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squad's immediate objective. Although he was the target for small arms fire from other pillboxes in the vicinity, he bravely exposed himself to crawl over trees and through barbed wire entanglements, never faltering until he reached the German strong point. He swiftly placed his charge against the door of the pillbox and set it off. The explosion blew open the door, wounded one German and forced seven others to surrender. As a result of Private First Class French's courage and aggressiveness in eliminating this key strong point, the battalion was able to flank the remaining pillboxes and complete its mission. Entered the Service from Mobile, Alabama.

ROLLING 2150R38. Private First Class. Company L, 142d Infantry

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTING ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

1st Lieutenant CHARLES I. AINAY, 01313853, Infantry, this Headquarters, is announced as Acting Assistant Adjutant General, 36th Infantry Division.

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Chief of Staff

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front, Private Beckwith, seeing the
of the hostile fire. He assaulted the trench and, firing at almost point blank
range, killed one German and forced three others to surrender to him. Then, with
enemy bullets hitting all around him, he ran to the side of the pillbox and
hurled a grenade through one of the apertures. Although the Germans occupying the
strong point immediately began throwing concussion grenades which burst within
five feet of him, Private Beckwith hurled another grenade into the pillbox, wound-
ing two enemy soldiers and forcing all ten of the occupants to surrender. As a
result of his gallant actions, an enemy strong point was eliminated and his

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