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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ROLLAND W ELLIS, 37675535, Company C, 1266th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. Sergeant ELLIS was one of five men who captured the crew of a German airplane on 1 May 1945 after one of the group had caused it to crash near LAUF, GERMANY, with fire from his M-1 rifle. His quick thinking action and initiative merit high commendation.

Corporal WALTER LATZ, 36758627, Company C, 1266th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. Corporal LATZ was one of five men who captured the crew of a German airplane on 1 May 1945 after one of the group had caused it to crash near LAUF, GERMANY, with fire from his M-1 rifle. His quick thinking action and initiative merit high commendation.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN C HENDERSTEIN, 36597162, Company C, 1266th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. Technician HENDERSTEIN was one of five men who captured the crew of a German airplane on 1 May 1945 after one of the group had caused it to crash near LAUF, GERMANY, with fire from his M-1 rifle. His quick thinking action and initiative merit high commendation.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).

1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and seven Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, an eighth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOHN L GETTLE, 01176027, Field Artillery, 558th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 25 February 1945 to 11 March 1945.

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2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and five Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a sixth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant ERNEST B JACKSON, 01179462, Field Artillery, 775th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 19 February 1945 to 10 March 1945.

3. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and three Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant HERBERT E JOHNSON, 01178845, Field Artillery, 77th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 21 February 1945 to 13 March 1945.

4. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and two Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant L T GRAY JR, 01171302, Field Artillery, 174th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 22 February 1945 to 30 March 1945.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS J KRAEMER, 01171235, Field Artillery, 174th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 1 March 1945 to 16 April 1945.

First Lieutenant GEORGE E LORENTZ JR, 0520751, Field Artillery, 174th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 21 February 1945 to 27 March 1945.

First Lieutenant DONALD D MCNITT, 01174379, Field Artillery, 174th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 15 March 1945 to 11 April 1945.

5. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH M ELIAS, 01166989, Field Artillery, 656th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of

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the United States in GERMANY from 28 March 1945 to 29 April 1945.

First Lieutenant RICHARD D WILSON, 01175616, Field Artillery, 270th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 20 February 1945 to 28 March 1945.

Technician Third Grade PHILIP A REGZ, 32345042, 33d Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 26 November 1944 to 17 April 1945.

6. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and five Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a sixth, seventh and eighth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant CYRILLE J LEBLANC, 01182412, Field Artillery, 270th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 January 1945 to 20 February 1945, and in GERMANY from 20 February 1945 to 8 March 1945, and from 8 March 1945 to 28 March 1945.

7. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, two additional Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOHN H GARRELT, 01178478, Field Artillery, 277th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY from 6 January 1945 to 24 February 1945, and in GERMANY from 25 February 1945 to 27 April 1945.

8. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a first, second and third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant FRANK P ESPOSITO, 01178468, Field Artillery, 270th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 21 January 1945 to 20 February 1945, and in GERMANY from 20 February 1945 to 5 March 1945, and from 5 March 1945 to 28 March 1945.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL.

By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to:

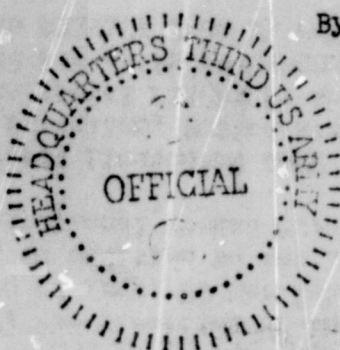
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Second Lieutenant EDWIN B JUNGE, 0456936, Field Artillery, 220th Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 1 March 1945 to 17 April 1945.

Second Lieutenant JAMES G ROTHROCK JR, 01174696, Field Artillery, 270th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 22 February 1945 to 28 March 1945.

By command of General PATTON:



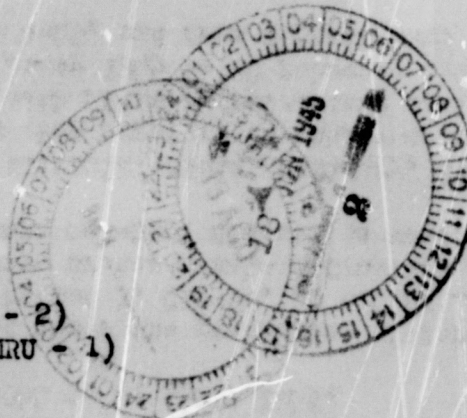
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