

SECRET HEADQUARTERS, 443RD AAA AW BN (SP) U.S. ARMY APO #464

- OPERATIONS IN ITALY (April 1944)

1. Original Unit: (Previously submitted.)

2. Changes in Organization:

a. (Changes prior to April 1, 1944, have been submitted previously.)

b. Reorganization and Redesignation as Self-Propelled Unit:

New designation: 443rd AAA AW Bn.

Date of reorganization: 14 April, 1944.

Officers

36

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Place of reorganization: Maddaloni, Italy.

(4) Authority for reorganization: Sec. I, General Orders No. 60, 5 Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 12 April, 1944, as amended by Z Sec. II, General Orders No. 61, Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 13 April, 1944.

Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:

a. April 1, 1944

b. April 30, 1944

c. Net increase, April

d. Net decrease, April

Adjutant

Warrant Officers Enlisted Men

663

By order of Lieut. Col. LARSON:

PEYTON W. WILLIAMS, Jr., Captain, C.A.C., Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

PERTON W. WILLIAMS, Jr/., Captain, C.A.C.

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NARRATIVE - OPERATIONS IN ITALY (April, 1944)

On April 1, 1944, the 443d AAA AW Bn (SP), Lt. Col. WERNER L. LARSON commanding, assigned to Fifth Army and attached to 71st AAA Brigade, was in bivouac with and providing perimeter antiaircraft defense for the 36th Infantry Division one and one-half miles north of Maddaloni, Italy. One platon each of Batteries "A" and "C" was in position, while the remainder of the battalion carried on normal training and bivouac duties.

A number of enlisted men of the battalion were awarded decorations in orders received on April 1. Cpl. John J. Ver Hulst, 32250866, of Rochester, New York; Tec 5 Edward Sherman, 32253918, of Cortland, New York; Pfc. Richard W. Linscott, 31098959, of Washington, Maine; Pvt. Charles H. Zimmer, 12056501, of Syracuse, New York; and Pvt. Joseph A. Guggemos, 243470, of Auburn, New York, all members of Battery "C", were awarded the Silver Star by General Orders No. 71, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 11 March, 1944. The awards were for gallantry in action on 11 December, 1943, when they manned their antiaircraft half-track against a determined and heavy enemy air attack until all were blown from the gun by a bomb explosion. Pfc. Peter Cahaney, 32220524, and Pfc. Aaron Weissman, 32219982, both of New York, N. Y., were awarded the Bronze Star in General Orders No. 84, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 22 March, 1944, for gallantry in action on 19 December, 1943, when they manned their half-track weapon against attacking enemy planes even after both machine guns were put out of action by strafing and only the 37 mm. could be fired. Pvt. Maurice B. Robust, 33130442, of St. Michael, Pennsylvania, Battery "D", was awarded the Bronze Star in General Orders No. 87, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 28 March, 1944, for the same action.

Beginning on April 4, and concluding on April 8, all personnel of the battalion fired small arms in target practice on a range improvised near the bivouac.

On April 7, Maj. JOHN LAZUR, Executive Officer, went as a member of a quartering party to the vicinity of Avellino. On the following day march order was received for movement on April 9 in a single serial of five march units. The move was made beginning at 1435 hours, and the unit cleared the roads at 1640 hours. All batteries were bivouaced in a single area three-quarters of a mile from Forino, Italy. On April 11, two gun sections from each lettered battery were sited in perimeter defense of the division bivouace.

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Second Lt. WARREN G. STADE, on temporary duty with the battalion, was relieved on April 10 from attachment to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and attached to Battery "C" for duty.

Additional decorations for enlisted men of the battalion were announced in orders received April 11. Sgt. Edgar C. Polking, 37423455, of Breda, Iowa; Cpl. Joseph Jennings, 35379403, of Fairmont, West Virginia; Tec 5 Reginald Matheson, 31071287, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and Pfc. William Petercsak, 32188991, of Trenton, New Jersey, were awarded the Bronze Star in General Orders No. 59, Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 11 April, 1944, for gallantry in action on 27 November, 1943, near Mignano, Italy, when the four men carried wounded comrades across a shell-swept slope to safety.

On April 12, General Order No. 60, Headquarters Fifth Army, dated 12 April, was received. Section I of this order, titled "Reorganization and Redesignation of 443d CA (AA)", as amended by Section II, General Orders No. 61, dated 13 June, 1944, effected the redesignation of this battalion as the 443d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), to operate under Table of Organization and Equipment 44-75, dated 15 June, 1943. Previous orders of this battalion effecting the redesignation were rescinded, and on 14 April, General Order No. 8, Headquarters 443d AAA AW Bn (SP), was issued, redesignating the unit. No changes in personnel or equipment were required, since the battalion had been operating under the mew Tables of Organization since 23 September, 1943.

The remainder of the month of April was occupied chiefly by intensive training, under a schedule initiated just prior to moving to the Forino bivouac. On April 25, by letter, Headquarters Fifth Army, subject "Equipment for Self-Propelled AAA Units", the battalion was authorized telephones, wire, switch-boards and accessories, none of which had been allowed by the new Tables of Equipment. On the following day, by letter, Headquarters Fifth Army, subject: "Changes in T/O and E (AAA Bn)", dated 26 April, 1944, a Chaplain in grade of captain or first lieutenant was authorized.

A preliminary movement order for a projected move by the division and attached units to the vicinity of Qualiano was received on April 24. On April 28 the Second Platoon, Battery "B", moved with the 111th Engineer Battalion to the new bivouac, which was finally logated in the vicinity of Aversa.

No further movements or other significant events occurred during the month. Normal training and bivouac duties were continued throughout.

By order of Lt. Col. LARSON:

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		Attached		
Unit 4	Time	Protecting	Location	Remarks
			1 APRIL 1944	
Bn Hq	0001	36th Inf.	la mi N. Madda-	Bn attchd to 71st AAA Bde & assgd to
		Div.	loni (N-338729)	protection of 36th Inf. Div., is
				back in bivouac with division:
	1000		1½ mi N. Madda-	Gen. HESS, 36th Div. Arty Comdr, vi-
		Div.	loni (N-338729)	sited CO in regards to arty dance.
			la mi N. Madda-	Silver Star awarded per GO #71, Hq
		Div.	loni (N-338729)	36th Inf. Div., dated 11 March '44,
				for the following EM, C-Btry:
				Cpl. John J. Ver Hulst, 32250866
				Tec 5 Edward (NMI) Sherman, 32253918 Pfc Richard W. Linscott, 31098959
				Pvt. Charles H. Zimmer, 12056501
				Pvt. Joseph A. Guggemos, 243470
				for gallantry in action on 11 Dec.
				'43, vic. Venafro, Italy.
		36th Inf.	12 mi N. Madda-	Bronze Star awarded per GO #84, Hq.
		Div.	loni (N-338729)	36th Inf. Div., dated 22 Mar. '44,
				to the following EM; D-Btry:
				Pfc. Aaron Weissman, 32219982,
				Pfc. Peter Cahaney, 32220524
				for gallantry in action on 19 Dec
				144.
		36th Inf.	1½ mi N. Madda-	Bronze Star awarded per GO #87, Hq.
		Div.	loni (N-338729)	36th Inf. Div., dated 28 Mar. '44,
				to Maurice B. Robust, 33130442, D-
				Btry, for gallantry in action on
		TOLL TO	1½ mi N. Madda-	12 Dec. '43, in Msg, 36th Inf. Div. "0200A time chan-
		Sotn Ini.	loni (N-338729)	ged to 0300B tomorrow". All Bat-
		Div.	TOILT (10-000120)	teries notified.
^	0001	443d Bn.	5½ mi N. Madda-	One platoon in tactical position in
1	COOL		loni (N-369783)	protection Div. Bivouac area. Rest
				of battery in training.
В	0001	443d Bn.	1 mi. N. Madda-	Battery in training.
			loni (N-325720)	

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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	Location 1 APRIL 1944 (Remarks Cont'd)			
C	0001		1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-333733)	One platoon in tactical position in protection Div. bivouac area. Rest of battery in training.			
D	0001		1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-326732)	Battery in training.			
A-2 D-2		443d Bn.	3 APRIL 1944 5½ mi N. Madda- 1 oni (N-369783) 1 mi. N. Madda- 1 oni (N-326732)	Relieved by D-2, returned to "A" Btry area in reserve. Arr. 1500. Relieved A-2 of mission in protecting 36 Div. area. Exchange comple-			
A	0800		4 APRIL 1944 5½ mi NE Madda- loni (N-369783)	All men of Btry fired small arms on Bn rifle range vic Bn. area- 100 yd. range, 5 inch bull's eye. Firing completed 1400 hrs.			
C	0800	443d Bn.	5 APRIL 1944 1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-333733)	All men of Btry fired small arms on Bn rifle range vic. Bn area - Fir- ing completed 1400 hrs.			
B	0800	443d Bn.	1 mi N. Madda- loni (N-325720)	All men of Btry fired small arms on Bn rifle range vic. Bn area - Fir- ing completed 1400 hrs.			
Bn Hq	1300	36th Inf. Div.	7 APRIL 1944 1½ mi N. Madda- 1oni (N-338729)	Msg by phone from Capt. WREN, 36 Div, G-3 section: "quartering party to meet Maj. TRAVIS at 1530 today at junction of Hwy 7B and Salerno Rd. in Avellino (N-6858). Maj. LAZUR,			
D	0800	443d Bn.	1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-326732)	Bn Exec., performed this function. All men of Btry fired small arms on			
Bn Ho	154	36th Inf. Div.	8 APRIL 1944 1½ mi N. Madda- 1oni (N-338729)	Mag by phone from Lt. WILLIAM, John			

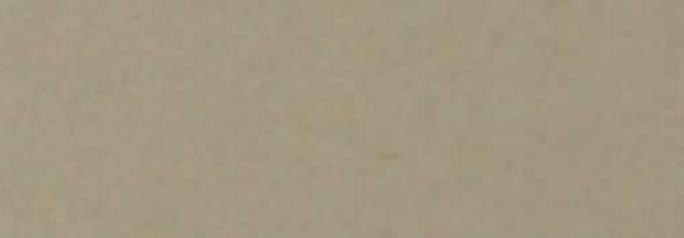
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		Attached			
Unit	Time	Protecting	Location 2004 (c	Remarks	
Bo Btr	v 0800	443d Bn	8 APRIL 1944 (C	convoy serial registered for your 116 veh. to go in 5 march units to reach I.P. respectively at 091445, 1500, 1515, 1530, & 1545 hrs. IP is junction of Hwy 7 & 717. Route is Maddaloni to Cancello to Cicciano to Hwy 7B to Avellino then S. on Salerno Road." All men fired small arms on rifle	
			1oni (N-338729) 9 APRIL 1944	range vic Bn area. Firing completed 1130 hrs.	
Bn Hq	0800	Div.	1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-338729)	March order issued by this hq for movement to new 36 Div. area near Forino.	
Bn Hq	1435	36th Inf. Div.	1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-338729)	Entire Bn moved by convoy - one se- ial march units as shown to new	
A	1450	443d Bn.	5½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-369783)	36 Inf. Div. training and biv. area vic. Forino. Bn bivouaced together	
B	1505	443d Bn.	1 mi N. Madda- loni (N-325720)	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515). Arr. 1640 hrs.	
C	1520	443d Bn.	1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-333733)		
D	1535	443d Bn.	1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-326732)		
Bn Hq		36th Inf. Div.	10 APRIL 1944 3/4 W. Forino (N-605515)	SO #24, Hq. 443d Bn, 2nd Lt. WARREN G4 STADE, 0-1055735, rel'd from attachment to Bn Hq & placed on TD with C-Btry.	
Bn Hq	1201	36th Inf. Div.	11 APRIL 1944 3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	Two gun sections from each line btry moved into positions protecting 36 Inf. Div training and bivouac area. Positions consolidated 1400 hrs. Each btry will control its own reliefs for duration of stay in area per VOCO.	
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Attached Remarks Location Protecting Time 11 APRIL 1944 (Cont'd) Bronze Star Medal awarded per GO #59, 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino Sect. VI Hq 36th Div., 11 April '44 (N-605515)Cpl. Joseph (NMI) Jennings 35379403 Cpl. Edgar C. Polking, 37423455 Tec 5 Reginald Matheson, 31071287 Pfc. William Peterscak, 32188991, for heroic achievement in action 27 Nov. 1943, in vic. Mignano, Italy. --- 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino

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GO #60, Sect I, Hq., 5th Army, dated 12 April, '44, "Reorganization & Re-(N-605515)Div. designation of 443d CA Bn (AA)", or ders reorganization of 443d Bn under T/0 & E 44-75, dated 15 June, '43, under designation 433d (sic) Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion.

13 APRIL 1944 --- 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)Div.

GO #7, Hq., 443d Bn., dated 13 April, '44, rescinds GO #15, cs (Redesignation of unit).

GO 61, Hq., 5th Army, dated 13 April, 144, Sec. II amends Sec. I, GO #60, to redesignate unit correctly as 443d AAA AW Bn.

15 APRIL 1944 ---- 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)Div.

S-3 contacted Lt. Col. BLAND of AAF Fighter Group, made arrangements to have 2 P-51 fighters carry out maneuvers for tracking practice over 36 Div Area on 18 April.

21 APRIL 1944 Bn Hq 0800 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)

32 range indicator devices with scale adapted for our use by Bn CO, Lt. Col. LARSON, were issued to the line batteries.

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Journal - Operations In Italy (Cont'd)

Attached Remarks Location Protecting Time Unit 21 APRIL 1944 (Cont'd) Maj. COUK & Lt. FRINCKE contacted CO 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino 1400 of 85th Fighter Squadron, Naples, (N-605515)Div. to make arrangements for 4 P-47 fighters to fly tracking missions over Bn and 36th Div. areas. 23 APRIL 1944 Submitted report to 36 Inf. Div. G-3 ---- 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino of vehicles to be included in water (N-605515)Div. movement. Listed all vehicles in order of priority. 24 APRIL 1944

Received movement order, Hq., 36th Inf ---- 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino Div. in move of division to new (N-605515)area vic. Qualiano (N-129573).

25 APRIL 1944 Ltr., Hg., 5th Army, dated 25 April, Bn Hq ---- 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino 144, subject: "Equipment for Self-(N-605515)Propelled AAA Units," authorizes 25 Div. telephones, wire, switchboard & accessories.

26 APRIL 1944 Ltr., Hq., 5th Army, dated 26 April, 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino 144, subject: "Changes in T/0 & E (N-605515)(ALLA Bn)" gives authority for one Div. Chaplain (capt. or 1st Lt.), Chaplains ass't (Tec 5), & Chaplain's equipment for each AAA Bn.

27 APRIL 1944 Test fired 37 mm and cal. 50 MG's at 3/4 mi W. Forino range located 5 miles from Forino 1000 443d Bn (N-605515)(N-577525): Firing conducted by Maj. LAZUR, Bn Exec., and Lt. PRICE, Ordnance Officer.

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Unit Time Protecting Location

28 APRIL 1944

B-2 0700 443d Bn. 3/4 mi W. Forino

Remarks

Protecting convoy of 111 Engr. Bn.
moved to vic. Aversa to new Division area. Occupied tactical positions in defense of biv. area.
Arrived 1130 hrs.

Bn Hq 0900 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)

Platoon of 84th Engr. Bn. painted disruptive camouflage patterns on 443d Bns combat vehicles.

Entire month has been spent in intensive training of all units within the battalion under training memos of this Hqs. & diligent supervision of the Bn. Commander. GO #9, Hq. 443d Bn. dated 30 April, 1944, awards Good Conduct to two men of B-Btry.

--- 36th Inf. 3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)

For the Commanding Officer:

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PETTON W. WILLIAMS, Jr.

Captain, C.A.C.,

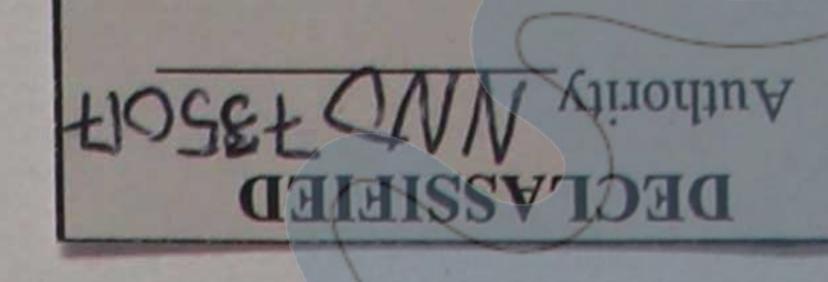
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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION APO #36, U. S. Army

11 March 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 71

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

EXTRACT

JOHN J. VER HULST, 32250866, Corporal Battery C, 443d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion Entered the Service from Rochester, New York.

EDWARD (NMI) SHERMAN, 32253918, Technician Grade 5 Battery C, 443d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion Entered the Service from Cortland, New York.

RICHARD W. LINSCOTT, 31098959, Private First Class Battery C, 443d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion Entered the Service from Washington, Maine.

CHARLES H. ZIMMER, 12056501, Private
Battery C, 443d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion
Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

JOSEPH A. GUGGEMOS, 243470, Private
Battery C, 443d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion
Entered the S rvice from Auburn, New York.

For gallantry in action on 11 December 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy.

The antiaircraft gun crew, of which these men were members, while protecting Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, engaged a formation of twelve FW-190 fighter-bombers diving to attack their positions. Plane after plane dived over the area firing machine guns and automatic cannon and dropping anti-personnel bombs. Although bullets, shells and bombs rained around them, five bombs exploding in the immediate vicinity of their gun, each of these men continued to contribute to deadly accurate fire at the attacking planes until a bomb exploded directly behind them, killing or wounding all members of the crew. The unflinching courage and outstanding aggressive leadership of each of these men materially contributed to the probable destruction of three of the enemy aircraft. Their gallant action reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

By command of Major General WALKER:

STEWART T. VINCENT Colonel, General Staff Corps Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

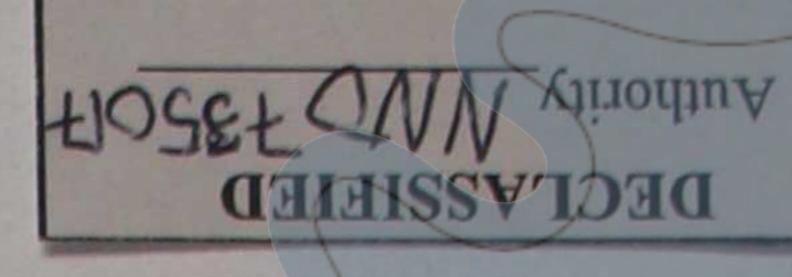
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Jt. Col, Adjutant General's Department

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION APO #36, U. S. Army

29 March 1944

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal.

: Private Maurice B. Robust, 33130442, Battery D, 443rd Antiaircraft Battalion, (SP), APO #464, U.S. Army. TO

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, you are awarded a Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action.

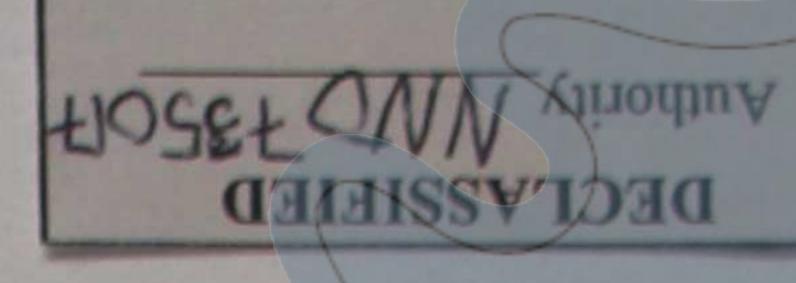
CITATION:

MAURICE B. ROBUST, 33130442, Private, Battery D, 443rd Automatic Antiaircraft Battalion, Self-Propelled, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 in Italy. Private Robust was a member of the crew of an antiaircraft half-track that supported battery positions of 133rd Rield Artillery Battalion. When enemy aircraft dive-bombed and strafed the position so intensely that the barrel of one twin .50 caliber machine guns was shot completely off and the water jacket of the other was punctured, rendering it useless, he remained at his post and manned a 37 millimeter gun firing intense and accurate fire that materially aided in dispersing the enemy planes, thus saving many lives and much valuable equipment. Entered the Service from St. Michael, Pennsylvania.

> /s/ FRED L. WALKER FRED L. WALKER Major General, U. S. Army Commanding

Certified A True Copy:

PEYTONN, WILLIAMS, Jr., Captain, C.A.C.,



HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION APO #36, U. S. Army

29 March 1944

SUBJECT: Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

Private First Class Aaron Weissman, 32219982 TO Battery D, 443rd Automatic Antiaircraft Battalion, (SP) APO #464, U.S. Army.

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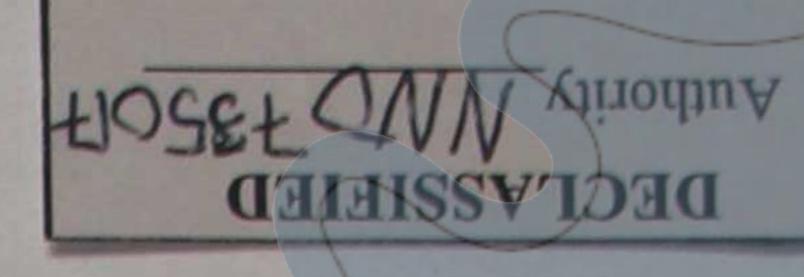
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AARON WEISSMAN, 32219982, Private First Class, Battery D, 443rd Automatic Antiaircraft Battalion, Self-Propelled, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943, in Italy. Private First Class Weissman was a member of the crew of an antiaircraft half-track that supported battery positions of 133rd Field Artillery Battalion. When enemy aircraft divebombed and strafed the position so intensely that the barrel of one twin .50 caliber machine guns was shot completely off and the water jacket of the other was punctured, rendering it useless, he remained at his post and manned a 37 millimeter gun firing intense and accurate fire that materially aided in dispersing the enemy planes, thus saving many lives and much valuable equipment. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

> /s/ FRED L. WALKER FRED L. WALKER Major General, U. S. Army Commanding

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PEYFON W. WILLIAMS, Jr., Captain, C.A.C.,



HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION APO #36, U. S. Army

29 March 1944

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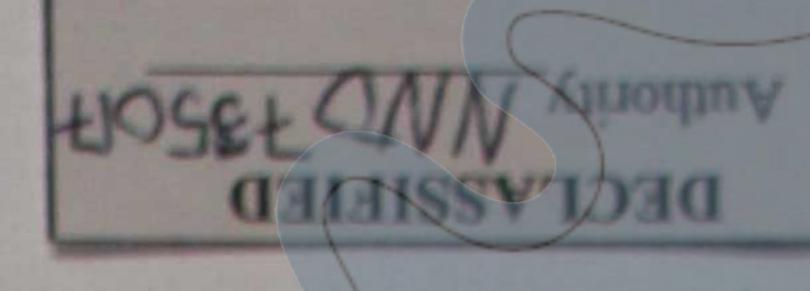
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PETER CAHANEY, 322220524, Private First Class, Battery D, 443rd Automatic Antiaircraft Battalion, Self-Propelled, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Cahaney was a member of the crew of an antiaircraft half-track that supported battery positions of 133rd Rield Artillery Battalion. When enemy aircraft dive-bombed and strafed the position so intensely that the barrel of one twin .50 caliber machine guns was shot completely off and the water jacket of the other was punctured, rendering it useless, he remained at his post and manned a 37 millimeter gun firing intense and accurate fire that materially aided in dispersing the enemy planes, thus saving many lives and much valuable equipment. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

> /s/ FRED L. WALKER, FRED L. WALKER, Major General, U. S. ARmy Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION APO #36, U. S. Army

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20 April 1944

SUBJECT: Award of The Bronze Star Medal.

: Sergeant Edgar C. Polking, 37423455

Battery B, 443rd Antiaircraft Battalion (SP)

APO #464, U. S. Army.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, you are awarded a Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action.

CITATION

EDGAR C. POLKING, 37423455, Sergeant, (then Corporal), Battery B, 443rd Antiaircraft Batt lion (Self-Propelled), for gallantry in action on 27 November 1943, in Italy. While on duty as a member of an antiaircraft gun crew, Corporal Polking saw the first two shells of a heavy enemy artillery barrage explode near the position and wound three members of his crew. While shells continued to fall in the area, three members of his crew. While shells continued to fall in the area, the immediately went to the aid of the wounded men and assisted in carrying one of them three hundred yards across an open clearing to the plaing one of them three hundred yards across an open clearing to the plaing one of them who had been wounded by subsequent shelling, administered two other men who had been wounded by subsequent shelling, administered morphine, and helped prepare them for transfer to an aid station before taking cover himself. Entered the Service from Breda, Iowa.

/s/ FRED L. WALKER
FRED L. WALKER
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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PEYTON W. WILLIAMS, Jr., Captain, C.A.C.

HEADQUARTERS, 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION APO #36, U. S. Army

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20 April 1944

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: Corporal Joseph Jennings, 35379403, Battery B, 443rd TO Antiaircraft Battalion (SP), APO #464, U. S. Army.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, you are awarded a Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action.

CITATION

JOSEPH JENNINGS, 35379403, Corporal (then Private), Battery B, 443rd Antiaircraft Battalion (Self-Propelled), for gallantry in action on 27 November 1943, in Italy. On duty as a member of an antiaircraft gun crew, Private Jennings saw the first two shells of a heavy enemy artillery concentration explode near the position and wound three members of his crew. While shells continued to fall in the area, he immediately went to the aid of the wounded men and assisted in carrying one of them three hundred yards across an open clearing to the platoon command post. Upon returning to the gun position, he went to the aid of two other men who had been wounded by subsequent shelling, administered morphine, and helped to prepare them for transfer to the aid station before taking cover himself.

> /s/ FRED L. WALKER FRED L. WALKER Major General, U. S. Army Commanding

Certified A True Copy:

PEYRON W. WILLIAMS, Jr., Castain, C.A.C.,

20 April 1944

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CITATION

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> /s/ FRED L. WALKER FRED L. WALKER Major General, U. S. Army Commanding

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SUBJECT: Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

TO: Technician Fifth Grade Reginald Matheson, 31071287,
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APO #464, U. S. Army.

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