inspiration to his company.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Captain, A. G. D.  
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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

10 December 1944

AG 201-Charnley, William W. (Enl) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fourth Grade William W. Charnley, 37468392,  
Field Artillery, Company "C", 814th Tank Destroyer Bn.,  
APO 389, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. ~~122~~ 123, this headquarters, dated 10 December 1944, to:

Technician Fourth Grade William W. Charnley (Army Serial Number 37468392), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 27 October 1944 to 29 October 1944, in the area of Liesel, Holland. In the face of a desperate attempt to recapture Asten, Tec 4 Charnley remained at his post as radio operator in the Company Commander's vehicle. Throughout the bitterly-contested action, he determinedly manned his communication equipment at one time going for 36 hours without sleep. Even when the other members of the crew left the vehicle to seek shelter from concentrated and accurate enemy fire, Tec 4 Charnley refused to leave his post, although the tank destroyer in which he was working was hit several times by artillery and mortar fragments. By his courageous devotion to duty, Tec 4 Charnley served as an inspiration not only to the members of his own company, but to communications personnel throughout the battalion.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

10 December 1944

AG 201-Henderson, Loren J. (Enl) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private Loren J. Henderson, 37406841, Field Artillery,  
Company "C", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, -U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 123, this headquarters, dated 10 December 1944, to:

Private Loren J. Henderson (Army Serial Number 37406841), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 29 October 1944, in the area of Liesel, Holland. Serving as radio operator and assistant driver during a fierce enemy counter-attack, Pvt Henderson participated in the destruction of three German tanks, a personnel carrier and numerous infantry troops. Despite heavy shelling from hostile installations, Pvt Henderson remained determinedly at his post. While crossing an open field in support of an assault on the town of Liesel, his tank destroyer sustained a direct hit, wounding Pvt Henderson.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

10 December 1944

AG 201-McClary, Marvin F. (En1) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fifth Grade Marvin F. McClary, 36503305, Field Artillery, Company "C", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 123, this headquarters, dated 10 December 1944, to:

Technician Fifth Grade Marvin F. McClary (Army Serial Number 36503305), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 29 October 1944, in the area of Liesel, Holland. Serving as tank destroyer driver during the enemy counter-attack on Liesel, Tec 5 McClary participated in the destruction of three Mark VI tanks, one Mark IV tank and numerous dismounted enemy personnel. When an adjoining vehicle sustained a direct hit, five wounded members of the crew were in danger of annihilation by machine gun fire sweeping the area. Without hesitation, Tec 5 McClary drove his tank destroyer into position to shield the men from the devastating fire, and climbed down from his vehicle to help the men ~~from~~ to safety. Tec 5 McClary's skill and courage contributed directly to inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and are worthy of high praise.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

10 December 1944

AG 201-Petersen, Lawrence A. (Enl) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Technician Fourth Grade Lawrence A. Petersen, 37162320,  
Field Artillery, Company "C", 814th Tank Destroyer  
Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 123, this headquarters, dated 10 December 1944, to:

Technician Fourth Grade Lawrence A. Petersen (Army Serial Number 37162320), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 3 October 1944, in the area of Deurne, Holland. When a tank destroyer got bogged down in soft terrain, Tec 4 Petersen displayed outstanding initiative and determination in recovering the vehicle. Exhibiting complete disregard for his own safety, he moved up to the disabled vehicle, exposing himself to positions occupied by enemy troops. Ignoring a heavy concentration of artillery fire, he continued with his recovery mission, even after supporting outposts had withdrawn. Leaving the shelter of his vehicle, he worked in an open and unprotected position, although 155-mm shells burst all about him. During the hour he remained under enemy fire, at least 30 shells exploded close to the operation. Overcoming all handicaps, Tec 4 Petersen succeeded in recovering the critically-needed tank destroyer. His daring and courageous leadership in this difficult situation reflects the highest credit on Tec 4 Petersen and the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

10 December 1944

AG 201-Schleyer, Richard R. (Enl) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Staff Sergeant Richard R. Schleyer, 37406533, Field  
Artillery, Company "C", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army.

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 123, this headquarters, dated 10 December 1944, to:

Staff Sergeant Richard R. Schleyer (Army Serial Number 37406533), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 27 October 1944 to 29 October 1944, in the area of Liesel, Holland. During a succession of bitterly-fought defensive actions, S Sgt Schleyer demonstrated outstanding leadership in performing the duties of platoon sergeant. Acting as observer for his guns, he brought effective fire to bear on numerous enemy positions outside Heitrak. When his commanding officer was seriously wounded by an infiltrating German patrol, S Sgt Schleyer took over the leadership of the platoon. Displaying commendable initiative and courage, he led his men in repelling the enemy, killing 15 and capturing 4. Despite the heaviest artillery fire, S Sgt Schleyer remained in an exposed position from which he could observe enemy movements. Throughout the entire action he kept his tank destroyers at strategic locations to cover the displacement of our tanks, and remained in the danger zone until all our vehicles had withdrawn. By his capable leadership and personal fearlessness, S Sgt Schleyer encouraged his men to resist fiercely enemy forces vastly superior in number and position.

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Assistant Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

10 December 1944

AG 201-Thomason, Roy M. (Enl) (A)



Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Private First Class Roy M. Thomason, 37181755, Field  
Artillery, Company "C", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army

1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, per General Orders No. 123, this headquarters, dated 10 December 1944, to:

Private First Class Roy M. Thomason (Army Serial Number 37181755), Field Artillery, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 27 October 1944 to 29 October 1944, in the area of Asten, Holland. Advancing against the concentrated fire of three German Tiger tanks, Pfc Thomason's tank Destroyer participated in an assault on an enemy position, destroying two and damaging the remaining hostile vehicle. Although shells were bursting in close proximity to his tank destroyer, Pfc Thomason performed his duty as cannoneer coolly and with great dispatch. A short time later, in defending the Asten area against encroaching German troops, he assisted in the destruction of numerous enemy concentrations including a building occupied by 50 German soldiers. Moving forward as an observer, he selected targets and directed effective fire on a number of hostile installations. When his own tank destroyer was struck five times by enemy fire and burst into flames, Pfc Thomason ran 1000 yards to join another crew of his battalion. By his aggressive and courageous conduct, Pfc Thomason became an inspiration to his entire company.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

13 December 1944

AG 201-Beagle, Charles W. (Enl) (A)

Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal

To : Sergeant Charles W. Beagle, 32072486, Field Artillery,  
Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 339, U. S. Army



1. By direction of the President, and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum No. 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was awarded per General Orders No. 126, this headquarters, dated 13 December 1944, to:

Sergeant Charles W. Beagle (Army Serial Number 32072486), Field Artillery, Company "B", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 27 and 28 October 1944, in the area of Meijel, Holland. While attached to Reserve Command, 7th Armored Division, Sgt Beagle's gun crew set up a position on the Asten-Meijel road, denying the enemy use of this vital highway. Under almost constant artillery and small arms fire and suffering from a recurrence of malaria, which he had contracted while serving in the African campaign, Sgt Beagle refused to leave his gun. Finally, when his temperature rose to 102 degrees, he was ordered to the rear. His devotion to duty when in danger from disease as well as enemy action, reflects great credit upon Sgt Beagle and the Armed Forces.

By order of the COMMANDING GENERAL:

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