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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 26

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I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroism:

JOHN M. GRASSHOFF, W2110103, Chief Warrant Officer (then Warrant Officer Junior Grade), 36th Signal Company, for heroism on 5 October 1944 in France. From his quarters with the Signal Supply Section of the 36th Signal Company, Warrant Officer Grasshoff observed a flame in one of the upper windows of the hotel across the street. He immediately entered the building and ran upstairs to the room where the fire had started. He battered down the locked door and, upon entering the room, discovered two members of his company lying on the floor, overcome by the smoke fumes. Although the flames and smoke within the room forced him to approach the soldiers on his hands and knees, Warrant Officer Grasshoff succeeded in dragging both men to safety. He then assisted in extinguishing the fire. As a result of his courageous and selfless action, two members of his company were saved from death by asphyxiation. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

RAOUL J. DUFRESNE, 37032744, Private, Company B, 636th Tank Destroyer, for heroism on 25 August 1944 in France. Private Dufresne, a member of a tank destroyer crew, was climbing out of the vehicle when a hand grenade, which had been resting on the counterbalance, dropped to the floor of the tank destroyer. The jolt knocked the grenade pin loose. Aware that his comrades could not escape from the vehicle or throw the grenade outside, Private Dufresne, moving with lightning swiftness, jumped back into the tank destroyer, picked up the activated grenade and hurled it out of the vehicle. It exploded just as it reached the turret, and Private Dufresne was seriously wounded by the hurtling fragments. He unhesitatingly risked his own life to save his comrades from injury or death and to save the tank destroyer from being badly damaged. Entered the Service from Brainerd, Minnesota.

SAMUEL E. TEETER, 35632167, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, for heroism on 15 and 16 August 1944 in France. When, in the invasion of Southern France, a landing craft was hit squarely by a radio-controlled bomb from an enemy plane, the ship exploded, then grounded on a sand bar 50 yards from shore. Tec 5 Teeter ignored the danger of exploding ammunition and went immediately to the beach where the injured men were coming ashore. He treated 22 wounded, administered blood

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plasma to one, and remained on duty for two and a half hours, working indefatigably until the last man had been given first aid. By retaining his calmness under hazardous circumstances and by exercising his unusual skill and thorough knowledge of the work, he performed the duties of medical officer and saved the lives of several severely injured men. Entered the Service from New Lexington, Ohio.

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:

BENJAMIN W. HAWES, O19929, Lieutenant Colonel, 141st Infantry Regiment, 4 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Columbus, Georgia.

ARTHUR A. STRANGE, 12182672, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

HOWARD P. AULT, 37703946, Corporal, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 8 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from McCoy, Colorado.

CHARLES F. SMITH, 35023621, Private First Class, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

LEROY RICHTER, 34082935, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 December 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Moultrie, Georgia.

CHESTER A. CIAK, 32649899, Private First Class, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Glendale, Long Island, New York.

THOMAS J. WIMPEE, 35038642, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 3 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Mitchellville, Tennessee.

CLYDE C. GLOSCH, 35327660, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 24 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

JAMES F. CONLEY, 17161192, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 8 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Centralia, Illinois.

BOYD R. MORGAN, 38037315, Sergeant, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bonham, Texas.

GEORGE A. JONES, 33057419, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 27 and 28 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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