



"PAPER IS A WEAPON-- SAVE IT!"

FIVE IN "BUFFALO"

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War Department reported today. The honored Doughboys are Staff Sergeant Mandy James of Newport News, Virginia; Sgt. Clarence M. Palmer of Durham, N. C.; Cpl. Floyd Jones of New York City; Cpl. Richard A. Warr of Memphis, Tenn., and Pvt. Matthew Bagland of Buffalo, N. Y.

Sgt. Jones, "when his company commander was wounded, gathered a group of men and led them forward under intense machinegun fire to rescue the officer. With the aid of another enlisted man, he succeeded in dragging the officer from under the line of machinegun fire and to a place of cover and shortly thereafter to a place of relative safety. His heroic action, under heavy machinegun fire, at grave personal risk, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

When a reconnaissance party of which he was a member was forced by intense enemy shelling to abandon their vehicle and seek shelter, Sgt. Palmer made a brief reconnaissance, improved the shelter and assumed the responsibility of leadership and control of the other enlisted man with him.

For three hours, Sgt. Palmer acted as runner and messenger for his commander, who proceeded forward on foot to the frontline, executed orders and transmitted messages over difficult terrain although constantly exposed to danger. His cool initiative and personal devotion to duty were an inspiration to the officers and men of his unit.

While he was with a reconnaissance party, Cpl. Jones was forced to abandon his vehicle because of intense shelling. He accompanied his commander to a sheltered spot nearby where he remained during the heavy shelling, awaiting an order to remove his vehicle.

Ordered to evacuate the vehicle,

Jones found the tires had been destroyed. He secured spares and changed the tires although it was hazardous to remain in the area, then recovered the vehicle.

His effective execution of orders and coolness under shellfire, and his high sense of duty were an inspiration to officers and men who were present.

Cpl. Warr, then a private first class, voluntarily moved forward, accompanied by another soldier, in an attempt to rescue a wounded man. Although subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, Warr disregarded personal danger and kept on until he reached the man.

Finding the wounded soldier dead, Warr and his comrade brought the body back to a position of cover where evacuation for a decent burial was arranged.

"His heroic action, at grave personal risk, is indicative of the finest traditions of the military service," read the citation with the award.

Pvt. Ragland voluntarily moved forward, in the face of heavy enemy fire, accompanied by another soldier, in an attempt to rescue a wounded man. Disregarding personal danger the two men crawled through a tunnel and across 30 yards of completely exposed terrain.

Finding the wounded man had died, Ragland and his comrade brought the body back to a position of cover where evacuation for a decent burial was arranged. His citation said, "His heroic action at grave personal risk, is indicative of the finest traditions of the military service."

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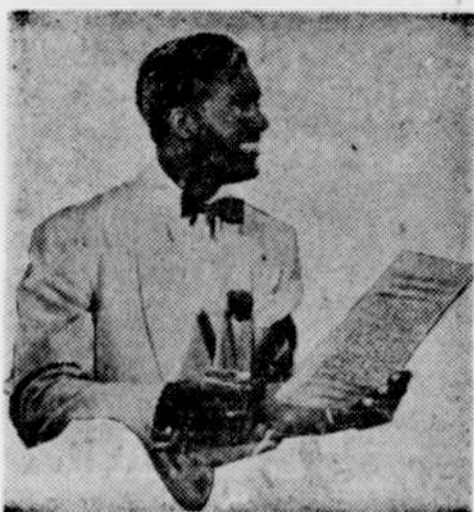
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