



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, 24 AUGUST 1962 HAS AWARDED

## THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

PRIVATE GERARD F. RODGERS

TO

COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 71ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

FOR meritorious achievement in active ground combat against the enemy on 25 April 1945, while serving with 44th Infantry Division in Central Europe. Private Rodgers' exemplary performance of duty in active ground combat was in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and the Army of the United States.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON  
THIS 24TH DAY OF JULY 2018

*R. W. Beronette Jr*

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
Permanent Order 205-007, 24 July 2018  
U.S. Army Human Resources Command  
Fort Knox, Kentucky 40122-5408



*Mark T. Esper*

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDER 205-007

24 July 2018

RODGERS, GERARD F. 36 921 662 PVT Company E, 2d Battalion, 71st Infantry  
Regiment, 44th Infantry Division, APO 44

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous)  
Date(s) or period of service: 25 April 1945  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, Paragraph 3-15, f, (2)  
Reason: For meritorious achievement in active ground combat  
Format: 320

This Permanent Order supersedes any previously issued Order that may have been  
published announcing this award.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia L. Hill".

PATRICIA L. HILL  
Deputy Chief, Awards and  
Decorations Branch

DISTRIBUTION:  
AHRC-PDP-A (1)  
NPRC (1)  
NEXT OF KIN (3)



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

JUL 31 2018

Awards and Decorations Branch

Mrs. Mary L. Rodgers  
c/o Titus County Courthouse  
ATTN: Mr. Steve Austin, CVSO  
100 West 1st Street, Suite B-100  
Mount Pleasant, TX 75455-4452

Dear Mrs. Rodgers:

This is in response to your request concerning your desire to obtain the Bronze Star Medal for your late husband, Mr. Gerard F. Rodgers, based on his award of the Combat Infantryman Badge for his service during World War II.

Based on review of the forwarded documentation and limited historical resources available to this office, we have verified your husband's entitlement to the Bronze Star Medal (order and certificate enclosed) based on his prior award of the Combat Infantryman Badge (order enclosed).

The enclosed DD Form 215 (Correction to Report of Separation) amends your husband's WD AGO Form 53-55 (Report of Separation) to properly reflect his entitlement to the Bronze Star Medal. We have also verified his entitlement to the enclosed Cold War Recognition Certificate. This certificate is not an official military award and is not authorized entry onto his WD AGO Form 53-55. We have forwarded this information to the National Personnel Records Center for inclusion in his reconstructed Army Military Human Resource Record.

The Bronze Star Medal will be shipped from the U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command. All inquiries pertaining to the processing and shipment of your order must be directed to TACOM. You may check on the status of your order by calling 1-877-827-9026, and providing your Awards Case Number which is listed on the enclosed order receipt. You may contact TACOM in writing at: U.S. Army TACOM, Clothing and Heraldry (PSID), Post Office Box 57997, Philadelphia, PA 19111-7997.

It is an honor to issue this award and recognition certificate in acknowledgement of your faithful and dedicated service to our Nation during a time of great need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. McRae", is written over a horizontal line.

Rynaldo R. McRae  
Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army  
NCOIC, Awards and Decorations Branch

Enclosures



# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

## GERARD F. RODGERS

*In recognition of your service during the period of the  
Cold War (2 September 1945 - 26 December 1991) in promoting  
peace and stability for this Nation, the people of this Nation are  
forever grateful*

*John Matis*  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

5 May 1945

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 22

70  
49

Section I

Award of Decorations

1. AWARD OF THE GREAT BIA BRITAIN BADGE. The exigencies of the service having been such as to preclude the issuance of orders, the Verbal Order Commanding Officer, announcing the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge to the following enlisted men for satisfactory performance of duty in action against the enemy, effective dates indicated are made of record. (Authority: War Department Circular 400, dated 17 October 1944).

COMPANY "D"

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE OF AWARD</u>
Technical Sergeant	Dana E. Snyder	0058150	28 April 1945
Sergeant	Martin D. Matterson	33420897	24 April 1945
Technician Grade 4	Fred F. Williams	3730329	24 April 1945
Technician Grade 3	Clude J. Wright Jr	38850800	24 April 1945
Private First Class	Simon E. Johnson	30471601	24 April 1945
Private	Calvin J. Hogan	3704498	24 April 1945
Private	Salvatore N. Bongiorno	42184856	24 April 1945
Private	Frank H. Brigham	31077303	24 April 1945
Private	Alex F. Grande	00164073	24 April 1945
Private	John E. Grant Jr	31414493	24 April 1945
Private	Francis K. Callinan	33836892	24 April 1945
Private	Yaman L. Jackson	31079018	24 April 1945
Private	John G. Callhart	31114448	24 April 1945
Private	Lawrence L. Chandler	3171284	24 April 1945
Private	Nick Silenti	30021030	24 April 1945
Private	Forrest E. Connolly	31007514	24 April 1945
Private	James L. Fish	40040738	24 April 1945
Private	Horace Robinson	30704717	24 April 1945
Private	Dale H. Jones	33024027	24 April 1945
Private	Edwin E. Jackson	33024018	24 April 1945
Private	Stephen J. Jak Jr	31003056	24 April 1945
Private	David L. Sims	31183900	24 April 1945
Private	William E. Miller	31003056	24 April 1945

COMPANY "E"

Technical Sergeant	James C. Williams	31000010	28 April 1945
Sergeant	Stanley E. Hayward	31230807	28 April 1945
Corporal	Irving E. Resnick	31041003	28 April 1945
Technician Grade 4	Wen H. Gray	30030140	28 April 1945
Private	Walter E. Jones	30030130	28 April 1945
Private	Harold D. Pearson	31007003	28 April 1945
Private	Donald R. Farn	31007008	28 April 1945
Private	Donald M. Johnson	31007009	28 April 1945
Private	Wilton J. Plumb	30040100	28 April 1945
Private	William J. Redden	30050130	28 April 1945
Private	Donald H. Hester	30050134	28 April 1945
Private	Paul H. Sappineyer	30051508	28 April 1945
Private	William T. Kivell	30037904	28 April 1945
Private	Rufus R. Robinson	30020630	28 April 1945
Private	Donald E. Brown	31001000	28 April 1945
Private	Harold E. E. Alvin	30030510	28 April 1945
Private	Joseph L. Anzok	30031000	28 April 1945
Private	Jack L. Ogden	30030000	28 April 1945
Private	Richard C. Johns	30031000	28 April 1945
Private	Leslie D. Sheffer	30030000	28 April 1945
Private	Elmer J. ...	30030000	28 April 1945