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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal.
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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 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT C HOPP JR, 36120378, Battery A, 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG. On 18 December 1944, near HALLER, LUXEMBOURG, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) HOPP fearlessly volunteered to enter enemy territory under the cover of darkness to evacuate three seriously wounded comrades. With utter disregard for his own safety, he drove his jeep across unfamiliar terrain which was swept by hostile artillery and small arms fire and reaching the wounded men, loaded them on his vehicle and brought them to safety behind friendly lines. Technician Fifth Grade HOPP'S courageous actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class JOHN J GARCIA, 39508207, Battery A, 170th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 29 April 1945, Private GARCIA courageously volunteered as one of a party of three to attempt to capture an enemy soldier who had crossed the Danube River near MEHRING, GERMANY, and infiltrated into American lines. When the enemy soldier was observed taking cover behind a wood pile, Private GARCIA courageously advanced to within four yards of the pile and in the sharp, close-range fire fight which ensued, succeeded in wounding the enemy soldier several times and capturing him. Private GARCIA'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 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 J EDWIN BECHT, 01165423, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 740th 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 BELGIUM on 18 December 1944.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 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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First Lieutenant FRANK E KNUTZEN, 0523384, Field Artillery, Headquarters 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 GERMANY from 23 February 1945 to 22 March 1945.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Captain ROBERT T SCOTT, 0389494, Infantry, 3325th Signal Information and Monitoring Company, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 24 December 1944 at SAARLAUTERN, GERMANY.

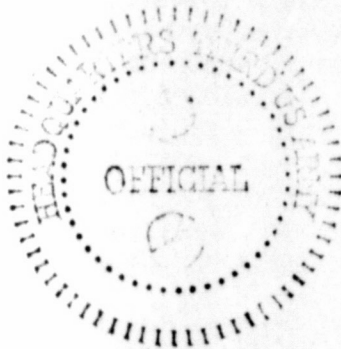
Sergeant JEAN B MILLER 38267563, Company B, 287th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 12 March 1945 at REMLAGEN, GERMANY.

Private First Class ROBERT H BOYER, 32515483, Headquarters Company, 53d Quartermaster Base Depot, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 14 September 1944 near VILLIEN, FRANCE.

Private First Class JAMES T FRANKLIN, 3524367, Company H, 119th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 26 November 1944 at BLADOFF, GERMANY.

Private First Class JACK L WADDELL, 35297022, 9th Traffic Regulation Group, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 19 November 1944 at HEERLEN, HOLLAND.

By command of General PATTON:



ROBERT R. GAY,
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