

2. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. On 21 April 1945, an explosion of oxygen-acetylene welding equipment resulted in a hazardous fire in a building containing explosive equipment, endangering the life of an Italian workman who had been injured and knocked unconscious by the terrific blast. Without hesitation, in the face of the imminent danger of another explosion, these men entered the intense heat of the burning building, controlling the fire with extinguishers. Despite the fact that the acetylene cylinder was emitting a long stream of flame which was passing directly over the body of the workman, these men courageously reached his side and brought him to safety. By their prompt, efficient action at great risk of life and heroic disregard for personal safety, these men have upheld the highest traditions of the Military Service, thereby reflecting great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.