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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT INFANTRY  
APO 90, U S Army

GENERAL ORDERS,

21 May 1945

NUMBER 72

I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 Sep 43, as amended, The Purple Heart is awarded to the following O and EM for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on the dates indicated:

*5/10*  
*CAF\**  
*H/C*

RANK	NAME	ASN	A or S	DATE	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
CAPT	BERNHARDT T. BERGESSON ✓	0 353 760	Inf	27 Jul 44	Montana
Pfc	Ezra G. Imman ✓	34 996 857	Inf	11 Jan 45	North Carolina
Pvt	Ernest L. Ortiz ✓	38 094 869	Inf	3 Jul 44	Texas

\* Wounded in Luxembourg.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER). Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 Sep 43, as amended, and in addition to The Purple Heart previously awarded to them, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following EM for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on the dates indicated:

*MD\**  
*CAF*  
*CAF*

RANK	NAME	ASN	A or S	DATE	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Tec 4	Russell J. DeBenedetto ✓	38 487 442	MD	10 Feb 45	Louisiana
Pfc	John W. Choate ✓	38 096 445	Inf	9 Jul 44	Texas
Pfc	John W. Choate ✓	38 096 445	Inf	20 Aug 44	Texas

*Entered on cards 18 June 45*  
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\* Wounded in Germany.

III. AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE. Under the provisions of WD Circular 408, 17 Oct 44, as amended, The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following EM, Co E, retroactive to the dates indicated:

RANK	NAME	ASN	DATE
Sgt	Robert L. Gehrke	31 216 637	1 Mar 45
✓ Pvt	Alan B. Chambers	31 321 133	1 Apr 45
Pvt	Herbert L. Hannemann	15 107 775	1 May 45
Pvt	Joseph D. Rhoades	33 502 863	3 Apr 45
Pvt	Clinton R. Sloan	35 835 222	1 Apr 45
Pvt	Billy B. Taylor	37 713 575	1 May 45

IV. AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, 4 May 43, as amended, The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to the following EM, Co H:

RANK	NAME	ASN	ELIGIBLE DATE
Tec 5	Henry E. Rittmeyer	36 448 839	15 Feb. 45
Pfc	John J. Brignole	31 408 388	6 Dec 44

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ELIGIBLE DATE</u>
Pfc	Ernest R. Colemam	34 648 781	17 Mar 44
Pfc	Dominic J. Crappio	33 929 408	19 Mar 44
Pfc	Dale D. Dehne	39 707 116	3 Aug 44
Pfc	Sylvester Vinson	37 640 781	19 May 45
Pfc	Joe E. Ward	37 639 913	3 May 45
Pvt	James A. Brown	34 882 194	2 Aug 44
Pvt	Wallace J. Stone	32 860 805	10 Apr 44

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