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Award of the Soldier's Medal ..... I  
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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:

Leslie W. Endeward, 36 240 171, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on 12 April 1945, at Schweinfurt, Germany. Upon entering Schweinfurt, elements of the 222d Infantry found a woman trapped alive beneath the rubble and wreckage of a bombed building which was on the verge of further collapse. In attempting to rescue the woman, an American officer was overcome by toxic gases in the closed area under the debris, and was in danger of succumbing. Sergeant Endeward, braving the danger of the poisonous fumes and of the imminent collapse of the building, voluntarily crawled through the wreckage, reached the unconscious officer, and carried him to safety. Through his gallant action, Sergeant Endeward saved the life of an American officer. Entered military service from Jackson County, Minnesota.

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 achievement in action:

Nicholas Aschittino, 37 324 401, Corporal (then Private First Class), Corps of Military Police, 42d Infantry Division Military Police Platoon, on 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Vernon C. Boehner, 36 766 045, Private First Class, Corps of Military Police, 42d Infantry Division Military Police Platoon, on 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Joliet, Illinois.

George F. Doss, 18 031 464, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 29-30 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Taylor, Texas.

John J. Dunphy, 42 116 949, Private First Class (then Private), Corps of Military Police, 42d Infantry Division Military Police Platoon, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Salem, New Jersey.

James J. Faulds, 35 207 575, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion 232d Infantry Regiment, on 12 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from War, West Virginia.

WILLIAM H. GOULD, 02 006 329, Second Lieutenant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 9 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Washington D. C.

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Albert G. Gross, 39 364 663, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 10 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

WILSON C. HARPER, 026 663, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Charles J. Healy, 39 476 181, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Arnold L. Hodel, 31 447 253, Private First Class, Corps of Military Police, 42d Infantry Division Military Police Platoon, on 6-10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Louis P. Johnson, 12 061 510, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 9 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Arthur A. Koch, 37 730 610, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

William Fracov, 42 074 641, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Robert M. Normoyle, 36 841 955, Private First Class (then Private), Corps of Military Police, 42d Infantry Division Military Police Platoon, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

William Odrechowski, 33 674 121, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

Oscar W. Olson, 42 141 323, Private First Class, (then Private), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 9 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

Samuel P. Rotfus, 12 147 549, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Paul L. Teems, 34 948 060, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Cedartown, Georgia.

Harlan T. Thompson, 17 090 707, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from San Marino, California.

Howard E. Thorne, 33 437 609, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 29-30 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Lowell F. Tuft, 16 115 909, Corporal (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

August C. Yos, 36 670 632, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 29-30 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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Eugene F. Zbikowski, 37 588 005, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5-7 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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 achievement in action:


Milton W. Brachford, 36 832 494, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 16 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from West Allis Wisconsin.

Wayne H. McElhaney, 33 933 081, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 22 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Franklin, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

EDWIN RUSTEBERG,  
Lt. Col., General Staff Corps,  
Actg. Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
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