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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 superior performance of duty in the execution of exceptionally difficult tasks:

SERVICE BATTERY, 131ST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, for superior performance of duty in the execution of exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 May to 30 June 1944 in Italy. During this period, when the Division troops helped break out of the Anzio beachhead area and drive north of Rome to the hills overlooking Pisa, this Service Battery contributed greatly to the combat efficiency of the 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Although frequent displacement for long distances stretched supply lines to extreme lengths, the supply section surmounted all difficulties to assure the battalion adequate ammunition, food and clothing at all times. In addition to maintaining the battalion's supply in a superior manner, elements of the Service Battery drove the attacking infantry troops to front-line positions, frequently under enemy fire. The determination, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by every member of the unit were responsible for the battery's outstanding achievements and enabled the 131st Field Artillery Battalion to render close and effective support to the infantry elements.

SERVICE BATTERY, 132D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 13 September to 31 December 1944 in France. During this period, which included the Moselle River crossing, the difficult fighting in the Vosges Mountains, the breakthrough at the Ste Marie Pass, and the violent battles near Selostat in the Rhine Valley, the men of Service Battery overcame all difficulties to insure the uninterrupted flow of supplies to the firing batteries. Because of the great distances between the supply dumps and the battalion positions, elements of the Service Battery drove hundreds of miles each day over mountain roads, transporting ammunition and on occasions carrying infantry troops to the scene of the battle. As a result of the cooperation, resourcefulness and determination displayed by all members of this battery, there was never a shortage of available supplies, the maintenance of equipment was superior, and adequate transportation was available at all times.

SERVICE BATTERY, 133D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 7 January 1944 to 18 March 1944 in Italy. During this period when the battalion was in support of troops attempting to reduce Cassino, the Service Battery worked unstintingly and cheerfully in all types of hazardous and difficult conditions to insure that the many supply needs of the battalion were satisfied. Ammunition was hauled in huge quantities by the truck drivers of this unit who often drove eighteen

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and twenty hours a day without relief over icy, treacherous, mountain roads. In spite of the destructive effects of battle, weather and hard use, motor vehicle maintenance was always superior. The personnel of the Service Battery originated and put into effect many new techniques to speed up the resupply of vital equipment. Throughout the entire period the outstanding accomplishments of the Service Battery were a credit to the battalion and to the Military Service.

SERVICE BATTERY, 155TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 November 1944 to 31 January 1945 in France. During this period, the Service Battery has successfully accomplished each difficult task confronting a service unit in a combat artillery battalion. Through mountainous terrain, along roads covered with ice, and under enemy artillery fire, the men of Service Battery drove thousands of miles to deliver supplies to the firing batteries. The continuous performance in combat of the battalion vehicles and artillery pieces reflected the excellent maintenance work of the men of the Service Battery. The ingenuity, resourcefulness and cooperation which characterized the performance of this organization have enabled the battalion to render invaluable artillery support to the 36th Infantry Division at a time when it was most needed.

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:

LEONARD R. FRIEND, 33016365, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 19 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

EUGENE R. JEHL, SR., 42062826, Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 21 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Wilmington, Delaware.

FLOYD B. HEFTY, 35900807, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 21 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Auburn, Indiana.

PHILIP ANDROSIGLIA, 32597256, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 21 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Belleville, N. J.

GEORGE V. TAYLOR, 34498227, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 22 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Johnston City, Tennessee.

HAROLD G. POTTS, 33890283, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 21 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL DAHLQUIST:

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