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I -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private John O. Stair, 33 942 658, 14th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, (then 422d Infantry), United States Army, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy, on 12 August 1945, in Germany. Private Stair, standing on the edge of a water-filled rock quarry, saw a soldier struggling to keep from drowning in the extremely deep water. Ignoring the great personal danger, Private Stair unhesitatingly plunged in, swam to the struggling man, and towed him to safety. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Private Wallace Godwin, 34 829 307, 589th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Germany. While under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, Private Godwin voluntarily and fearlessly left his safe position to go to the aid of a wounded soldier lying exposed in a field, but was fatally wounded by artillery fire before he could reach him. The exceptional courage and bravery displayed by Private Godwin were inspirational to the men who witnessed his gallant action, and his heroic attempt was in the best traditions of the service. Entered military service from Florida.

Captain Malcolm H. Rockwell, 01 165 554, 589th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Germany. Under attack by numerically superior forces, with the imminent possibility of his battery being cut off, Capt Rockwell, although ordered to withdraw, realizing that such action would endanger the rest of the battalion, rallied his men, organized a skirmish line, and fought on, despite the overwhelming odds. When further resistance became impossible, Captain Rockwell supervised the destruction of his howitzers to prevent their use by the enemy. Finally taken captive, Captain Rockwell refused to remain a prisoner, and was killed in an attempt to escape. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

Major Jerome G. Taylor, O 342 608, Reception Station No. 6, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Robert S. Bankhead, 34 382 982, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Sergeant George P. Blazin, 39 086 432, (then Private), 589th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 December 1944 to 23 December 1944, in Belgium. While his battalion was defending the crossroads at Baraque de Fraiture, First Sergeant Blazin, tirelessly and without regard for his own personal safety, repeatedly exposed himself to fierce enemy fire to deliver ammunition to the foremost howitzer and machine gun positions, and to assist in firing wherever his assistance was most needed to repulse the persistent enemy attacks. Although painfully wounded by a shell fragment, First Sergeant Blazin refused evacuation and fought on until the position became untenable. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Robert F. Carleton, O1 648 952, 106th Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Thomas W. Cashman, 31 276 443, 106th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium, France and Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Major Howard R. Clement, O 291 708, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain Richard J. Comer, OI 285 550, 28th Infantry Division, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 December 1944, in Belgium. When it became apparent that the enemy was attempting to encircle the entire area occupied by a tank battalion to which his company had been attached for security defense, Captain Comer personally led an attack which cleared the enemy from the area, and held until ordered to withdraw later that night. To evacuate his men from their foxholes, Captain Comer, although under constant artillery and small arms fire, fearlessly went from one position to another, remaining until the last man was safely withdrawn. Entered military service from Alabama.

Captain Arthur W. Corcoran, OI 176 293, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 December 1944 to 8 February 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Henry P. Deal, 34 596 127, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 14 October 1944 to 25 January 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Sergeant Herbert M. Hadlaway, Jr., 33 563 078, 422d Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Belgium and France. Entered military service from Maryland.

Captain John W. Hearne, OI 317 526, (then Captain and First Lieutenant, 106th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Idaho.

Sergeant Maurice D. Jones, 31 241 912, 106th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Robert A. Kirkbride, 31 215 792, 106th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain James B. McNinch, O 300 426, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 28 January 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Captain Morris R. Piha, OI 577 691, 106th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Georgia.

Major Wesley L. Rogerson, O 322 831, 422d Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 4 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Alex Sabo, 32 772 718, 589th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 December 1944, in Belgium. While participating in the defense of a road block against a violent enemy attack, Private Sabo with another soldier, occupied a slit trench which was subjected to fierce mortar and small arms fire. When a fragment hit the other soldier in the leg making it impossible for him to walk, Private Sabo dragged the wounded man across an open field through the withering enemy fire to safety. Shortly afterward, Private Sabo voluntarily delivered ammunition to howitzers defending the road block despite the heavy fire concentrated on his vehicle. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth J. Walker, W2 106 256, 106th Signal Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Major Carl H. Wohlfeil, 021 907, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 18 December 1944 to 15 March 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

V -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following officers:

Second Lieutenant Jack S. Gray, O 926 898, 590th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 11 January 1945 to 6 May 1945, in France, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Second Lieutenant Joseph H. McKenzie, 02 005 608, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 16 December 1944 to 28 February 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Mississippi.

VI -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Northwest Europe, on date shown:

Staff Sergeant James L. Sullivan, 33 583 657, (then Corporal), 424th Infantry, United States Army, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VII -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Northwest Europe, on date shown:

Technical Sergeant John F. Finnegan, Jr., 33 628 498, 423d Infantry, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, on 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technical Sergeant Everett S. Hillard, 39 121 671, (then Sergeant), 423d Infantry, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, on 14 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Henry B. Sartor, 01 316 216, 100th Infantry Division, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, on 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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