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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.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 636TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 15 August to 15 November 1944 in France. Throughout this period which included the invasion of Southern France, the battle of Montelimar, and the rapid pursuit of the enemy to the Vosges Mountains, the Headquarters Company successfully overcame extraordinary difficulties in supplying the Battalion. On occasions the Battalion was deployed on a widely separated front with as much as 100 miles dividing units of the command, but at no time did the fighting units lack necessary supplies to continue the battle. The maintenance of vehicles, in spite of the deteriorating effects of hard use, was always superior, and the administrative section of Headquarters Company performed its numerous tasks with ingenuity and resourcefulness. Because of these splendid accomplishments in the face of great odds, the Headquarters Company contributed greatly to the combat success of the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion and the 36th Division.

36TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY, for superior performance of duty in the execution of exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 January to 14 August 1944 in Italy. During this period, which included the bitter mountain fighting of the Italian winter campaign, the breakthrough from the Anzio beachhead and the pursuit of the enemy to the north, the 36th Quartermaster Company performed its vital supply functions in a highly superior manner and with an outstanding degree of success. While the Division was fighting a stubbornly resisting enemy around Cassino, the company drivers worked long hours with very little sleep or rest, driving over steep, tortuous mountain roads, frequently under enemy artillery fire, to haul supplies to the front line troops. During the Division's 240 mile advance from Velletri to the hills overlooking Pisa, the company established 15 dumps to furnish transportation and supplies for the rapidly advancing troops. Members of the company frequently completed as many as 80 hours of steady driving, and the dumps were operating day and night. By overcoming tremendous difficulties to assure the Division adequate supplies, the 36th Quartermaster Company enabled the troops to continue forward without delay, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy in this fast-moving and extremely successful operation.

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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:

HERBERT M. LIEBERT, 01112824, First Lieutenant, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Grandview, Mo.
LESTER H. FLAHERTY, 37147066, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 6 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Lucas, South Dakota

THOMAS M. O'REILLY, 42071195, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM P. RUTLEDGE, 20816565, Sergeant, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

WESLEY J. KRUS, 38026777, Sergeant, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 6 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Roundtop, Texas.

WILLIAM H. KLAIR, 42080795, Sergeant, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wilmington, Delaware.

WELDON C. P. GREENWALD, 37146907, Corporal, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Wisner, Nebraska.

NELSON V. PARKS, 34885299, Corporal, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 6 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Kingsport, Tennessee.

ELWOOD L. COOK, 33217800, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 6 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chatham, Virginia.

JAMES E. BOLCH, 34961036, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Gastonia, North Carolina.

NORMAN B. GREGOIRE, 31390623, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Waterbury, Conn.

WILLIAM R. MATTINGLY, 35738674, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

HENRY J. BLACK, 38711226, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Eagletown, Oklahoma.

ROBERT P. OLSON, 6831718, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 4 to 6 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Kewanee, Ill.

LEONARD J. WILSTENBERG, 36875524, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Highland Park, Michigan.

CHESTER M. JONES, 34520715, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Nashville, Tennessee.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL DAHLQUIST:

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