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- I. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL.
II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).
III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE.

I. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

✓ Captain John C. Waller, 0342696, Field Artillery, 179th Field Artillery Group, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 7 August 1944 to 8 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

✓ First Lieutenant Lester J. Hengesach, 01181296, Field Artillery, 547th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 24 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

✓ Second Lieutenant Fly Dragoin, 01185572, Field Artillery, 547th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 23 March 1945 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

✓ Second Lieutenant Joseph L. Durham, 01133506, Field Artillery, 578th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 6 October 1944 to 16 January 1945. Entered military service from Idaho.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ Major James L. Russell, 0330080, Field Artillery, 404th Field Artillery Group, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 19 November 1944 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

✓ Captain Robert M. Maxwell, 0415062, Field Artillery, 32d Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 29 October 1944 to 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Captain Chester K. McFallen, 0507915, Field Artillery, 79th Field Artillery Group, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 15 January 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ First Lieutenant Charles F. Gaiser, 01178479, Field Artillery, 266th Field

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Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 17 November 1944 to 29 March 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant John C. Hill, Jr., 0514326, Field Artillery, 552d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 12 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

First Lieutenant Charles F. Woody, 01184442, Field Artillery, 269th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 3 December 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

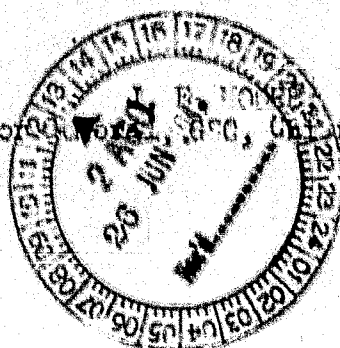
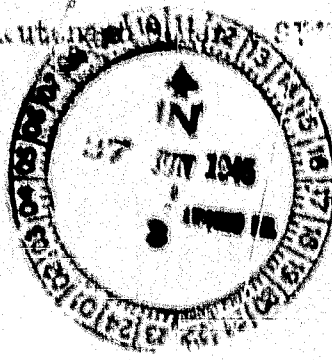
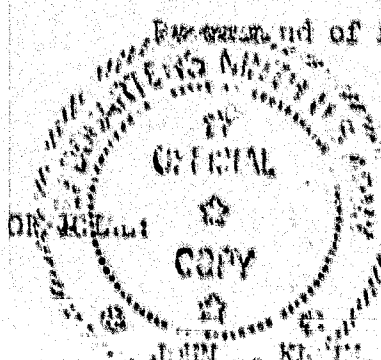
Second Lieutenant Clarence A. Holton, 01182375, Field Artillery, 878th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 13 October 1944 to 20 February 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLACQUE. Under authority contained in Section I, Circular No 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

The 214th Military Police Company distinguished itself by superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 6 June 1944 to 6 August 1944 the 214th Military Police Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 214th Military Police Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 176th Ordnance Depot Company distinguished itself by superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 12 June 1944 to 11 August 1944 the 176th Ordnance Depot Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 176th Ordnance Depot Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

For command of Lieutenant Colonel



Colonel, Adjutant General

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