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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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29 January 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 18

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

I. DIVISIONAL CITATION OF UNIT. The Second Platoon, Company B, 753d Tank Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in support of infantry troops in combat on 1-3 December 1944 in France. The Second Platoon of Company B was attached to the Third Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, for the assault on a well defended and important city. Despite clear observation on the part of the enemy, these tanks moved across an open plain to cut a vital highway, neutralizing several machine gun nests enroute. On the highway, they surprised and destroyed an enemy vehicle, then proceeded toward the city. The enemy engaged them with 20mm guns and one 88mm antitank gun, and the tanks took them under fire at point blank range. All three enemy guns were destroyed, but one tank was immobilized by a direct 88mm hit. The remainder of the platoon dauntlessly continued on their mission, clearing machine gun nests from the route of the advancing infantry despite increased antitank fire and the added danger of bazooka fire. On the morning of the 3rd of December 1944 the tanks and their infantry moved successfully on to their objective, and laid an effective fire on the enemy routes of withdrawal from the vital city.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

HUGH JUSTICE, 34709251, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 24 January 1945. Entered the Service from Newville, Alabama.  
ALVIN E. BENNETT, 34785213, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 23 October 1944. Entered the Service from DeLeon Springs, Florida.  
VINCENT W. BUCCI, 32794546, Private First Class, Company B, 22 January 1945. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.  
HAROLD M. GALPERIN, 33901975, Private First Class, Company B, 20 January 1945. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.  
ELDON B. KELLER, 35894681, Private First Class, Company D, 17 January 1945. Entered the Service from Elkhart, Indiana.  
WILLIAM E. PELT, SR, 34834199, Private First Class, Company B, 21 January 1945. Entered the Service from Jackson, Georgia.  
AMOS E. PINE, 35899802, Private First Class, Company A, 9 January 1945. Entered the Service from Kokomo, Indiana.  
ADOLPH A. ROSNOVSKY, 38026424, Private First Class, Company D, 17 January 1945. Entered the Service from Shiner, Texas.

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RAYMOND T. CARRIERE, 31069753, Private, Company K, 21 January 1945. Entered the Service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

2. 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.

DONALD O. LAMING, 35168929, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 17 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Goodland, Indiana.

HAROLD T. KNAPP, 32250588, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery D, 443d AAA AW Battalion (SP), 5 May 1943, Tunisia. Entered the Service from Penn Yan, N. Y.

MICHAEL MANDAK, 33278216, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 20 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ranki, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES D. FRETZ, 33787803, Private First Class, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 19 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. 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 of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

MORRIS L. COURINGTON, 14190537, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 7 January 1945. Entered the Service from Fairfield, Alabama.

AZRIA G. GOMER, 33526172, Sergeant, Company A, 8 January 1945. Entered the Service from Holland, Virginia.

ANTHONY L. PASCALE, 32976607, Technician Fifth Grade, Company K, 7 January 1945. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ARTHUR A. CLAXTON, 31268543, Private First Class, Company I, 21 December 1944. Entered the Service from Franklin, New Hampshire.

GEORGE T. WOLFF, 37275543, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 9 January 1945. Entered the Service from Bird Island, Minnesota.

FRED S. KING, 34608257, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 9 January 1945. Entered the Service from Valley, North Carolina.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT  
Colonel, General Staff Corps  
Chief of Staff

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Asst Adjutant General

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