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Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.....I
Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II

I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 345, dated 23 August 1944, each of the following named organizations is awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks:

736th Ordnance (LM) Company, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 January to 30 June 1944 in Italy. During the harsh winter fighting in the vicinity of Cassino, when adverse weather and severe battles caused the rapid deterioration of ordnance equipment, the men of the 736th Ordnance (LM) Company labored indefatigably to keep abreast of maintenance work. The company made constant repairs on small arms, exchanged and evacuated a large number of artillery pieces at night under strict blackout over steep mountain trails and processed a large amount of captured enemy equipment. Due to efficient and intelligent handling during the rapid pursuit to and beyond Rome, when frequent displacement was necessary, the Ordnance Company continued to work with outstanding efficiency. The tireless efforts and superior accomplishments of this unit contributed greatly to the combat successes of the 36th Infantry Division.

36th Infantry Division Military Police Platoon, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 January to 30 June 1944 in Italy. During the difficult fighting near Cassino the men of the Division Military Police Platoon maintained traffic control posts under unusually heavy artillery fire and extremely adverse weather conditions. Though the platoon sustained numerous casualties, traffic control throughout this period was superior. On 17 May 1944, the Military Police Platoon sent an advance detail to the Anzio Beachhead where it guided and controlled the movement of the entire Division from Anzio to the Nettuno area. During the breakthrough to and beyond Rome the Military Police Platoon directed all the Division's traffic throughout the 240 mile advance, and established and maintained Prisoner of War enclosures to handle the 5000 prisoners taken by the Division. The diligent and consistently superior performance of duty by the men of this organization in spite of the many difficulties and dangers which confronted them contributed greatly to the combat success of the Division throughout the period.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

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JACK P. HARPER, 0339433, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, 17 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Des Moines, Iowa.

GUY E. ROMERO, 02006265, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Webster City, Iowa.

DAVID P. BOWEN, 14120948, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

EMERY J. TRUS, 37283930, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, 20 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Jackson, Minnesota.

THOMAS P. HOOPENGARNER, 36178361, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Midland, Arkansas.

JACK HOUCK, 37095832, Staff Sergeant, 753d Tank Battalion, 14 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Aberdeen, South Dakota.

RALPH L. HOOKS, 34804367, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, 12 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Montgomery, Alabama.

ALVIN J. VOSILEN, 37146858, Sergeant, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 9 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Pender, Nebraska.

EUGENE W. KLEIN, 20848505, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 10 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Gonzales, Texas.

ROBERT W. LEWIS, 37628906, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 16 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Campbell, Missouri.

VICTOR J. DAVIDSON, 42143453, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 22 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Friendship, New York.

ALBERT A. SHAFFER, 38026764, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion; 22 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bastrop, Texas.

JOE W. GUESS, 20800535, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company, 31 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

LIGE E. STEPHENS, 38051352, Technician Fifth Grade, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 5 to 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Texas.

TOM L. HOOPER, 20609243, Private First Class, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 5 to 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

ELIAS CASAS, 38027484, Private First Class, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 9 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Taft, Texas.

HERBERT E. WYSONG, 35267793, Private First Class, Headquarters Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, 31 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Dayton, Ohio.

OWEN P. CADDEN, 31307811, Private First Class, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, 17 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Boston, Massachusetts.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL DAHLQUIST:

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