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> /cbl 13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Historical Report.

TO: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO #758, U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith historical report for 443d AAA AW Bn (SP) for the month of July, 1944.

WERNER L. LARSON,
Lt. Col., C.A.C.,
Commanding

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION - OPERATIONS IN ITALY (July 1944)

- 1. Original Unit: (Previously submitted.)
- 2. Changes in Organization: (Previously submitted; no additional change.)
- 3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

		Officers	Warrant Officers	Enlisted Men
		34		677
a.	July 1, 1944	32		663
b.	July 30, 1944			14
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By order of Lt. Col. LARSON:

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#### NARRATIVE - OPERATIONS IN ITALY (July 1944)

On 1 July 1944, the 443rd AAA AW Bn. (SP), Lt. Col. WERNER L. IARSON, commanding, assigned to Allied Force Headquarters, attached to SOS, AFHQ, for supply and administration, to Seventh Army for planning, training, and operations, and undergoing amphibious training with the 45th Infantry Division, tions, and undergoing amphibious training with the 45th Infantry Division, was in bivouac four miles north of Battipaglia, Italy. Batteries "A", "B" was in bivouac four miles north of Battipaglia, Italy. Batteries "A", "B" and "C" had been attached to the 157th, 179th and 180th Regimental Combat and "C" had been attached to the 157th, 179th and 180th Regimental Combat Teams, respectively, and were in the bivouac areas of these combat teams engaged in intensive invasion training.

In orders received on 1 July, Pfc. Albert L. Kauffman, 33025310, of Parksburg, Pennsylvania, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action. On 6 February, 1944, near Mt. Trocchio, Italy, Pfc. Kauffman, even though painfully injured, carried a comrade from the danger area near a burning ammunition trailer and, under continued shelling, returned to help extinguish the blaze.

In the evening of the following day, 2 July, a message was received from G-3, 45th Infantry Division, which indicated that the battalion would be detached from the 45th Division and attached to the 36th Infantry Division on VOCG, VI Corps.

The commanding officer accompanied by Capt. FISHER, the S-3, contacted G-1 of the 36th Division and learned that our batteries were to remain in their present location and keep in contact with combat teams until the 36th Division present location and keep in contact with combat teams until the 36th Division had finished its training period at the Invasion Training Center. In the mean-time the lettered batteries were to continue training with the 45th Division.

On the eighth of July 1st Lt. JOHN C. HORAN, 0-1041794, was transferred, in compliance with Special Order #190, Headquarters, 5th Army, to Personnel in compliance with Special Order #190, Headquarters, 5th Army, to Personnel Center #6, for rotation to the United States. Lt. HORAN had joined this organization on 20 Oct. 1942, shortly after the combat elements had left for the ganization of North Africa. He assumed command of the 2nd platoon of "B" Battery invasion of North Africa. He assumed command led a platoon through the Tunisian on 30 Nov. 1942, in French North Africa, and led a platoon through the Tunisian Sicilian and Italion campaigns. Lt. HORAN, in addition to his other duties, was instrumental in organizing a battalion orchestra which entertained officers and men of this, as well as neighboring, organizations on many occasions.

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The battalion was placed on a twenty four hour alert for a permanent change of station on the ninth of July by a "Top Secret" Unit Alert from Headquarters, 7th Army, dated 5 July 1944.

On 11 July Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Battery accompanied by Battery "D" moved to the 36th Division bivouac area three miles northeast of Paestum, and in the afternoon of the same day Batteries "B" and "C", having completed amphibious training with their respective combat teams, also moved into this area.

By VOCG, 35th AAA Brigade, the battalion was attached to the 68th AAA Gp on 11 July 1944.

On the following day a new training program was started in accordance with Training Memorandum #20, issued by S-3 of this headquarters, which provided, among other things, for special lectures and demonstrations by personnel from higher headquarters, a Renshaw Trainer School, conducted by naval authorities, higher headquarters, a Renshaw Trainer School, conducted by naval authorities, and special training and drill for AAAIS crews under the supervision of the battalion S-3.

Having completed training with the 157th RCT, 45th Division, Battery "A" moved to the Battalion assembly area, three miles northeast of Paestum, and resumed training in accordance with the training schedule issued by this headquarters.

A movement order for a proposed movement of the division and attached units to the Qualiano area was received from Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division on the seventeenth of July.

According to a letter, Headquarters, 7th Army, 18 July, 1944, the battalice is relieved from attachment to 36th Division, except for administration, and is attached to VI Corps for pla nning and operations. In a letter of the same date from Headquarters, VI Corps, the battalion was attached to 35th AAA Brigade.

1st Lt. WELLS LEWIS, 0-1040853, was transferred to the 36th Infantry Division as Jr. Aide-de-camp to the Commanding General by Special Order #152, is ion as Jr. Aide-de-camp to the Commanding General by Special Order #152, is ion as Jr. Aide-de-camp to the Commanding General by Special Order #152, is ion as Jr. Aide-de-camp to the Commanding General by Special Order #152, is ion as Jr. Aide-de-camp to the Commander of with the battelion Headquarters 36th Infantry Division. Lt. LEWIS had been with the battelion Headquarters of July 1942. For almost a year battery commander of since the early part of July 1942. For almost a year battery commander of Headquarters Battery, he was given command of the first platoon of Battery Headquarters Battery, he was given commander through the Tunisian, Sicilian "A" on 16 April 1943 and was a platoon commander through the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

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Further orders from the 35th AAA Brigade on 19 June 1944 stated that the battalion was also attached to the 68th AAA Group.

Upon the departure of the battalion from II Corps, a commendation from General KEYES, commanding the corps, indorsed and forwarded from Headquarters, 7th Army, was received at this headquarters July 19th and subsequently was read to all officers and men of this command.

A new directive on barrage firing (Operations memorandum No. 7), which will govern the night firing of the 37 mm guns on the coming amphibious operation was issued on July 19th. It will only be in the opening stages of the operation and issued on July 19th. It will only be in the opening stages of the operation and by order of the G.O.R. that the brigade will resort to night barrages to beat off by order of the G.O.R. that the brigade will resort to night barrages to beat off by order of the G.O.R. No .50 caliber machine guns will be fired at night persistent night bombers. No .50 caliber machine guns will be fired at night because it is felt that this would be a waste of ammunition.

Col. LUNN, executive officer of the 35th A/A Brigade visited the battalion on July 19th.

On July 21st, a movement order, Headquarters, 443d AAA AW Bn (SP), scheduled the battalion to move to vicinity of Qualiano, Italy, and this was accomplished the battalion to move to vicinity of Qualiano, Italy, and this was accomplished the battalion to move to vicinity of Qualiano, Italy, and this was accomplished the battalion to move the fifth, Battery "C" convoying with on the twenty third, twenty fourth and twenty fifth, Battery "A" with the on the twenty third, twenty fourth and twenty fifth, Battery "A" with the 141st RCT, Batteries "B" and "D" with the 143rd RCT and Battery "A" with the 142nd RCT. The battalion went into a new assembly area 4½ miles west of Trentaly.

The names of sixteen officers and 114 enlisted mem eligible for American Defense Service Ribbon were published on 25 July 1944, by this battalion.

The battalion commander, on July 26th, attended a meeting on the subject "Administration" at the 36th Infantry Division CP and was introduced to the new Commanding General DALGUIST, who recently relieved General WALKER.

Additional decorations for officers and enlisted men of this battalion were announced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters, dated 28 July 1944. Ten enannounced in General Order #12, this headquarters #12, this he

On July 29th twenty-four new M-45, quadruple .50 caliber machine gun mounts were drawn from base ordnance, and the battalion ordnance section immediately converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the converted the converted the twenty-four M-13 (twin fifty) mounts into a modified version of the converted the conv

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tremely effective against fast, low-flying aircraft.

Vehicles of the second platoon of Battery "A" were sent to a staging area near Naples for loading on 29 July. The personnel were to follow at a

2nd Lt. RUSSELL B. DONNELLY was assigned to this organization on 30 July 1944 by Special Order #212, Headquarters, 2nd Replacement Depot.

The Battalion Commander and the S-3 made further plans for the coming operation after going to the VI Corps War Room and attending a discussion by 35th AAA Bde and AAA Gps. concerning the part antiaircraft will play in the

All batteries were given an opportunity to fire the new quadruple 50 caliber mounts, and a schedule for training on the tracking trainer was issued by S-3 so that the men could become familiar with the tracking of fast moving targets with the new weapons.

July had been a month of intensive training in invasion tactics and in the antiaircraft drill. Many valuable lessons learned in previous combat experiences had been reviewed, and the entire battalion seemed to be in the best possible condition for the immense operation in which it was to take part.

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# JOURNAL - OPERATIONS IN ITALY (July 1944)

Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	Location 1 JULY 1944	Remarks
Bn Hq		45th Inf. Div.	4 mi N. Battipaglia (N-833292)	Bn. in amphibious training with 45th Inf. Div. under I.T.C. (Invasion Training Center), Hq. in SALERNO, ITALY.
Bn Hq		45th Inf. Div.	4 mi N. Battipaglia (N-833292)	June 1944, Silver Star awarded to Pfc. Albert L. Kauffman, 33025310, ("B" Btry.) for gallantry in action vic. MT. TROC-CHIO. ITALY on 6 Feb. 1944.
A		158 FA 45th Div.	5 mi NW Battipaglia (N-762265)	Amphibious training with 157 RCT, 45th Inf. Div. Amphibious training with 179 RCT,
B		160 FA 45th Div.	2章 mi W Battipaglia (N-790238)	45th Inf. Div.
C		171 FA 45th Div.	la mi W Battipaglia (N-813218)	Amphibious training with 179 RCT; 45th Inf. Div.
D		189 FA 45th Div.	4 mi N. Battipaglia (N-833292)	Amphibious training per 443rd AAA AW Bn. schedule.
Bn Hq	1720	45th Inf. Div.	2 JULY 1944 4 mi N. Battipaglia (N-833292)	Msg. G-3, 45th Inf. Div.: "You will be attached to 36th Inf. Div. and detached from us. See G-1, 36th Inf. Div. This is VOCG, VI Corps."
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Bn Hq 1000 36th Inf. 4 mi N. Battipaglia (N-833292)

Bn CO & S-3 contact G-1, 36th Div
Our Btries will remain in pres
locations, keep liaison with
RCTs of 36th Div. until Div.
has finished training period under, TTC. Will continue present
training with 45th Div. until
completed.

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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting		Remarks
Bn Hq		36th Inf. Div.	8 JULY 1944 4 mi N. Battipaglia (N-833292)	Par 2, SO #190, Hq, 5th Army, 8 July 1944; 1st Lt. JOHN C. HO RAN, 0-1041794, trfd to Pers. Center #6 - for rotation to U.S
Bn Hq	1400	36th Inf. Div.	9 JULY 1944 4 mi N. Battipaglia (N-833292)	Rec'd "TOP SECRET" unit alert fr. Hq. 7th Army, 5 July 1944. 24 hr. alert for permanent change of station.
Bn Hq	0900	36th Inf. Div.	11 JULY 1944 4 mi N. Battipaglia (N-833292)	Bn Hq & Hq Btry moved by infil- tration to Division area, 3 mi NE PAESTUM (N-870067). Arrid 1030. VOCG, 35th AAA Bde, atchd to 68th AAA Gp, with 36th Div.
B	1400	443rd Bn.	2½ mi W Battipaglia (N-790238)	Having completed training with 179 RCT, 45th Div, moved by in- filtration to new area 3 mi NE
C	1300	443rd Bn.	lੇ mi W Battipaglia (N-813218)	with 180 RCT. Moved by infil- tration to new area 3 mi NE
D	1000	443rd Bn.	4 mi N. Battipaglia (N-833292)	PAESTUM (N-873064). Arr. 1430. Moved by infiltration to new area 3 mi NE PAESTUM (N-870067). Arr'd 1130.
Bn Hq		68 AAA Gp. 36th Div.	12 JULY 1944 3 mi NE Paestum (N-870067)	Training Memo #20, this Hq issued by S-3.
A	0945	443rd Bn.	5 mi NW Battipaglia (N-762265)	Having completed special training with 157 RCT, 45th Div., moved by infiltration to new Bn area 3 mi NE PAESTUM (N-874063).  Arrived 1400.

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Unit Bn Hq		Attached Protecting  68 AAA Gp 36th Div.	Location  17 JULY 1944 3 mi NE Paestum (N-870067)	Rec'd movement order, Hq., 36th Inf. Div., 17 July . for pro- posed movement of Div. & at- tached elements to QUALIANO area.
Bn Hq		68 AAA Gp 36th Div	18 JULY 1944 3 mi NE Paestum (N-870067)	Ltr. Hq., 7th Army, 13 July 1944; Bn rel'd fr attachment to 36th Inf. Div. and is attached to VI Corps for planning & operations Remains atohd to 36 Day for Adm
		68 AAA Gp 36th Div	3 mi NE Paestum (N-870067)	Etr., Hq VI Corps, 18 Jily 1944:  Bn attached to 35 AAA Bde. At-  tachment to 7th Army for adm.  remains effective.
		68 AAA Gp 36th Div	3 mi NE Paestum (N-870067)	Par 2, SO #152, Hq. 36th Inf Div. 18 July 1944 - 1st Lt. WELLS LEWIS, 0-1040853, trfd to 36th Inf, Div. (AIDE-DE-CAMP to CG 36th Division).
Bn Hg		68 AAA Gp 36th Div	19 JULY 1944 3 mi NE Paestum (N-833292)	Hq., 35th AAA Bde., 19 July 1944, subject: "Troop Attachments" - 443d AAA Bn. is further atchd to 68th AAA Gp.
		68 AAA Gp 36th Div	3 mi NE Paestum (N-833292)	Hq., II Corps, 29 June '44, sub- ject: "Commendation" for the 443rd AAA Bn., endorsed by 7th Army.
	1230	68 AAA Gp 36th Div	3 mi NE Paestum (N-833292)	Col. LUNN, 35th AAA Bde., visited Bn. Hq
		68 AAA Gp 36th Div	3 mi NE Paestum (N-833292)	Oper. Memo #7, this Hq., 19 July 744, in regard to Barrage Fire, issued by S-3."
Bn Hq		68 AAA Gp 36th Div	21 JULY 1944 3 mi NE Paestum (N-870067)	Movement Order, Hq 443d Bn 21 July '44, Bn will move to vic. QUALIANO 23, 24 & 25. July.

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Bn Hq 1830 68 AAA GP 3 mi NE Paestum  B 1845 443rd Bn. 3 mi NE Paestum  (N-871065)	Remarks  Convoyed with RCT 143, 36th Inf.  Div. to new assy area 4½ mi W.  TRENTOLA (N-078650). Arr 2200.  Convoyed to new assy area with  elements of RCT 143, 36th Inf.  elements of RCT 143, 36th Inf.  Div, 4½ mi W. TRENTOLA (N-07565)  Arrived 2215.  Convoyed with elements of RCT 143,  Convoyed with elements of RCT 143,  36th Inf. Div., to new assy area  4½ mi W. TRENTOLA (N-070650).
	44 mi W. IRMITOLINI Arrid 2030.
Bn Hq 1300 68 AAA Gp $4\frac{1}{4}$ mi W. Trentola (N-078650)	Comdrs at 36th Div. Control of the Condrs cannot be pres., exect if comdrs cannot be pres., exect should attend. Subject for discussion will be Administration."  Cussion will be Administration.
68 AAA Gp 4½ mi W. Trentola 36th Div (N-078650)	Hq., 443rd Bn, 25 sally bility list for American Defense Service Ribbon, including names of (16) off & (114) EM.
A 1830 443rd Bn 3 mi NE Paestum (N-874063)	Moved in convoy With No. TRENTOLA new assy area 44 mi W. TRENTOLA (N-068648). Arrid 2200.
Bn Hq 1145 68 AAA Gp 4½ mi W. Trentola (N-078650)  1900 68 AAA Gp 4½ mi W. Trentola (N-078650)	until 1900B this date." until 1900B this date."
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Bn Hq 68 AAA Gp 4½ mi W. Trentol (N-C78650)	a GO #12, this Hq., 28 July 1944, awarding Purple Hearts to (10) awarding Purple Clusters to (1) Off EM, Oak Leaf Clusters to (1) Off & (4) EM.

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Unit		Attached Protecting	Location 29 JULY 1944	Remarks
Bn Hq		36th Div.	41 mi W. Trentola	Trng Memo #21, this Hq., issued  by S3.  (24) M-45, quadruple MG (50 cal,  mounts drawn from Base Ordnanc  to replace present twin MG  mounts on M-13s. Bn Ord sec-
	1230	443rd Bn.	4½ mi W. Trentola (N-068648)	tion making changeover. Also drew (96) HB MG. Vehicles of A-2 to 142 RCT staging area for staging & loading at Naples.
Bn Hq		36th Div.	(N-0.18620)	Col. THOMPSON & Maj. GREGORY, 7th Army AAA Section, visited Bn. Hq Oper. Memo #10, this Hq., refir- ing precautions, issued by S-3
		68 AAA GP 36 th Div. 68 AAA GP 36 th Div.	(N-078650) 41 mi W. Trentola	so #212, Hq. 2d Repl Depot, 20 July '44 - 2nd Lt. RUSSELL B. DONNELLY asgd 443d AAA Bn (SP)
Bn Ho	CSO	o 68 AAA Gp 36th Div.	31 JULY 1944 4 mi W. Trentola (N-078650)	fense in coming operation by
		- 68 AAA GP 36th Div. 68 AAA GP 36th Div.	4½ mi W. Trentola	The training on All

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Capt. ROBERT F. HELD, JR. Exec: 1st Lt. HAROLD J. SHINE

1st Platoon CO: 1st Lt. WELLS (NMI) LEWIS Asst: 1st Lt. CHARLES E. SCHOEN

S-3: Capt. JOHN R. FISHER

S-4: Maj. ALBERT W. COOK

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CO: Capt. IRVING F. FRIEDMAN Exec: 1st Lt. AUSTIN G. TAYLOR

1st Platoon 1st Lt. LAWRENCE J. LEONHARD Asst: 1st Lt. FRANKLIN H. VICTOR

> Battery "C" Capt. ANDREW J. BENNETT, JR. Exec: 1st Lt. SAMUEL D. MOODY

1st Platoon 1st Lt. ROBERT B. MARLOTTE CO:

2nd Platoon 1st Lt. ROBERT A. KENDALL CO: Asst: 1st Lt. IRVING C. MYERS

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#### SECTION I--AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named individuals:

ZENUS E. NEAL, 6295152, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 21 November 1943 in the vicinity of Mount Rotunda, Italy, and on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount Maggiore, Italy. On these dates Sergeant Neal was a member of forward observation parties and on both occasions all troops in the area were pinned down by enemy fire. On 21 November Sergeant Neal laid wire across several hundred yards of open terrain to establish communications with the result that fire was adjusted on the enemy observer directing the shelling and our infantry was materially aided in its advance. On 9 December he again exposed himself voluntarily to lay wire to an observation post so that fire could be adjusted on the enemy who had our infantry pinned down by artillery fire. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Neal in the performance of these deeds are in keeping with the highest traditionns of the military service. Home address: Hope, Arkansas.

ALBERT L. KAUFFMAN, 33025310, Private First Class, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 February 1944 near Mount Trocchio, Italy. Enemy shelling of a gun position resulted in a direct hit on a loaded ammunition trailer. A fire was started and exploding ammunition wounded Private Kauffman and his gun sergeant. Although painfully injured, Private Kauffman removed the sergeant from the danger area. Finding the sergeant dead upon examination he returned despite continued shelling to extinguish the fire. Only after doing all he could toward putting out the fire did Private Kauffman seek medical aid for himself. His conduct during this action exemplifies the highest standards of the military service. Home address: Parksburg, Pennsylvania.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named individuals:

MAURICE K. BROWN, 0315558, Major, Field Artillery, United States Army, Los Angeles, California.

ADDISON G. WILSON, JR., 0409709, Captain, Field Artillery, United States Army, - McKinney, Texas.

For gallantry in action 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Mount Defensa, Italy. While descending a trail down the mountain which had been zeroed in by enemy mortars, they were caught in a heavy mortar concentration which killed four of our infantry and wounded several others. Repeatedly exposing themselves to continued mortar and artillery fire they gave first aid to the wounded. Then they proceeded over a stretch of the trail and of open ground which was receiving extremely heavy shell fire in order to reach the nearest Aid Station and notify litter bearers where the wounded were located. Their repeated risk of their lives in voluntarily exposing themselves to heavy mortar and shell fire was far beyond the call of duty and reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

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GO #36, Hq II Corps, 9 June 1944, continued.

# SECTION II—AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Bronze Star Medal

Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 14 March to 9 May 1943, and from 21 September 1943 to 30 April 1944, in North Africa and Italy. As Battalion Adjutant, Captain Rothschild displayed a high degree of administrative an intimate knowledge of all aspects of personnel routine, thereby contributing duties did not require it, Captain Rothschild habitually stayed with the more forable to deal with such personnel problems as might arise, without delay. The procharge of his duties throughout this period reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Kansas City, Missouri.

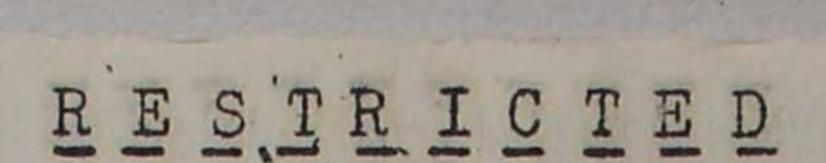
JAMES H. KING, 0412243, Captain, Field Artillery, United States Army. Africa and Italy. As Battalion Supply Officer, Captain King was initially read and since has maintained equipment and supplies in such a manner that at no time fifteen months of combat he has insured prompt deliveries to forward elements, to duty displayed by Captain King in the performance of outstanding services over Home address: Santa Barbara, California.

CARLIN L. WILSON, 0396925, Captain, Field artillery, United States Army. Il March 1944, from the time his battalion was committed to action in the Salerno area through to the outskirts of Cassino, Italy. As Assistant Operations Officer, sances through enemy fire to make contact with the front line infantry for the his skillful placing of the M-10 destroyers gave invaluable assistance in the pidity with which he performed his missions, and his untiring devotion to duty Detroit, Michigan.

PIUS B. KRAFT, 20745058, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations in Italy from 23 September 1943 to 26 March 1944. As Mess Sergeant of Company A, Sergeant Kraft, by his ingenuity and initiative in devising menus from rations at hand, served excellent meaks to the company at all times. Although the unit was on many occasions widely dispersed in tactical positions, Sergeant Kraft personally delivered hot food to men at the most forward positions. The high regard for the welfare of others shown by Sergeant Kraft earned him the esteem of those whom he served, and contributed greatly toward maintaining a high standard of morale within

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his unit. Home address: Karlsruhe, North Dakota.

CALVIN L. KUCKER, 37021964, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations in United States, North Africa and Italy from 21 December 1941 to 13 April 1944. As Chief Mechanic, and later as Motor Sergeant, Sergeant Kucker displayed initiative and exceptional devotion to duty in the performance of his duties. Through his industry, ingenuity, and thorough knowledge of motor maintenance he was able to maintain at all times efficient functioning of the vehicles of his unit. The high standards he upheld and the perfection of his own work inculcated in the drivers for whom he was responsible a feeling of pride in their work. The conduct of Sergeant Kucker in the performance of essential services over a long period of time reflects credit upon himself and upon the military service. Home address: Watertown, South Dakota.

ROLLIE I. PRINGLE, 37040586, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the combat operations of this Battalion from 23 September 1943 to 26 March 1944, Staff Sergeant Pringle has served as Mess Sergeant of Headquarters Company. Because of the tactical situation which necessitates the organization being separated into numerous trains for the support of the forward combat elements it is impracticable for the company to be fed in one group. Despite this handicap and irregardless of any conditions that have confronted him, Staff Sergeant Pringle has worked tirelessly in order that hot, prepared food has always been available for the personnel. Through his ingenuity and initiative he had devised a variety of menus which have exacted the maximum amount of nutritious value from the rations at hand thereby insuring at all times a well balance, palatable serving for each meal. The devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Pringle, with complete disregard for his own welfare or fatigue, has aided immeasurably in maintaining the high standard of morale of this company and is exemplary and a credit to the Armed Forces. Residence at time of Induction: Clinton, Iowa.

LOUIS M. LACASSIE, 39231795, Sergeant, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in action in Italy from 23 September 1943 to 26 March 1944. As Security Sergeant during this period, Sergeant Lacassie trained and led his section in providing the inner security for his company's positions against the enemy. On many occasions when the unit was unprotected by infantry elements, Sergeant Lacassie supervised the occupation of outposts to insure the necessary protection. In addition to this duty he manned forward observation posts where through intimate knowledge of the tactical situation, he aided greatly in effecting the success of fire missions. The leadership, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Lacassie exemplify the highest standards of conduct on the part of a non-commissioned officer. Home address: Los Angeles, California.

LAWRENCE R. CUSTER, 36164724, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action in combat on 19 March 1944 near Monte Cassino, Italy. In the face of heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Custer went forward in a light tank to make an attack on Albanet House. Upon successfully reaching his initial objective he attacked on toward Monte Cassino to a point approximately 800 yards of the Monastery where his tank was disabled by a mine and he was surrounded by enemy snipers. He directed fire on a German bivouac area a few hundred yards away and German troops along the road until, the ammunition was exhausted. Sergeant Custer remained in his tank until another tank succeeded in coming up alongside to evacuate him to the rear

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WARREN C. DUNN, 20800965, Staff Sergeant, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic action in combat on 17 February 1944 in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Under enemy shell fire, Sergeant Dunn on two occasions obtained first aid for wounded men and evacuated them from shelled areas. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Dunn was an inspiring example for the men of his unit, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN W. JONES, 36077665, Technician Fourth Grade, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations in Tunisia during the period 31 March 1943 to 5 April 1943. Sergeant Jones was given the task of maintaining radio communications between a Tank Destroyer Battalion and al Corps during operations at El Guettar. With a radio mounted in the only vehicle in the unit not armored, he followed directly in the wake of the advance and maintained communications for nearly three days without relief. Through his outstanding devotion to duty Sergeant Jones rendered services of a high degree of merit which materially contributed towards the success of the operation. Residence at enlistment: Herrick, Illinois.

ALBERT H. HAY, 35011410, Technician Fifth Grade, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations in Africa, Sicily, and Italy during the period July 1943 to April 1944. Although Corporal Hay had received no technical training on the repair and maintenance of a code machine, he, on his own initiative, and in addition to his regular duties as message center code clerk, undertook to learn the intricacies of this extremely complicated and delicate electrical machine. Through perseverance and diligent application, he kept the machine in constant operation under the most adverse conditions of dust, sand, and moisture. Corporal Hay's untiring devotion to duty and exemplary performance are worthy of the highest praise. Home address at induction:

RAYMOND E. DEVINE, 17156643, Private First Class, Signal Corps, United. States Army. For heroic action in combat on 17 February 1944 in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Under enemy shell fire, Private Devine on two occasions obtained first aid for wounded men and evacuated them from shelled areas. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Devine was an inspiring example for the men of his unit, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOHNNY W. McCALL, 18003751, Corporal, Field Artillery, - Binger, Oklahoma. ROBERT F. GREENE, 35200265, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Martinsburg, West Virginia. GENE F. EDWARDS, 18003770, Private, Field Artillery, - Binger,

For meritorious service in support of combat operations. These men voluntarily exposed themselves to enemy observation in the vicinity of Mount Natala Italy, on repeated occasions during the 14 and 15 of April 1944 in order to repair broken wire lines betten their battalion forward ebsecation post and the fire #36,

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direction center. Although enemy artillery and mortar fire fell all about them and in spite of the fact that they had been instructed not to expose themselves by servicing the lines during daylight hours, they persisted in working on the lines at the risk of their lives. Their voluntary and unselfish actions were a great credit to their organization and reflect the highest traditions of the military

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

> JOHN H. BLACHSHER, 18085873, Private, Field Artillery, United States Army, - Atoka, Oklahoma. LESTER E. ROCHE, 37164519, Private, Field Artillery, United States Army, Avon, Minnesota.

For heroic action in combat near Minturno, Italy, on 13 May 1944. While Privates Blacksher and Roche were operating a radio in a vehicle, a heavy artillery barrage was laid upon their position. They sought cover in a nearby gully, but when their vehicle was set afire by a direct hit, they secured fire extinguishers and put out the fire. Upon returning to their positions of comparative safety, they noticed that the fire had begun anew, whereupon they returned to the vehicle and again extinguished the flames. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these men under continued shelling is in keeping with the highest traditions of

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