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SECTION I — CITATION OF UNIT

The 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptional performance from 26 May to 26 June 1944 in the monumental 29-day push from the Anzio beachhead area through Rome to the hills overlooking Pisa. By blasting enemy positions in Velletri and in the mountain fastnesses near the town with effective shellfire, the 132d Field Artillery Battalion softened hostile defenses for the infantry attack on the last major stronghold blocking the approaches to Rome. After Velletri fell, the battalion followed the infantry over mountainous terrain to Rome, moved through the hostile city, and pressed the attack to the north. The speed of the advance necessitated frequent displacements, and the battalion often moved into new positions two or three times a day. In spite of numerous difficulties and dangers, the 132d Field Artillery Battalion was constantly prepared to render effective support to the attacking troops, and the close coordination of infantry and artillery produced a powerful combination which drove the demoralized enemy 240 miles from the beachhead to the high ground commanding the approaches to Pisa. The determination and accomplishments of the 132d Field Artillery Battalion were a vital factor in delivering the most crushing blow suffered by the enemy forces in Italy.

SECTION II — AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France.

HAROLD G. OLSON, 0287731, Captain, 25 September 1944. Entered the Service from Stanwood, Washington.

HAROLD A. ARNOLD, 35710665, Private First Class, Company E, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

JAMES M. LSTEPP, 35770734, Private First Class, Company E, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Chattahoochee, West Virginia.

IRA F. EVANS, 39023024, Private First Class, Company C, 6 October 1944. Entered the Service from Porterville, California.

RAMON PINO II, 38352488, Private First Class, Company E, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Zia Pueblo, New Mexico.

KENNETH SPARKS, 35651524, Private First Class, Company C, 6 October 1944. Entered the Service from Red Bush, Kentucky.

WALTER J. SWOYER, 33184992, Private First Class, Company C, 30 September 1944. Entered the Service from Birdsboro, Pennsylvania.

DENNIS T. BOSIO, 31381620, Private, Company E, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Torrington, Connecticut.

ARNOLD R. DIX, 38189878, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 7 October 1944. Entered the Service from Bokoshe, Oklahoma.

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JOHN D. FRENCH, 34925532, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 20th September 1944. Entered the Service from Mobile, Alabama.

WILLIAM H. HEATHERINGTON, 35229886, Private, Company C, 6 October 1944. Entered the Service from Bellaire, Ohio.

L. P. H. KETNER, 20848735, Private, Antitank Company, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Dandridge, Tennessee.

SECTION III — AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of 142d Infantry Regiment, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France.

WALTER G. ANEISLEY, 33507092, Private First Class, Company B, 28 September 1944. Entered the Service from Conestoga, Pennsylvania.

SHECK Y. LEE, 32977435, Private First Class, Company L, 27 September 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

GERTY W. PEMBERTON, 20806730, Private First Class, Company M, 27 September 1944. Entered the Service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

ROY E. SHREWSBURY, 35767462, Private First Class, Company L, 28 September 1944. Entered the Service from Hinton, West Virginia.

LLOYD A. SMITH, 33757132, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 27 September 1944. Entered the Service from Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

~~RAYMOND L. WEDGE, 31262922, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 26 September 1944. Entered the Service from Spencer, Massachusetts. BY GO#24-28425~~

LESLIE B. CUTRIGHT, JR, 35725428, Private, Company K, 28 September 1944. Entered the Service from Patoka, Indiana.

LARON L. GILLESPIE, 34631853, Private, Company B, 30 September 1944. Entered the Service from Pontotoc, Mississippi.

DANIEL E. GUILLMAIN, 31372998, Private, Company K, 28 September 1944. Entered the Service from Nashua, New Hampshire.


LYMAN L. MITCHELL, 36889076, Private, Company K, 28 September 1944. Entered the Service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

GEORGE E. REAHM, JR, 33597567, Private, Company I, 25 September 1944. Entered the Service from Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

CHARLES H. OWENS
Colonel, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

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