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I --- BATTLE HONORS. Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular 333, War Department, 22 December 1943, as amended, Company "F", 137th Infantry is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy at Saarguemines, France, on 10 December 1944. During the operation against Saarguemines, a key defense position guarding the approaches to the Siegfried Line and Germany proper, Company "F" effected a crossing of the Saar River against heavy enemy opposition, and in a brilliant flanking movement, executed under heavy enemy fire of all types, its left assault platoon fell upon a pottery plant while the right assault platoon deployed for an attack from the rear. Saarguemines was defended by a network of pill boxes, trenches and anti-tank obstacles, and the pottery plant itself constituted the key to the southern and eastern defenses of the city. One squad of the left assault platoon advanced into a factory building while the remainder of the platoon was pinned down by withering fire from inside the plant. The squad entering the building employed small arms and hand grenades to engage the enemy in a bitter fight, which relieved the pressure on the troops pinned down outside the building. During an intense four-hour fire fight, Company "F" engaged the two determined companies of SS Troops which occupied the pottery plant and environs in close-in and hand-to-hand fighting among the maze of machinery, pottery baking ovens and display shelves, during the fury of which action the troops of Company "F" employed in addition to their fire arms, hand grenades, trench knives, bayonets, and even pottery pieces. Enemy troops fleeing from the pressure of the left assault platoon into another building were surprised by the right platoon, which had entered the factory from the rear. After recovering from the initial shock, the enemy, with superior numbers, counterattacked the right assault platoon, but the support platoon, with superb timing, crushed the counterattack. The enemy then increased the intensity of his artillery, tank, self-propelled and 20mm fire on the attacking forces, preparatory to launching a full scale counterattack. However, the company skillfully countered the thrust and pursued the enemy through the city from house to house, liberating 995 allied prisoners of war along the way. Company "F" lost thirteen enlisted men wounded. The enemy lost forty-three killed, seventy-five captured, and twenty-six wounded. This company accomplished its assigned task under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, in disregard of personal safety, and against a determined enemy, superior in numbers and occupying strong defensive positions. The action is an outstanding example of group daring and courage. The extraordinary heroism, exemplary skill, inspiring resourcefulness and superior initiative displayed in this crucial operation reflect the highest credit upon the officers and men of Company "F", 137th Infantry, and upon the military service of the United States.

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II --- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to Chaplain (Captain) Samuel G. Lovell Jr, O-542700, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * * France, on 16 November 1944. During an enemy barrage in the town of * * * *, France, Chaplain Lovell rushed out into the street to evacuate a wounded soldier. While engaged in this task, he himself was wounded by an enemy shell. Disregarding his personal injuries, he continued to administer to the soldier and evacuated him to the aid station. At the aid station Chaplain Lovell's wounds were dressed and he remained at his post until the next day, meanwhile ministering to additional wounded personnel. Chaplain Lovell's actions, performed without thought of personal safety, are in accordance with the highest military tradition. Entered the military service from Florida.

III --- BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Chaplain (Captain) Samuel G Lovell Jr, O-542700, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany from 20 October 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered the military service from Florida.

IV --- PURPLE HEART. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Weekly Directive No. 38, Hq AGF, dated 18 September 1945, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates and in countries indicated:

<u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE AND PLACE WOUNDED</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
MAJOR LLOYD A SMITH O-330120, MEDICAL CORPS	7 Mar 45, Germany	Minnesota
CAPTAIN DAVID ROBINSON O-438684, MEDICAL CORPS	4 Apr 45, Germany	Connecticut
CAPTAIN JOHN H SHUMATE O1735743, INFANTRY	16 Dec 44, France	North Carolina
FIRST LIEUTENANT REX K ADAMS O1307631 INFANTRY	28 Nov 44, France	Ohio
FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT SHAPIRO O1057880 INFANTRY	9 Apr 45, Germany	New York
Sergeant Jack T Kirksey 36992473 Infantry	28 Feb 45, Germany	Michigan
Sergeant Roman Kravetsky 32766594 Infantry	16 Dec 44, Germany	Unknown
Sergeant Alton Wells 15087064 Infantry	15 Nov 44, France	Unknown
Private First Class Pasquale Alfano 42144183 Infantry	2 Apr 45, Germany	Michigan
Private First Class Joseph Barhera 42136596 Infantry	2 Apr 45, Germany	New York
Private First Class Edward M Cantor 36969318 Infantry	28 Feb 45, Germany	Michigan
Private First Class Edward S Dohanos 35931386 Infantry	18 Apr 45, Germany	Ohio

V --- PURPLE HEART. So much of Section VIII, General Orders Number 49, Hq, 35th Infantry Division, 25 June 1945, as pertains to Corporal Herbert W Baker, 35847890, Infantry, Private First Class Hubert P Bradford, 35779683, Infantry, and Private John G Hernandez, 37512537, Infantry is rescinded.

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VI --- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of Section V, General Orders Number 13, Hq, 35th Infantry Division, 20 February 1945, as pertains to Major Martin L DeLong, O-791289, Air Corps, is deleted.

VII --- BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER). So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 13, Hq, 35th Infantry Division, 20 February 1945, as awards a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded is amended to include the following:

Major Martin L DeLong, O-791289, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg from 1 September 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered the military service from New York.

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