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I. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

Frederick Budge, 12095640, Tec 3, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Germany on 9 February 1945, while participating in aerial flights in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 February 1945, an infantry battalion was isolated across the unbridged Our River opposite Hoesdorf, Luxembourg. Tec 3 Budge volunteered to accompany a liaison pilot and assist in dropping desperately needed supplies to this isolated unit. The flight was extremely hazardous due to the low visibility over the Siegfried Line and the closeness of the enemy to the narrow occupied ground. Tec 3 Budge accompanied the pilot on two such flights despite heavy concentrations of machine gun, anti-aircraft, and small arms fire, and successfully delivered one hundred sixty pounds of ammunition, rations, signal equipment, and medical supplies to the beleaguered unit. The courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed by Tec 3 Budge exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

LLOYD C. COLE, 01174536, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Germany on 9 February 1945, while participating in aerial flights in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 February 1945, an infantry battalion was isolated across the unbridged Our River opposite Hoesdorf, Luxembourg. Capt Cole volunteered to pilot his plane carrying desperately needed supplies to this isolated unit. The flight was extremely hazardous due to the low visibility over the Siegfried Line and the closeness of the enemy to the narrow occupied ground. Capt Cole made nine such flights despite heavy concentrations of machine gun, anti-aircraft, and small arms fire, and successfully delivered seven hundred twenty pounds of ammunition, rations, signal equipment, and medical supplies to the beleaguered unit. The courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed by Capt Cole exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

Wayne J. Dennis, 16035755, Tec 5, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Germany on 9 February 1945, while parti

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aerial flights in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 February 1945, an infantry battalion was isolated across the unbridged Our River opposite Hoesdorf, Luxembourg. Tec 5 Dennis volunteered to accompany a liaison pilot and assist in dropping desperately needed supplies to this isolated unit. The flight was extremely hazardous due to the low visibility over the Siegfried Line and the closeness of the enemy to the narrow occupied ground. Tec 5 Dennis accompanied the pilot on seven such flights despite heavy concentrations of machine gun, anti-aircraft, and small arms fire, and successfully delivered five hundred sixty pounds of ammunition, rations, signal equipment, and medical supplies to the beleaguered unit. The courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Dennis exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Dakota.

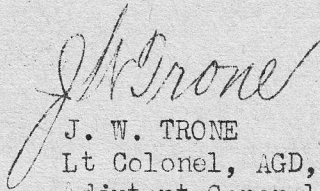
Ralph E. White, 33274279, Pvt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Germany on 9 February 1945, while participating in aerial flights in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 9 February 1945, an infantry battalion was isolated across the unbridged Our River opposite Hoesdorf, Luxembourg. Pvt White volunteered to accompany a liaison pilot and assist in dropping desperately needed supplies to this isolated unit. The flight was extremely hazardous due to the low visibility over the Siegfried Line and the closeness of the enemy to the narrow occupied ground. Pvt White accompanied the pilot on seven such flights despite heavy concentrations of machine gun, anti-aircraft, and small arms fire, and successfully delivered five hundred sixty pounds of ammunition, rations, signal equipment, and medical supplies to the beleaguered unit. The courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed by Pvt White exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

**AWARD OF PURPLE HEART:** By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded Pvt Ronald D. Ayre, 37735069, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 23 February 1945.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

S. P. WALKER  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
J. W. TRONE  
Lt Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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