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SECTION I - MANEUVER LEGION OF MERIT

The Maneuver Legion of Merit is awarded to the following named enlisted men, Battery "C", 592d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of their duties during Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5:

Corporal Carl A. Himberg 31302547
Residence at induction: Boston, Massachusetts

Private First Class Lawrence L. Loudin 36811363
Residence at induction: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

These soldiers, as members of an artillery forward observer party, displayed unusual ability and devotion to duty. While operating with the 3d Battalion, 423d Infantry, the leader of the observer party became a casualty. For two days, 23 and 24 February, without supervision and instructions, Corporal Himberg and Private First Class Loudin assumed the duties and functions of the forward observer and continued to acquire and report valuable information concerning the enemy. Corporal Himberg adjusted artillery fire in support of the 3d Battalion and Private First Class Loudin performed the triple functions of driver, radio operator and assistant to Corporal Himberg who was acting as forward observer. By keen perception of existing conditions and exceptional ability these soldiers rendered services of conspicuous worth to the government.

SECTION II - CITATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

Technician 4th Grade Kenneth R. Jackson, 33320495, Battery "B", 589th Field Artillery Battalion, is cited for exceptional accomplishment in the performance of his duty while engaged in Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5. On the night of 22-23 February, Technician 4th Grade Jackson was separated from his unit by an enemy envelopment which surrounded the observation post he was manning. Left with him was a disabled vehicle on which was mounted a radio essential to the continued efficiency of his battery's observation. Both the soldier and the vehicle had been given up for lost, but by straightening the bent propeller shaft on the vehicle with rocks and other pioneer tools, he was able to take the vehicle with the radio back through the enemy lines. His untiring devotion to duty and ingenuity in improvising when normal means were lacking enabled this battery to maintain observation throughout the remainder of the operation.

Residence at induction: Bucks County, Pennsylvania

SECTION III - CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Technician 5th Grade Merlin D. Vincent, 33440165, Company "B", 331st Medical Battalion, is cited for outstanding and exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of his duties during Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5. For forty-eight hours, Technician 5th Grade Vincent, disregarding his personal safety, serviced the Battalion Aid Station by evacuating casualties over treacherous roads through a heavy rainstorm.

Residence at induction: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

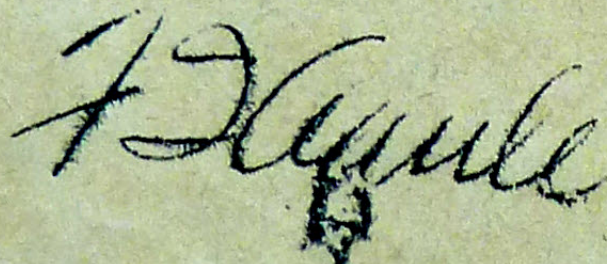
Technician 5th Grade Bernard D. Herbert, 31215866, 106th Quartermaster Company, is cited for outstanding and exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of his duties during Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5. With the entire Rear Echelon convoy held up by a broken brake line on the first vehicle, Technician 5th Grade Herbert, the mechanic for this convoy, crawled under the truck under the worst possible weather conditions and succeeded in improvising repairs in total blackout, thus enabling the convoy to proceed.

Residence at induction: Springfield, Massachusetts

By command of Major General JONES:

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