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I. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:-... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

John B. Amato, 31 370 341, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 13 May 1945, near Mittersill, Austria. When ammunition in the caisson towed by Corporal Amato's truck exploded, setting fire the caisson; truck; and 105mm ammunition in the truck, he attempted to extinguish the flames. Driven back twice by exploding hand grenades and small arms ammunition, he was finally able to assist in unhitching the caisson and moving the vehicle from the scene of the explosion. Then, with complete disregard for his own safety, he jumped to the back of the truck and fearlessly helped to extinguish the burning ammunition boxes. Corporal Amato's courageous action saved the vehicle and prevented a more serious explosion which would have endangered the lives of several persons in the area. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Eugene J. DeMartini, 39 003 552, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 13 May 1945, near Mittersill, Austria. When ammunition being carried in the caisson attached to Sergeant DeMartini's truck exploded, setting fire to the caisson, truck, and 105mm ammunition in the truck, he attempted to extinguish the flames. Driven back twice by exploding hand grenades and small arms ammunition, he was finally able to assist in unhitching the caisson and moving the vehicle from the scene of the explosion. Then, with complete disregard for his own safety, he jumped to the back of the truck and fearlessly helped to extinguish the burning ammunition boxes. Sergeant DeMartini's courageous action saved the vehicle and prevented a more serious explosion which would have endangered the lives of several persons in the area. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:-... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

John H. Barrier, 37 203 220, Technician Third Grade, Field Artillery, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Eureka, Kansas.

Michael T. Barth, 37 622 270, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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William J. Birmingham, 33 136 326, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Woodrow A. Bloomquist, 36 033 583, Technical Sergeant, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Donovan, Illinois.

James M. Brinkman, 35 116 157, Corporal, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 42d Division Artillery, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ansonia, Ohio.

Theron L. Bronson, 39 920 321, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 13 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brigham, Utah.

Donald C. Cean, 42 092 084, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dexter, New York.

William Darty, 34 284 403, Corporal, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milan, Tennessee.

Earl H. Elser, 35 893 905, Corporal, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 25 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

William C. Everitt, 18 126 389, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

Theodore S. Fijolek, 31 196 521, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Britain, Connecticut.

Frank T. Francis, 33 888 077, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

William Gibelman, 32 996 999, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

PAUL M. GOEBEL, 0 348 509, First Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, 42d Quartermaster Company, from 18 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Kenneth B. Goodson, 33 891 379, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 25 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Athol Graham, 39 914 569, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Robert C. Hine, 37 704 043, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Durango, California.

Frank H. House, 33 732 213, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Corps of Military Police, 42d Infantry Division Military Police Platoon, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in Germany. Entered military service from Frederick, Maryland.



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Robert E. Hovel, 18 073 442, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bryan, Texas.

Parker S. Huff, 33 794 678, Technician Fifth Grade, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 3 March 1945 to 2 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Darrell D. Jackson, 36 478 872, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Shumway, Illinois.

Clarence J. Johnson, 35 707 879, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company A, 122d Medical Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

George A. Kern, 6 935 231, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

John I. King, 42 023 076, Technician Fifth Grade, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Onondaga, New York.

Jack M. Kirkpatrick, 39 334 208, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Robert W. Krauskopf, 35 166 062, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Jesse W. Lane, 14 011 342, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

Neal S. Loomis, 37 676 262, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Prairie City, Iowa.

Jack V. Lynn, 35 397 708, Corporal, Quartermaster Corps, 42d Quartermaster Company, from 20 February 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

MALCOLM A. MCCLAIN, 02 006 315, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company H, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Marino, California.

Claudie P. Mitchell, 38 602 511, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Battery, 42d Division Artillery, from 15 February 1945 to 5 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Malvern, Arkansas.

Charles Morgenstern, 39 418 351, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Modesto, California.

Orval S. Morton, 39 918 439, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kayville, Utah.

Ralph W. Persico, 33 025 069, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 42d Infantry Division, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Douglas Phillips, 34 827 432, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery A, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Barre, Massachusetts.

Shannon C. Reeves, 36 872 709, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery B, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Alvis L. Rustin, 36 577 344, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 42d Infantry Division, from 1 March 1945 to 8 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wayne City, Michigan.

Frederick E. Schultz, 18 201 375, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery B, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Holland, Texas.

Stephen Stezar, 32 106 130, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

Harry A. Taliaferro, 16 105 621, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery A, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Scott Field, Illinois.

Emil S. Vlasek, 35 913 516, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Millard L. Williams, 33 537 757, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 26 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from McHenry, Virginia.

THADDEUS M. WYNN JR, O 551 699, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company F, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sevierville, Tennessee.

III. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:---. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

James R. Allen, 38 013 498, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Field Artillery, Battery B, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lovington, New Mexico.

✓ IV. REVOCATIONS:---. So much of Paragraph 1, General Orders Number 13, dated 12 January 1946, this headquarters, as pertains to PRESTON BROWN JR, O1 183 028, First Lieutenant is revoked.

✓ So much of Paragraph 2, General Orders 17, dated 16 January 1946, this headquarters, as pertains to Byrl D. Lopp, 37 537 997, Private First Class is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

EDWIN RUSTBERG,

Lt. Col., General Staff Corps,

Actg. Chief of Staff

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