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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:

✓ Captain WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS JR, 0386097, Quartermaster Corps, 485th Quartermaster Refrigeration Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 10 August 1944 to 22 December 1944.

✓ Aspirant (Second Lieutenant) DANIEL B. LAURENT DE GUISE, French Army, 2d French Armored Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 30 November 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant ROBERT P. DEER, 37425229, 3163d Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 22 August 1944 to 5 January 1945.

✓ Technical Sergeant MICHAEL J. RYAN JR, 35741590, 89th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 6 August 1944 to 23 September 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant HENRY F. DAVIS, 14031352, 3519th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 12 November 1944 to 12 December 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant JAMES H. RICKARDS, 35003768, 3163d Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 22 August 1944 to 5 January 1945.

✓ Technical Sergeant RUDOLPH H. HART, 35561021, 172d Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 1 August 1944 to 1 December 1944.

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✓ Staff Sergeant RAYMOND L JONES, 34362203, 3463d Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 22 August 1944 to 5 January 1945.

✓ Technician Third Grade CARLTON W BRADSHAW, 11113796, 537th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company (FA), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 2 July 1944 to 9 January 1945.

✓ Technician Third Grade FRANCIS J MCHONEY, 11113785, 537th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company (FA), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 2 July 1944 to 26 December 1944.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade JOHN H SMITH, 38263792, 299th Ordnance Maintenance Company (AA), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 October 1944 to 28 December 1944.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade JOHN J DAUS, 32522741, Company "B", 168th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in ST VITH, BELGIUM from 17 December 1944 to 22 December 1944.

II. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE - 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, the Meritorious Service Unit plaque is awarded to the following units for service between the dates indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
150th Ordnance Battalion for the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and the Medical Detachment thereof.	1 August 1944 to 30 December 1944
3208th Quartermaster Service Company	1 August 1944 to 31 September 1944
641st Ordnance Depot Company	9 August 1944 to 29 December 1944
495th Quartermaster Refrigeration Company	10 August 1944 to 13 October 1944
552d Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company (Tank)	28 October 1944 to 26 December 1944
576th Ordnance Ammunition Company	10 October 1944 to 10 December 1944.
955th Quartermaster Service Company	16 October 1944 to 17 December 1944
281st Ordnance Maintenance Company (AA)	6 August 1944 to 15 December 1944

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III. UNIT COMMENDATION - The following antiaircraft units are commended for their outstanding performance of duty:

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 411th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion

"B" Battery, 411th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion

"D" Battery, 411th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion

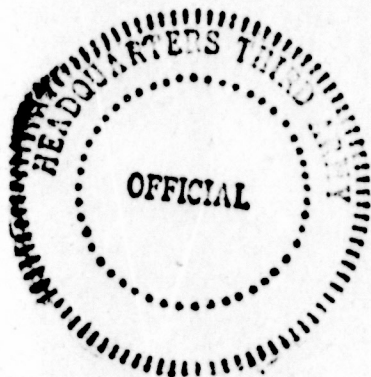
"A" Battery, 386th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

"C" Battery, 386th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion

"E" Battery, 165th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP)

On 1 January 1945, twenty-five ME 109's struck an airfield near IETZ, FRANCE. The enemy aircraft made four attacks on the field during a period of twenty minutes, strafing at ground level and diving from an altitude of approximately fifteen-hundred feet. These attacks were met by the gun crews of the above units, with typical American fortitude; each man displaying conspicuous bravery. Defending the field with rapidly developed and extremely effective fire, these units destroyed fourteen enemy aircraft and badly damaged four others. The heroic performance of these units is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



ROBERT R. GAY,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Chief of Staff.

R. E. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Adjutant General.

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