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SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster).
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR 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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Colonel JORIS B RASBACH, C15918, Field Artillery, Headquarters 76th Division Artillery, United States Army. 7 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in GERMANY.

Colonel CHARLIE WESNER, O16842, Field Artillery (Armored), Headquarters Reserve Command, 9th Armored Division, United States Army. 26 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in GERMANY.

Lieutenant Colonel STEPHEN M BATORI, O358372, Ordnance Department, 701st Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, GERMANY and CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Lieutenant Colonel RAYMOND B GRAEVES JR, O351106, Ordnance Department, Headquarters 128th Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, 6th Armored Division, United States Army. 12 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Major HAROLD L HAUSMAN, O430761, Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 3 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, GERMANY and AUSTRIA.

Captain KENNETH W HODGDON, O1165511, Field Artillery, Battery A, 314th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 20 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY and AUSTRIA.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - 1. 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:

Second Lieutenant WILBUR OAKES JR, O2008387, Coast Artillery Corps, 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 BELGIUM. During the enemy counteroffensive from 18 December 1944 to 23 December 1944 in the vicinity of ST. VITH, BELGIUM, Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) OAKES exhibited great personal courage and heroic leadership. With utter disregard for his own safety he exposed himself to intense enemy small arms and artillery fire and moved from one gun section to another, giving the men necessary information and encouraging them to carry on against the overwhelming odds. When the platoon commander became a casualty this intrepid officer assumed command of the platoon and led his men in a successful counter-

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attack against the enemy. Lieutenant OAKES' courageous actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant FRANK VOZEL, 38175393, 61st Chemical Decont Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. On 12 August 1944, Sergeant VOZEL observed a C-47 Transport aircraft crash in a nearby field. Accompanied by three other soldiers he rushed to the scene and ignoring the imminent possibility of fire or explosion from the gasoline that was leaking over the plane, broke down the door and laboriously forced his way through the debris to reach two injured officers. Sergeant VOZEL'S courageous actions were instrumental in evacuating the injured men. His fearless disregard for his personal safety and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

2. 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, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

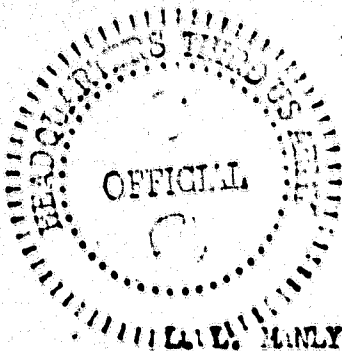
Colonel WILLIAM M HAMILTON, 0262501, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters 44th Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, United States Army. 21 November 1944 to 21 March 1945 in FRANCE.

Major JOHN E MAIER, 0454314, Field Artillery, Headquarters 257th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Captain DARREL B BISHOP, 01104055, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 145th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. 20 August 1944 to 20 December 1944 in FRANCE.

Captain MORRIS G WEST, 0520435, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 299th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

By command of General PITTON:



HOBERT R. GAY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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