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I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.
II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL.
III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE.

I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant Karl W. Cosen, 39408469, Corps of Engineers, 1503rd Engineer Water Supply Company, United States Army. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant David M. Kuykendall, 38032163, Corps of Engineers, 1503rd Engineer Water Supply Company, United States Army. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Peter T. Martucci, 36870243, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade George L. Farmer, Jr., 34778688, Medical Department, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal John J. Abrahamson, 32414064, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal Robert A. Deen, 34789535, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Florida.

Corporal Alden W. Jeffs, 31261219, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Jack A. Shirley, 34778558, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Willie A. Collins, 34779234, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Thomas A. Goodhue, 36870211, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Dominic Nicolo, 31363162, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Marvin C. Betts, 34634660, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private Martin A. Cebula, 42113437, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from New York.

Private Russell E. Major, 36870079, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Paul J. Roberson, 15064555, Corps of Engineers, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Virginia.

For distinguishing themselves by acts of heroism involving voluntary risk of life on 24 March 1945. A friendly plane crashed in the midst of a munition dump. Although flames from the burning plane had already set fire to a number of boxes containing high explosives, the above named enlisted men fully realizing the peril of the situation voluntarily risked their lives in connection with rescuing seven members of the crew and removing them to safety and in trying to control the flames which, a short time later, set off hundreds of pounds of explosives. The heroism and courage of these individuals reflect much credit upon themselves and uphold the highest traditions of the military service.

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II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Marvin A. Becker, 01184771, Field Artillery, 547th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 23 March 1945 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Bruce D. Marshall, 01184258, Field Artillery, 547th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 23 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

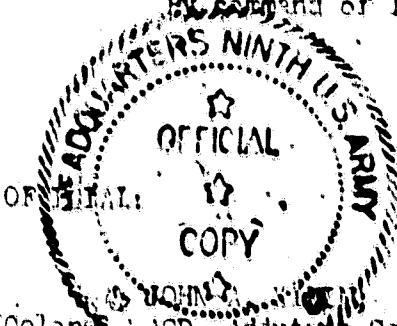
First Lieutenant Joseph F. Morgan, 0531355, Field Artillery, 265th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 28 February 1945 to 29 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under authority contained in Section I, Circular No 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

The 524th Military Police Battalion for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 4 November 1944 to 25 April 1945, the 524th Military Police Battalion rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 524th Military Police Battalion is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 463rd Medical Collecting Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 1 January 1945 to 21 April 1945, the 463rd Medical Collecting Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 463rd Medical Collecting Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



Colonel JOHN [unclear]
Colonel AGD, Adjutant General.

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