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SECTION I - DIVISIONAL CITATION OF UNIT

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The First 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 First 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 3d 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.

SECTION II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France.

WILLIAM E. LATHAM, 0422756, First Lieutenant, 13 December 1944. Entered the Service from Stephenville, Texas.

WILLIAM F. WALTER, 01824256, First Lieutenant, 28 October 1944. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CLAUDE H. STOKES, 38463151, Sergeant, Company C, 13 December 1944. Entered the Service from Mc Alester, Oklahoma.

LAWRENCE J. FETERL, 37147098, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 8 November 1944. Entered the Service from Salem, South Dakota.

ALVIN J. VOSTEEN, 37146858, Technician Fourth Grade, Company A, 14 December 1944. Entered the Service from Pender, Nebraska.

CHESTER M. GRECZKOWSKI, 32668923, Private First Class, Company B, 6 November 1944. Entered the Service from Yorkville, New York.

ROBERT L. GREEN, 34645979, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 12 December 1944. Entered the Service from Converse, South Carolina.

FRANK B. STEWART, 20730398, Private First Class, Company B, 6 November 1944. Entered the Service from Steele, Missouri.

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WALTER E. BILDERMAN, 35677349, Private, Company B, 5 November 1944. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

RUFUS C. BRANTLEY, 34762088, Private, Medical Detachment, 12 December 1944. Entered the Service from Tennille, Georgia.

JOHN MAE, 32285417, Private, Company A, 16 October 1944. Entered the Service from Ithaca, New York.

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.

JOSEPH T. MIDDLETON, 0383605, Major, 1 December 1944. Entered the Service from Ballinger, Texas.

GENE P. DAUGHERTY, 37616042, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 14 December 1944. Entered the Service from Bethel, Missouri.

RICHARD B. DOWIS, 37675448, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 17 December 1944. Entered the Service from Washington, Iowa.

LARL H. GILFORD, 6888093, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 9 December 1944. Entered the Service from Dunmore, West Virginia.

JAMES L. NELSON, 34890551, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 17 December 1944. Entered the Service from Winston Salem, North Carolina.

THELBERT W. MOORE, 20804867, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 12 December 1944. Entered the Service from Ballinger, Texas.

JIMMIE S. LOPEZ, 37703224, Sergeant, Company E, 28 November 1944. Entered the Service from Denver, Colorado.

LEWIS SAVAGE, 38534777, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 15 December 1944. Entered the Service from Irving, Texas.

SECTION III - RESCISSION

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 481, this headquarters, as awards a Purple Heart to GLEN MC GUIRE, 38036578, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, is rescinded.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

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