

Fatula

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IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

Guy R. Duncan, 35482988, Cpl, Btry A, 313th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Ludwig Faistenhammer, 32738112, Sgt, Co D, 702d Tank Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 6 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In preparation for a tank assault across the Seille River near Aulouis, France, on 6 November 1944, Sgt Faistenhammer voluntarily made a reconnaissance of the crossing sites despite the strongly outposted river line and intense enemy fire. The valuable information which Sgt Faistenhammer obtained at great risk to himself immeasurably aided in the success of the subsequent attack. His courage, skill, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Joseph Fatula, 33368225, Tec 4, Co A, 305th Engineer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 14 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 14 November 1944, an engineer truck containing tools necessary for the construction of a road block was hit by an enemy shell near Herny, France. Fully aware that the enemy observed his movements and were firing at him, Tec 4 Fatula, an auto mechanic, voluntarily went to the truck and methodically repaired two tires and the radiator, stopping only when enemy fire fell too close to him. By his perseverance and devotion to duty the truck and equipment was retrieved and used to complete the assigned mission. Tec 4 Fatula's bravery and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Leonard V. Gurmin, 35313130, Sgt, Btry A, 313th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 6 August 1944, to 7 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Adolph W. Harrell, 37722576, Cpl, Co H, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany during the period 7 February 1945, to 13 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. From 7 to 13 February 1945, while the infantry battalion in which Cpl Harrell served as an instrument corporal of a heavy weapons company was engaged in an assault into the Siegfried Line, heavy enemy shell fire repeatedly destroyed communication lines. Cpl Harrell, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, constantly policed the lines and maintained communication with the forward observers enabling them to register

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effective fire on the enemy positions. Cpl Harrell's courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

Kenneth R. Keller, 35619752, Sgt, Reconnaissance Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 16 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 April 1945, Sgt Keller, a section sergeant, was a member of a motorized reconnaissance patrol which penetrated deep into the town of Grummetschau, Germany, to obtain information on the enemy strength. Reaching the center of the town they were engaged in a bitter duel with enemy snipers. Fully realizing the seriousness of the situation they refused to abandon their vehicle and escape on foot, but fought their way out of the town and returned with the desired information. Sgt Keller's exceptional courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

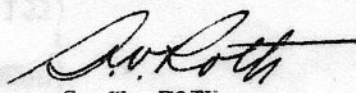
Clifton H. Kittelson, 37197931, Tec 3, Med Det, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 2 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At the height of a raging tank battle Tec 3 Kittelson, a surgical technician, without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, volunteered to evacuate a wounded comrade who had been left in the town of Oberzweyden, Germany. Although exposed to fire from enemy tanks and small arms fire from enemy infantry, he entered the town, recovered the wounded man, and evacuated him to safety. His courage, supreme devotion to his comrade and to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Edward Koveleski, 35385882, Tec 5, Hq Co 3d Bn, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, at Pussieux, France, a destroyed bridge forced supply vehicles to ford the stream. Throughout the night, when vehicles became bogged, Tec 5 Koveleski, without regard to the severe enemy shell fire falling in the crossing site, organized and continuously supervised a system for pulling the mired vehicles from the mud by winches. Tec 5 Koveleski's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

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