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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.

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

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.

By Order of Colonel MARVIN:

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

OFFICIAL:

J. 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 1945

C 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.Regt.(C)
Staples, Frederick C.	PFC	11068159	Co"B", 540 Engr.Regt.(C)
Pulver, Seymour L.	Pvt	32602724	Co"B", 540 Engr.Regt.(C)

SIGNED

RANK

ORG

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

HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT(G)
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(G),
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.,
Adjutant.

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:

PK

Personnel Officer

Date: 21/1/45

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.,
Adjutant.

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

Pvt William Krusely 32229797
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. #~~111~~, 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. Robeysek
JAMES W. ROBEYSEK
Captain, C.E.,
Adjutant.

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

Pfc Frederick C. Staples 11068159
Grade (Full Name) Serial Number
(Two copies to be returned to Regimental Headquarters)

ENTERED ON SERVICE RECORD:

Personnel Officer

Date: JTC 21/1/45

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:

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

1st Ind.

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

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 OK
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.

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

MEDICAL DETACHMENT
19th Armored Infantry Battalion
APO 446, U.S.Army

24 January 1945

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

C E R T I F I C A T EI certify that Frank, Harry Pfc33324201

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 45

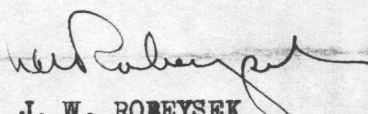
Re: Medical Ctf - Battle
Injuries incurred by
Pfc HARRY FRANK,
33324201 - Co "B"

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:

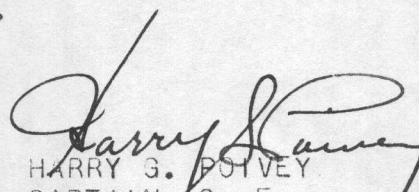

J. W. ROBEYSEK,
Captain, CE,
Adjutant.

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. POIVEY
CAPTAIN, C. E.,
COMMANDING.....

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S-2
JournalS-2 Journal for January 1945

MAILS: First and foremost, S-2's primary mission is to deliver mail. From 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945, mail was delivered to the Headquarters, 540th Engineer Battalion and companies of the Regiment. During the month, 10 trips were made by the S-2 staff car to Company 1, the Battalion Headquarters and/or company HQs during the afternoons. Mail delivery and companies of the Regiment also was facilitated 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 figures for the month are 1,500 miles.

MAP DISTRIBUTION: With movements both 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 to 500 maps were in the Section's supply which is drawn from and added to as reports are received and new map supplies are available. In addition to routine map distribution as indicated by Regimental operations, special orders. Maps are filled, often at the expense of special trip, to the war maps.

PUBLICATIONS: Regular publication of THE BAKER BRAVER, official 540th Engineer Regiment Newspaper, continued during the month. Volume 1 (Winter) now include 135 editions of the paper. In recognition of the Russian world-shaking Eastern Front move, style of the cover was varied for the first time by using the banner-line story across the entire width of the page. Regular publication of THE BAKER BRAVER is interrupted only by moves of the section and then only for a day.

G-2 LIBRARY: During the period, the Section began a practice of keeping certain G-2 reports and information readily available for perusal by officers of the Regiment. This was done in detail, none of which was briefed in S-2 reports wherein the entire volume could not be handled. The material was kept as secretly hidden at all times and shown only to authorized 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 submits the following detailed Journal for January, 1945:

1. Checked on convey route for move from Heerts to Nam L. B. 1st.
2. Set up Section at Nam L. B. 1st.
3. Set up photo equipment 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 Intzeleburg.
7. Set up section at Intzeleburg.
8. Photo equipment used for study of engineer operations.
9. Drafted and distributed new overall morning company locomotion.
10. Received on February Regimental calendar.
11. S-2 officer, Intelligence Sergeant and driver went to 45th Div CP at Ingwiller to operate the CP. During morning.
12. S-2 officer, Intelligence Sergeant, driver and other CP.
13. Section of company moved to Ingwiller.
14. Road reconnaissance, 7th Corps area.
15. Began work on new Section of Ingwiller.

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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 Bouxviller 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.~~SECRET~~

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HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (S)
L.F.O. # 756S-2 Journal for January 1945

LIASON: First and foremost of S-2 functions and responsibility for the period 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945, was liaison with Higher Headquarters, and with the battalions and companies of the Regiment. Without fail during the month, 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 afternoons. 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.

MAP DISTRIBUTION: With movements swift 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 to 500 maps were in the Section's supply which is drawn from and added to almost daily as requests are received and new map supplies are available. In addition to routine map distributions, as indicated by Regimental operations, special orders for maps are filled, often at the expense of special trips to the map depot.

PUBLICATION: Regular publication of THE RAGER BEAVER, official 540th 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 RAGER BEAVER is interrupted only by moves of the section and then only for a day.

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

1. Checked on convey route for move from North to Raon L'Etape.
Furnished maps and overlays for use by convey leaders.
2. Set up Section at Raon L'Etape.
Set up photo darkroom in inside quarters.
3. Routine distribution of maps of the Regimental area, and the areas occupied by the companies.
4. Obtained new supply of maps from depot.
5. Moved to Lutzelboerg.
6. Set up section at Lutzelboerg.
7. Photo enlargements made for study of engineer operations.
8. Drafted and distributed new overlay showing company locations.
9. Began work on February Regimental calendar.
10. S-2 Officer, Intelligence Sergeant and driver went to 45th Div. CP at Ingwiller to operate temporary CP during anticipated
Section prepared to move to Ingwiller
S-2 Officer, Intelligence Sergeant and driver went to 45th Div. CP.
11. Section equipment moved to Ingwiller.
12. Road reconnaissance, VI Corps area.
Began work on new Security Poster.

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

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

Authority NND 735017
 by SN NARA Date 4/12/06

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

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 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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S-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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