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HEADQUARTERS 11TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDERS

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Divisional Citation of Unit..... I  
Award of Purple Heart..... II  
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster..... III

SECTION I -- CITATION OF UNIT

The 11th Engineer Combat Battalion, for exceptional performance from 26 September to 26 June 1944, in the monumental 29-day push from the Anzio beachhead area through Rome to the hills overlooking Pisa. Exposing themselves to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, the officers and men of the 11th Engineer Combat Battalion worked skillfully and indefatigably filling shell craters and removing mines from the important supply routes leading to the infantry troops attacking Viterbi. After facilitating the downfall of the savagely defended enemy stronghold, the engineer battalion advanced with the infantry units toward Rome, swept through the Eternal City and, clearing away mines and constructing and repairing roads and bridges, continued up Highway 1 to the north of Rome. Although the rapidity of the advance demanded an exact coordination of movement and a speedy execution of assigned missions, the 11th Engineer Combat Battalion functioned smoothly and efficiently, successfully accomplishing its important tasks, until the battalion was relieved, after a 240 mile advance, in the high ground commanding the approaches to Pisa.

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 for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France.

JOHN H. HANSON, 01180932, Second Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Emmett, Idaho.

VERNON L. WALSH, 30801641, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 25 September 1944. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

ODAS L. MOFFITT, 20814783, Sergeant, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Paris, Texas.

CLINE C. OAKLEY, 20614793, Corporal, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 6 October 1944. Entered the Service from Paris, Texas.

JAMES M. LINDBLUTH, JR., 16138912, Corporal, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Jackson, Michigan.

WILLIAM C. MCINTYRE, 35208056, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Clarksville, W. Va.

WALTER C. SMITH, 34771493, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 11th Medical Battalion, 2 October 1944. Entered the Service from Bryan, North Carolina.

EDWIN J. B. JOE, 34060223, Private First Class, Company B, 11th Medical Battalion, 27 September 1944. Entered the Service from Happy, Texas.

FRANK A. GRIMMETT, 20818353, Private First Class, Company B, 11th Medical Battalion, 1 October 1944. Entered the Service from Ft. Worth, Texas.

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# ANNEX 1

WILLIAM S. LEAR, 3267554, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, 1 October 1944. Entered the Service from Wilmington, Delaware.

WILLIAM L. SMOOT, 12051151, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 35th Infantry Division, 6 October 1944. Entered the Service from Baltimore, . .

WILLIAM L. SMOOT, 20319176, Private, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, 30 September 1944. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Texas.

JOHN M. KASAHAK, 13687085, Private, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, 1 October 1944. Entered the Service from Glassport, Pennsylvania.

CHAROLD R. MILLIKEN, 11373431, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 1 October 1944. Entered the Service from Rockville, Connecticut.

JOSEPH D. KEBROS, 32778773, Private, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 1 October 1944. Entered the Service from Long Island City, New York.

W. L. JACOBS, JR, 34677004, Private, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Amlehurst, Mississippi.

WILLIAM U. STROSMILCH, 17237837, Private, Battery D, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 3 October 1944. Entered the Service from Owensville, Kansas.

WILLIAM A. CALDERONE, 12000777, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 29 September 1944. Entered the Service from Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

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

DAVEY A. WOOD, 20805600, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, 1 October 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

WILLIAM L. SMOOT, 20319176, Private First Class, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, 1 December 1943. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

## 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 for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France.

SAMUEL S. FRANK, 0333299, Lieutenant Colonel, 142d Infantry Regiment, 27 September 1944. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

WILLIAM SMOOT, 13676036, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 October 1944. Entered the Service from Stewartsville, Ohio.

WILLIAM L. CHAMBERLAIN, 14007504, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 5 October 1944. Entered the Service from Concord, North Carolina.

STARLING L. RICHARD, 10305793, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 30 August 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

by command of Major General DARLQUIST:

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