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HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (C)
APO 758 U. S. ARMY

22 January 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

No. 1.)

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

FREDERICK C. STAPLES 11 068 159, Pfc, CE, Company "B", 540th Engineer Regiment (C), France, 1 January 1945. Entered service from Rockland, Maine. #206259

SEYMOUR L. PULVER 32 602 724, Pfc, CE, Company "B", 540th Engineer Regiment (C), France, 1 January 1945. Entered service from Newark, New Jersey. Medal Un-numbered

WILLIAM KRUSELY 32 229 797, Pvt, CE, Company "B", 540th Engineer Regiment (C), France, 1 January 1945. Entered service from New York City, N.Y. Medal Unnumbered

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

J. W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

John W. Robeysek

J. W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
A.P.O. # 464
U.S. ARMY

DATE 13 January 1945C E R T I F I C A T E

I CERTIFY THAT THE MILITARY PERSONNEL NAMED BELOW WERE TREATED BY ME ON
1 January 1945 FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED DURING ENEMY ACTION AT
Barenthal, France AND THEREFORE ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF
 THE PURPLE HEART.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Krusley, William (NMI)	Pvt	32229797	Co"B", 540 Engr.Reg.(C)
Staples, Frederick C.	PFC	11068159	Co"B", 540 Engr.Reg.(C)
Pulver, Seymour L.	Pvt	32602724	Co"B", 540 Engr.Reg.(C)

SIGNED Bernard T Cohen
 RANK 1st Capt
 ORG 1st Bn Surg. 540 Engr Regt(C)

HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT(C)
A.P.O. #758, U. S. ARMY
#758

Date 23 January 1945

Subject: Award of Purple Heart.

To : Pfc. SEYMOUR L. PULVER, 32602724, Co. "B", 540th Engr Regt(C),
APO 758, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September, 1943,
and per General Orders No. 1, Hq. 540th Engineer Regiment, dated
22 January 1945, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL or PURPLE HEART CLUSTER,
as indicated, is awarded to you for wounds received in
action against the enemy:

Purple Heart Medal Un-Numbered.

By order of Colonel MARVIN:

James W. Robeysek
JAMES W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adj'tant.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ABOVE INDICATED
AWARD ON 25 JANUARY 1945.
(date)

PFC Seymour L. Pulver 32602724
Grade (Full Name) Serial Number
(Two copies to be returned to Regimental Headquarters)

ENTERED ON SERVICE RECORD:

HC

Personnel Officer

Date: 2/1/45

HEADQUARTERS
 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (C)
 A.P.O. #758, U. S. ARMY
 758

Date 23 January 1945

Subject: Award of Purple Heart.

To : Pvt WILLIAM KRUSELY, 3222979, Co. "B", 540th Engr Regt(C),
APO 758, U. S. Army

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September, 1943, and per General Orders No. 1, Hq. 540th Engineer Regiment, dated 22 January 1945, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL or PURPLE HEART OAK LEAF CLUSTER, as indicated, is awarded to you for wounds received in action against the enemy.

Purple Heart Medal Un-Numbered.

By order of Colonel MARVIN:

James W. Robeysek
 JAMES W. ROBEYSEK
 Captain, C.E.,
 Adj'tant.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ABOVE INDICATED
 AWARD ON 25 JANUARY 1945.
 (date)

William Krusely 3222979
 PVT Grade (Full Name) Serial Number
 (Two copies to be returned to Regimental Headquarters)

ENTERED ON SERVICE RECORD:

AK

Personnel Officer

Date: 2/1/45

HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (C)
A.P.O. #758, U. S. ARMY
758

Date 23 January 1945

Subject: Award of Purple Heart.

To : Pfc FREDERICK C. STAPLES, 11068159, Co. "B", 540th Engr Regt(C),
APO 758, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, dated 22 September, 1943,
and per General Orders No. 1, Hq. 540th Engineer Regiment, dated
22 January 1945, the PURPLE HEART MEDAL or PURPLE HEART OAK
LEAF CLUSTER, as indicated, is awarded to you for wounds received in
action against the enemy:

Purple Heart Medal No. 206259

By order of Colonel MARVIN:

James W. Robey Jr
JAMES W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ABOVE INDICATED
AWARD ON 25 JANUARY 1945.

(date)

PFC *Fredrick C. Staples* 11068159
Grade (Full Name) Serial Number
(Two copies to be returned to Regimental Headquarters)

ENTERED ON SERVICE RECORD:

Personnel Officer

Date: JTC 2/1/45

Basic - Ltr Hq, 540th Engr Regt (C)
23 Jan 1945

Re: Award of Purple Heart

220.5 - PH W/Ind. JWR/jhh
HEADQUARTERS, 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (C), APO #758, US ARMY, 23 JANUARY 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, First Battalion, 540th Engineer Regiment (C).
APO #758, US Army.

For prompt presentation to personnel listed hereon:

Pfc	PULVER, Seymour L.	32 602 724	Purple Heart Medal
			# unnumbered
Pfc	STAPLES, Frederick C.	11 068 159	# 206259
Pvt	KRUSELY, William	32 222 979	Purple Heart Medal
			# unnumbered

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

John W. Robey Sek
J. W. ROBEY SEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

1st Ind. /ewh
HEADQUARTERS, FIRST BATTALION, 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (C), APO #758, 25 January 1945.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, 540th Engineer Regiment (C), APO #758, U. S. Army.

1. W/Ind. complied with.
2. Presentation of awards made 25 January 1945.

John C. O'Brien
JOHN C. O'BRIEN
Major, C.E.
Commanding.



This is definitely of
Larry

- * KRUSELY, William (NMI) Pvt. 32 229 797 Co. "B", 540th Engr. Regt (C)
Entered service from: New York City, New York.
- STAPLES, Frederick C. Pfc. 11 068 159 Co. "B", 540th Engr. Regt (C)
Entered service from: Rockland, Maine.
- PULVER, Seymour L. Pfc. 32 602 724 Co. "B", 540th Engr. Regt (C)
Entered service from: Newark, New Jersey. (Aptd PFC per Co. O. #1, Co.
"B", 540th Engr Regt, 1/11/45)

* Note correct spelling of name.

None of the above named men have been previously awarded the Purple Heart.

S O N F I D E N T I A L

MEDICAL DETACHMENT
19th Armored Infantry Battalion
APO 440, U.S. Army

24 January 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 540th Engineers, U.S. Army

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that Frank, Harry Pfc

33324201

540th Engineers, U.S. Army was wounded in action

against the enemy on 1 January 1945 at Saarburgen, France

DIAGNOSIS OF WOUNDS: IBC, Abrasion, contusion, leg, lower
third, right.

HOW WOUND INCURRED: Vehicle hit leg while being strafed.

The above wounds were incurred under circumstances which establish eligibility for the award of the Purple Heart in accordance with AR 600-45.

George W. Hager Jr.
GEORGE W HAGER JR.
Capt, MC
Bn Surgeon

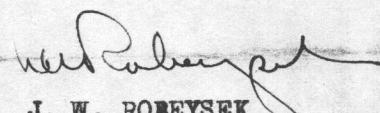
C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

B/L - Medical Detachment, 19th Armored Infantry Bn
APO 446, US Army - 24 Jan 45Re: Medical Ctf - Battle
Injuries incurred by
Pfc HARRY FRANK,
33324201 - Co "B"File 312 (Misc) 1st W/Ind.
HQ 540TH ENGR REGT APO 758 US ARMY 31 JANUARY 1945.

TO: CO, Co "B" 540th Engr Regt APO 758 US Army

1. For confirmation of circumstances listed in basic letter.
2. Reply indorsement will indicate date that proper remark was recorded in Morning Report.

By order of Colonel MARVIN:

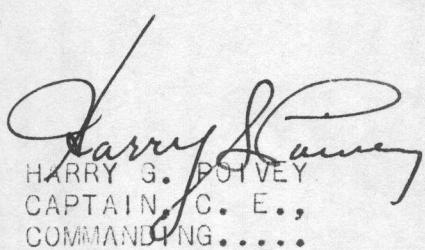

J. W. ROBEYSEK,
Captain, CE,
Adjutant.

2ND W/IND.

COMPANY "B", 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT, A.P.O. #758, U.S. ARMY, 13
FEBRUARY 1945.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, HQ. 540TH ENGR. REGT. A.P.O. #758, U.S. ARMY.

1. CIRCUMSTANCES LISTED IN THIS BASIC LETTER ARE HEREBY CONFIRMED.
2. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BASIC LETTER HAD NOT BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMPANY COMMANDER OR FIRST SERGEANT PREVIOUS TO RECEIPT OF BASIC LETTER. PROPER REMARK IS BEING RECORDED IN THE MORNING REPORT OF 13 FEBRUARY 1945.


HARRY G. POVEY
CAPTAIN, C. E.,
COMMANDING.....

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

S-2
Journal

2-2 JOURNAL

FEBRUARY 1945
ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE
SECTION 2

S-2 JOURNAL FOR JANUARY 1945

MAPS: First and foremost, S-2 Section was responsible for maintaining the maps of the Regimental area from 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945. This was done in the Regimental Headquarters and companies of the Regiment. In addition, the maps of the Regiments were made by the S-2 Office to be issued to the Regiment and to the Regimental Headquarters and/or company COs during the left marches. Likewise with the battalions and companies of the Regiment also was facilitated by the daily publication of the section's S-2 Summary, and the distribution average daily mileage on liaison trips to 50 miles; conservative mileage figure for the month was 2,600 miles.

MAP DISTRIBUTION: With movements made and changes equally as rapid, the Section has found it feasible to carry an unusually large stock of maps with it at all times. As of the 31 January 1945, approximately 400 or 500 maps were in the Section's supply which is broken down and based on the following: 200 maps received and new map supplies are available. In addition to routine map distribution as indicated by Regimental operations, special maps are issued, often at the expense of special trips to the map depots.

PUBLICATIONS: Regular publication of THE BRAVE, (Official 50th Infantry Regiment Newspaper, continued during the month. Volume 1, Number 1) now includes 150 editions of the paper. In recognition of the European world-shaking Bastogne Front move, style of the paper was revised for the first time by using the banner-line story across the entire width of the page. Regular publication of THE BRAVE is interrupted only by moves of the section and then only for a day.

S-2 LIBRARY: During the period, the Section kept a practice of keeping certain S-2 reports and information readily available for general by officers of the Regiment. This was stated in detail, none of which was briefed to S-2, so parts wherein the entire volume could not be excused. The material was kept secretly hidden at all times and shown only to designated officers of the Regiment, who read from its pages only in the S-2 office.

JOURNAL: In addition to the above daily, routine functions, the Section also lists the following detailed Journal for January, 1945:

1. Checked on convoy route for move from Woerth to Nach. L'Esper. Furnished maps and directions for use by convoy leaders.
2. Set up Section at Nach. L'Esper.
3. Set up photo department in liaison quarter.
4. Routine distribution of maps of the Regimental area and COs, drivers, and companies.
5. Obtained new supply of maps from depot.
6. Moved to Lutzelbourg.
7. Set up service in Lutzelbourg.
8. Photo enlargement and for study of engineer operations.
11. Drafted and distributed new overlay showing company locations.
12. Began work on February Regimental calendar.
13. S-2 Officer, Intelligence Sergeant and driver went to 45th Div. CP at Ingwiller to operate liaison CP, during reorganization.
14. S-2 Officer, Intelligence Sergeant, driver at 45th Div. CP.
15. Section equipment moved to Lutzelbourg.
16. Road reorganization, IV Corps area.
17. Dogged road to new Section at Nach. L'Esper.

2-2 JOURNAL

S O R E A

S-2 Journal for January 1945 (Cont'd)

15. February calendar printed.

Checked First Battalion Road reconnaissance reports against Seventh Army overlay and new reconnaissance reports made.

Road reconnaissance trip.

Security Poster printed and distributed.

16. Additional road reconnaissance.

Prepared Road Reconnaissance overlay and report.

Prepared bimonthly Security Training report.

Investigated reports that C Company men were giving chase to suspected Germans in GI clothing. Reported findings to G-2, VI Corps.

17. Overlay, together with coordinates of roads, condition of which was observed to have changed, furnished S-3.

19. Interviewed Major Smith, 540th Medics, for Public Relations Story on Legion of Merit award.

20. S-2 "rear" (Photographic equipment) moved from Bousviller to Lutzelbourg.

21. Section moved to Lutzelbourg.

22. New overlay of company locations prepared.

Special trip to Map Depot for S-3.

Developed, printed and delivered pictures to VI Corps Engineer

Statement from Lt. Trigg, regarding his 12 days behind enemy lines. Furnished VI Corps and BEACHHEAD NEWS representative.

23. Story on Lt. Trigg appears in BEACHHEAD NEWS

New Orientation maps and copies of "Army Talks" distributed.

24. Pictures of 103rd Division's new CG printed for Division photographer. The division's own photo facility was not yet ready for operation.

Printed and distributed second Security Poster for the month.

Distributed Extract of Letter on Radio Security.

25. Distributed 1:50,000 maps to First and Second Battalions.

26. Prepared Public Relations Story on promotion of 14 noncommissioned officers within the Regiment.

Prepared and received personal approval from Major Smith on Public Relations story concerning his receipt of Legion of Merit award.

27. S-2 Officer briefed S-2 officers of the 31st Engineer Combat Battalion relative to overseas operations.

31st Engineer's photographer inspected Regimental darkroom, discussed methods, equipment, supply, with 540th Regimental photographer.

28. 103rd Division Photographer again made use of 540th photo facilities.

29. Developed and printed pictures for VI Corps.

31. Made photographic copies of Signal Corps picture showing 540th defense wire-laying operations near Dambach.

A. D. GAVURA,
Capt., C.E.,
S-2.

S O R E A

HEADQUARTERS
SAAR ENGINEER REGIMENT (A)
L.P.C. # 750

S-2 Journal for January 1945

liaison: First and foremost of S-2 functions and responsibilities for the period 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945, was liaison with Higher Headquarters, and with the battalions and companies of the Regiment. Liaison fell during the march, daily trips were made by the S-2 officer to Corps, in the mornings, and to the battalion headquarters and/or company CPs during the afternoon. Liaison with the battalions and companies of the Regiment also was fulfilled by the daily publication of the section's S-2 Summary, and its distribution. Average daily mileage on liaison trips is 50 miles; conservative mileage figure for the month: 1,500-1,600 miles.

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PUBLICATION: Regular publication of THE SAAR ENGR, official 510th Engineer Regiment Newspaper, continued during the month. Volume 2 (France) now includes 156 editions of the paper. In recognition of the Russians' world-shaking Eastern Front moves, style of the paper was varied for the first time by using the banner-line story across the entire width of the page. Regular publication of THE SAAR BRAVIR is interrupted only by moves of the section and twice only for a day.

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2. Set up Section at Raux L'Etape.
3. Set up photo darkroom in inside quarters.
4. Routine distribution of maps of the Regimental area, and the areas occupied by the companies.
5. Obtained new supply of maps from depot.
6. Moved to Lutzelbourg.
7. Set up section at Lutzelbourg.
8. Photo enlargements made for study of engineer operations.
9. Drafted and distributed new overlay showing company locations.
10. Begun work on February Regimental calendar.
11. S-2 Officer, Intelligence Sergeant and driver went to 45th Div. CP at Ingwiller to operate temporary S-2 office and garage.
12. Section prepared to move to Kientzheim.
13. S-2 Officer, Intelligence Sergeant, Driver, and Finance CP.
14. Section equipment moved to Kientzheim.
15. Road reconnaissance, VI Corps area.
16. Begun work on new Saarland Poster.

S-2 Journal for January 1945 (Cont'd)

15. February calendar printed.

Checked First Battalion Road reconnaissance reports against Seventh Army overlay and new reconnaissance reports made.

Road reconnaissance trip.

Security Poster printed and distributed.

16. Additional road reconnaissance.

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Prepared bimonthly Security Training report.

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*ADG Gavura*A. D. GAVURA,
Capt., C.E.,
S-2

S E C R E T

~~SECRET~~HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (C)
APO #758
U.S.ARMY/1t
11 February 1945

SUBJECT: S-3 Monthly Activity Journal for January 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment (C), APO #758, US Army.

1 January 1945 - WOERTH, France. The 1st Battalion was alerted and committed as infantry in support of Task Force Hudelson. The 2nd Battalion continued construction of the MAGINOT Defense Line. Operation of REICHSHOFFEN Foundry was temporarily discontinued.

2 - 5 January 1945 - RAON L'ETAPE, France. The S-3 Section moved with the Regimental Headquarters to RAON L'ETAPE, France. The 1st Battalion was relieved from support of Task Force Hudelson. Work on the MAGINOT Defense Line was discontinued and work was started on the HAGUENAU Position. Roads in the 45th Division sector were maintained. The Advance S-3 Section moved to DITTWILLER, France and remained until Regimental Headquarters moved to LUTZELBOURG, France.

6 - 12 January 1945 - LUTZELBOURG, France. The S-3 Section moved with the Regimental Headquarters to LUTZELBOURG, France. Construction of the HAGUENAU Position was continued with the erection of various types of barbed wire entanglements and gun emplacements. Road blocks, mined bridges, and other key points in immediate area were guarded. Snowplows and dozers were used continuously in order to keep roads open for traffic. Operation of the REICHSHOFFEN Foundry was resumed to produce steel pickets, drift pins, and terneplate for VI Corps. On 10 January 1945 the Regiment was alerted and took position as a reserve force for 45th Division. Advance Regimental Headquarters moved to INGWILLER and remained for the duration of the alert.

13 - 20 January 1945 - BOUXWILLER, France. The S-3 Section moved with the Regimental Headquarters to BOUXWILLER, France on 13 January 1945. Work continued on the HAGUENAU Position with laying of minefields, preparation of road-blocks, construction of gun emplacements, and erection of barbed-wire barriers. Roads were sanded and kept open for traffic in 45th Division sector. Operation of the REICHSHOFFEN Foundry was discontinued.

21 - 31 January 1945 - LUTZELBOURG, France. The S-3 Section moved with the Regimental Headquarters to LUTZELBOURG, France on 21 January 1945. The HAGUENAU Position was extended and improved and construction work was started on the VOSGES Position. The "Cinema" theater in CIREY, France was checked for mines and booby traps, but none were found. German ammunition found in the theater was removed and destroyed. The roadnets for Class I and III Dumps near SARREBOURG were cleared of snow. Landing strip and PHALSBOURG Airport road were cleared for the 103rd Division.

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SECRETS-3 Monthly Activity Journal for January 1945 (Cont'd)Main Duties of the S-3 Section During the Period 1 - 31 Jan 1945

1. Preparation of Engineer Situation Report for VI Corps Engineer.
2. Assignment and supervision of all jobs assigned to this Hq.
3. Preparation and reproduction of Defensive Works Overlays for the MAGINOT, HAGUENAU, and VOSGES Positions.
4. Dispatch of engineer equipment and allotment of trucks for operational purposes within the Regiment.
5. Request and assignment of engineer equipment borrowed from Engineer Light Equipment Company.
6. Liason with VI Corps Engineer Section.
7. Issued "Operations Memorandums" on Concertinas and Destruction of Ordnance Materials In Event Of Imminent Capture In Combat Zone.
8. Issued "Security Instructions" for the defense of LUTZELBOURG, France.
9. Installation and maintenance of electrical system for Regimental Hq.
10. Operation of Regimental Sign Shop.

Carl A. Looney
CARL A. LOONEY
Major, C.E.
S-3

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