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MEDAL OF VALOR—AWARDS

Upon the recommendation of a board of officers appointed in accordance with Section N 115, General Statutes, Special Session 1955, the Medal of Valor is awarded to the following enlisted men of the Connecticut National Guard for meritorious service while members of the Armed Forces of the State of Connecticut:

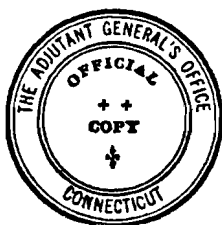
*Sergeant First Class Stanley J. Sandlock*, 21014408, Battery B, 192d Field Artillery Battalion, while participating in flood rescue operations at Stamford, Connecticut, on 16 October 1955, distinguished himself above and beyond the Line of Duty. Operating a two and one-half ton truck, equipped for underwater operations, *Sergeant Sandlock* was instructed to rescue two children, stranded by the raging flood waters and hanging on to a telephone pole. Completely disregarding his own safety, *Sergeant Sandlock* drove into the water which covered the headlights of the truck and in a raging current, by skillful manipulation of the vehicle, succeeded in rescuing both children. In addition, *Sergeant Sandlock* rescued an injured fireman from a house in which he was stranded and took the victim to the hospital for treatment. During this operation, with no thought of personal safety and at great risk to himself, *Sergeant Sandlock* aided approximately forty people from flooded homes, remaining on duty for fourteen hours without relief.

*Sergeant Frank H. Lowden*, 21014144, Service Battery, 192d Field Artillery Battalion, while engaged in flood duty operations on the night of 15 October 1955, with complete disregard for his own safety, attempted the rescue of several families isolated by the raging waters in the vicinity of Severance Drive, Stamford, Connecticut. First attempts proved futile due to the raging current making his vehicle uncontrollable. The vehicle finally came to rest against a tree. With firm determination, *Sergeant Lowden* managed to maneuver the truck out of high water and on his second attempt rescued ten persons isolated by the flood and in great danger. Working continuously for sixteen hours, *Sergeant Lowden*, by his courageous action, reflected great credit upon himself and the military service.

*Sergeant Dominick A. Possidento*, 21014045, Service Battery, 192d Field Artillery Battalion, while participating in flood rescue operations on the night of 15-16 October 1955, with complete disregard for his own safety, effected the rescue of a mother and her six months old child stranded on the porch of a house that was located directly in the path of the raging Rippowam River. The waters having already reached the first floor level of the house, *Sergeant Possidento*, by skillful manipulation of the vehicle, maneuvered close to the house and removed both mother and child, at great personal risk and disregard for his own safety.

*Corporal Howard S. Butler*, 21014646, Battery C, 192d Field Artillery Battalion, assigned as assistant driver to a two and one-half ton vehicle equipped for underwater operations, participated in flood rescue operations on 15 October 1955, in the Washington Avenue and Cold Spring Road areas, Stamford, Connecticut. *Corporal Butler* assisted the driver of the vehicle in the rescue of two children and an injured fireman at great personal risk and without regard to his own safety. *Corporal Butler* was on continuous duty for fourteen hours without relief and during this time assisted the driver of the vehicle in the rescue of approximately forty persons.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR:



FREDERICK G. REINCKE,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

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