

On 8 July 1944, north of Volterra, Italy, Capt. Klaus H. Huebner, 3rd Battalion surgeon, 349th Infantry, displayed great personal heroism and exemplary devotion to duty in hostile fire while administering aid to the wounded and supervising their evacuation. When the 3rd Battalion suffered heavy casualties during an attack on German positions, Capt. Huebner made his way across open terrain in full view of the enemy while a concentration of artillery and mortar shells burst around him, increasing the toll and imperiling every move. Constantly exposing himself to the murderous fire, with utter disregard for his own safety, he attended the casualties, dressing their wounds and directing their removal. As the advance continued, foot mines were encountered and new casualties were sustained, among them two men whose feet were blown off. This courageous Officer, fully aware of the great risk to his life in moving through the minefield, unhesitatingly made his way to the side of the injured soldiers and, stopping the flow of otherwise fatal hemorrhages, saved their lives. By evening Capt. Huebner had worked continuously for fifty five hours, walking many miles but de-spite exhaustion, he steadfastly refused to stop for rest, heroically devoting his full attention through the night to the wounded of another battalion, administering aid and laying adequate plans for their evacuation to the rear, By his selfless heroism in the face of murderous German fire, risking his life to give immediate aid to casualties who were falling about him as he worked, Capt. Huebner saved many lives which otherwise would have been lost. His unselfish devotion to the wounded has won the admiration of the entire command....

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