

Appendix 1: Medal of Honor Citations

Sergeant Chritos H. Karaberis (Army serial No. 31,176,795), leading a squad of Company L, 337th Infantry Regiment, Army of the United States, on the night of 1-2 October 1944 near Guignola, Italy, gallantly cleared the way for the company's approach along a ridge toward its objective, the Casoni di Romagna. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy fire from enemy mortars, machine guns, machine pistols, and rifles, he climbed in advance of his squad on a maneuver around the left flank to locate and eliminate the enemy gun positions. Undeterred by deadly fire that ricocheted off the barren, rocky hillside, he crept to the rear of the first machine gun and charged, firing his submachine gun. In this surprise attack, he captured eight prisoners and turned them over to his squad before striking out alone for a second machine gun. Discovered in his advance and subjected to direct fire from the hostile weapon, he leaped to his feet and ran forward, weaving and crouching, pouring automatic fire into the emplacement that killed four of its defenders, and forced the surrender of a lone survivor. He again moved forward through heavy fire to attack a third machine gun. When close to the emplacement, he charged with a nerve-shattering shout and burst of fire. Paralyzed by his whirlwind attack, all four gunners immediately surrendered. Once more advancing aggressively in the face of a thoroughly alerted enemy, he approached a point of high ground occupied by two machine guns which were firing on his company on the slope below. Charging the first of these weapons, he killed four of the crew and captured three more. The six defenders of the adjacent position, cowed by the savagery of his assault, immediately gave up. By his one-man attack, heroically and voluntarily undertaken in the face of tremendous risks, *Sergeant Karaberis* captured five enemy machine gun positions, killed 8 Germans, took 22 prisoners, cleared the ridge leading to his company's objective, and drove a deep wedge into the enemy line, making it possible for his battalion to occupy important, commanding ground. (*General Orders No. 97, War Department, 1 November 1945.*)

Staff Sergeant George D. Keathley (Army serial No. 38,105,361), Company B, 338th Infantry Regiment, 85th Infantry Division. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action on 14 September 1944 on the western ridge of Mt. Altuzzo, Italy. After bitter fighting, his company had advanced to within 50 yards of their objective where it was held up because of intense enemy sniper, automatic small-arms, and mortar fire. The enemy launched three desperate counterattacks in an effort to regain their former positions, but all three were repulsed with heavy casualties on both sides. All officers and noncommissioned officers of the 2d and 3d Platoons of Company B had become casualties and *Sergeant Keathley*, guide of the 1st Platoon, moved up and assumed command of both the 2d and 3d Platoons, reduced to 20 men. The remnants of the two platoons were dangerously low on ammunition, whereupon *Sergeant Keathley*, under intense enemy sniper and mortar fire, crawled from one casualty to another, collecting their ammunition and administering first aid. He then visited each man of his two platoons, issuing the precious ammunition he had collected from the dead and wounded and giving them words of encouragement. The enemy now delivered their fourth counterattack which was approximately two companies in strength. In a furious charge they attacked from