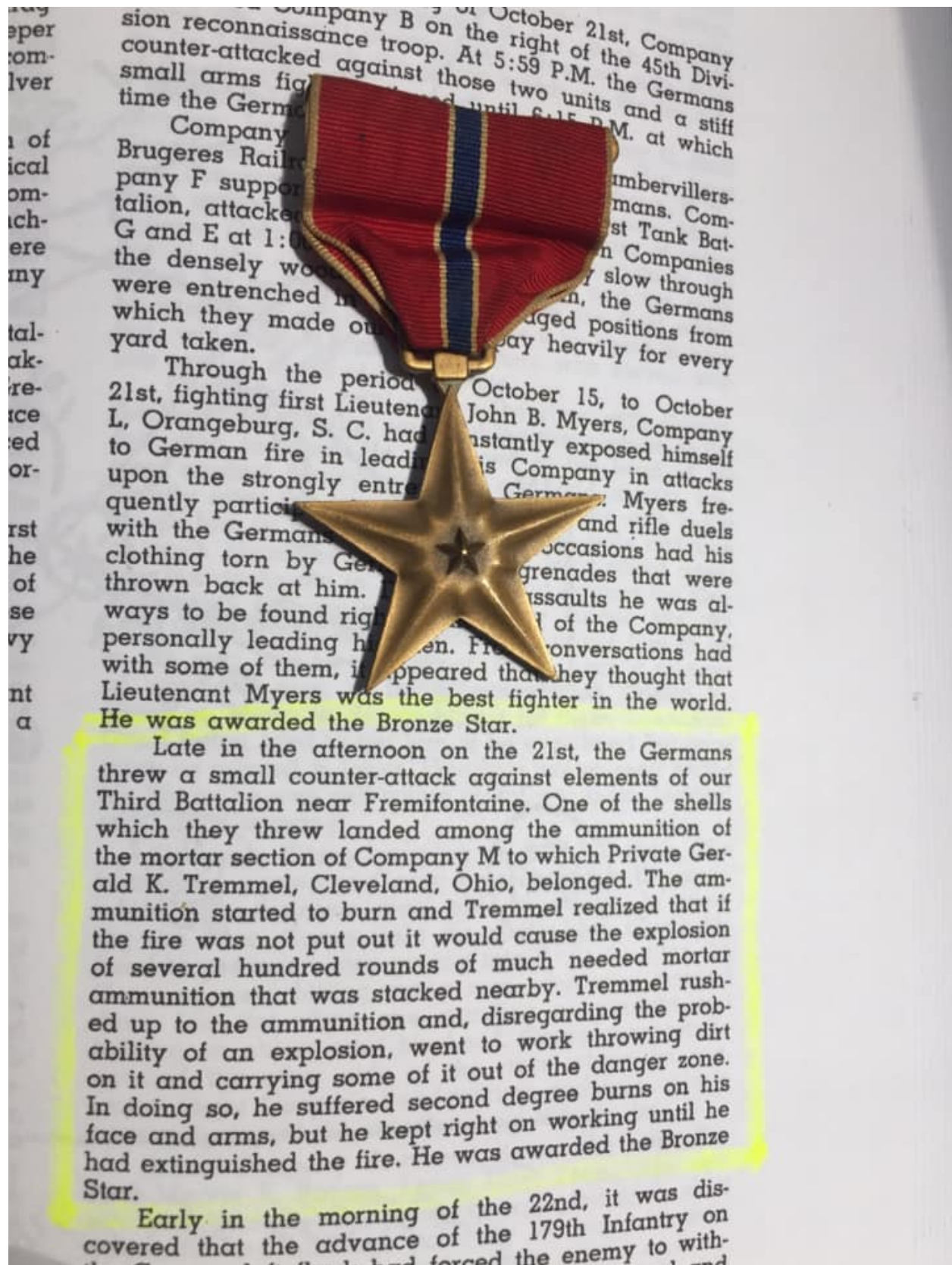


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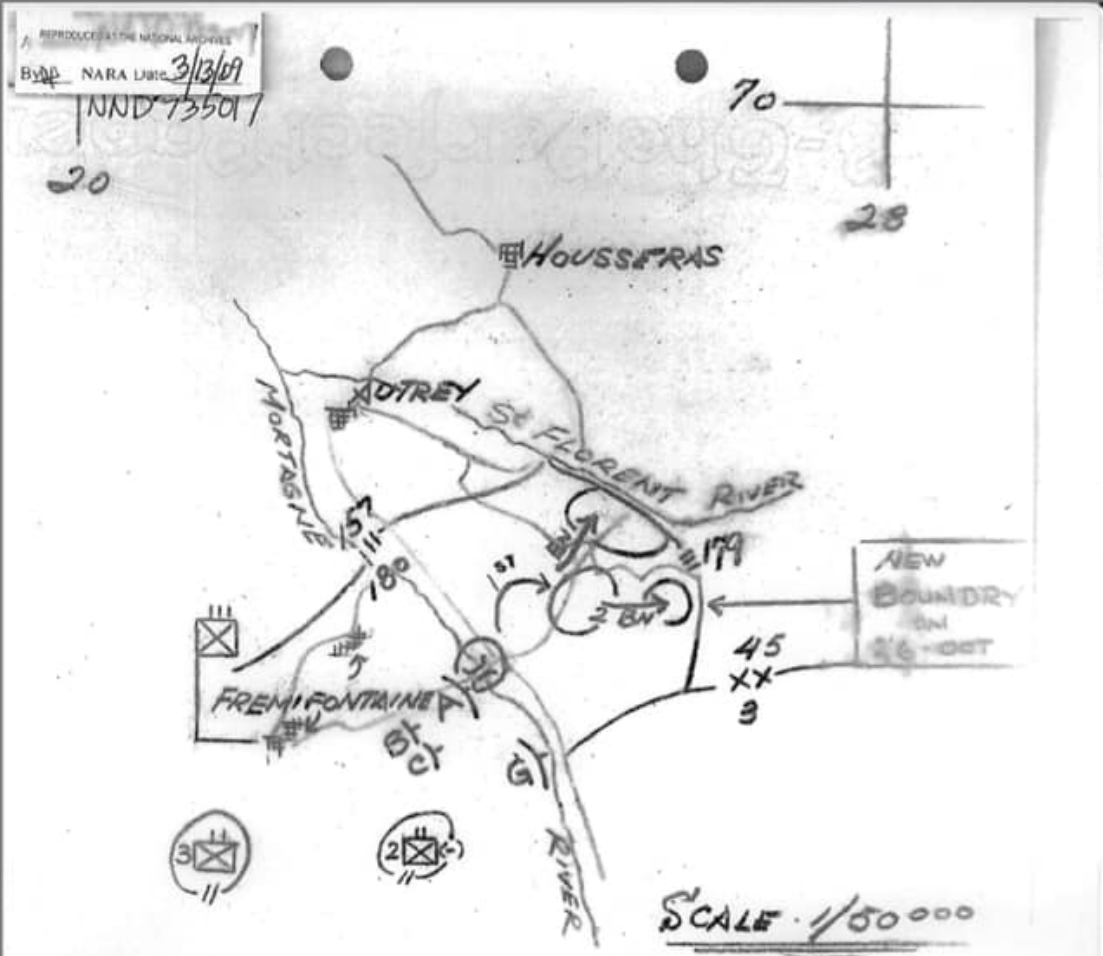


Company B on the right of the 45th Division reconnaissance troop. At 5:59 P.M. the Germans counter-attacked against those two units and a stiff small arms fight ensued until 6:15 P.M. at which time the Germans were repulsed.

Through the period October 15, to October 21st, fighting first Lieutenant John B. Myers, Company L, Orangeburg, S. C. had constantly exposed himself to German fire in leading his Company in attacks upon the strongly entrenched German positions. Myers frequently participated in hand-to-hand and rifle duels with the Germans. On several occasions had his clothing torn by German grenades that were thrown back at him. In all assaults he was always to be found right in the front of the Company, personally leading his men. From conversations had with some of them, it appeared that they thought that Lieutenant Myers was the best fighter in the world. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

Late in the afternoon on the 21st, the Germans threw a small counter-attack against elements of our Third Battalion near Fremifontaine. One of the shells which they threw landed among the ammunition of the mortar section of Company M to which Private Gerald K. Tremmel, Cleveland, Ohio, belonged. The ammunition started to burn and Tremmel realized that if the fire was not put out it would cause the explosion of several hundred rounds of much needed mortar ammunition that was stacked nearby. Tremmel rushed up to the ammunition and, disregarding the probability of an explosion, went to work throwing dirt on it and carrying some of it out of the danger zone. In doing so, he suffered second degree burns on his face and arms, but he kept right on working until he had extinguished the fire. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

Early in the morning of the 22nd, it was discovered that the advance of the 179th Infantry on the 21st had forced the enemy to withdraw.



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OLIVER W GROW 0296298, Infantry, Captain, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20-21 March 1945 near Homburg, Germany. When his battalion commander, who was leading a task force through the Siegfried Line to make contact with friendly elements, was wounded, Captain Grow assumed full command of the task force. When the force approached an enemy town, Captain Grow made a successful reconnaissance, and then led his men on a maneuver which surrounded the town and resulted in the capture of a large number of prisoners. Quickly reorganizing his men, Captain Grow then led the force to the successful completion of its mission. Entered the military service from Roxborough, Pennsylvania.

LAWRENCE RAND 42138331, Infantry, Private First Class, Company G, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945 near Aarsweiler, Germany. When the advance of his platoon was halted by heavy fire from an enemy pillbox, Private Rand crept forward under enemy fire for a distance of over fifty yards and launched several rounds from his bazooka into the pillbox. This action so reduced the volume of enemy fire that the platoon was able to continue its advance and to overcome the enemy resistance. Entered the military service from Bronx, New York.

HENRY D LANTRY 32045893, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944 near Framfontaine, France. Sergeant Lantry, although exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, crawled to a position from which he could direct mortar fire on an enemy force which had encircled a friendly platoon. He succeeded in disorganizing the enemy with his accurate mortar fire, enabling the encircled platoon to reach new positions. Sergeant Lantry's heroic action reflects credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Helena, New York.

GERALD E TREMMEL 33257331, Infantry, Private First Class (then Private), Company M, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 October 1944 near Framfontaine, France. During an enemy counterattack the increments and ammunition in Private Tremmel's mortar position were set afire. Realizing that if the fire were allowed to continue, it would cause an explosion of several hundred rounds of ammunition stacked nearby, Private Tremmel, disregarding personal safety, promptly extinguished the blaze, suffering second degree burns in so doing. He then continued his firing mission and was instrumental in repulsing the enemy counterattack. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

CLARENCE O WOLFE 35097007, Infantry, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 180th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945 near Hurnberg, Germany. As Sergeant Wolfe was investigating the basement of a house, an enemy soldier threw a hand grenade at him. Escaping injury and after a period of waiting, Sergeant Wolfe threw a grenade in the direction of the enemy and immediately followed it with fire from his rifle. His action wounded several of the enemy and so demoralized the remainder that they surrendered. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

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