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Description

President Harry S. Truman (center) is shaking hands with U.S. Army Master Sergeant Charles L. McCaha, Cosby, Tennessee, after he presented him the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery shown during battle at Luzon, Philippine Islands on February 7, 1945. The event was held on the White House lawn. Standing to the back left of President Truman is Naval Aide Captain James K. Vardaman and directly behind Truman is Admiral William D. Leahy. Ceremonies were held on the White House south grounds in order that they may be witnessed by two bus-loads of disabled veterans, who had planned to see the White House grounds from bus. An African American soldier is shown in a wheelchair on the right.

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March 27, 1946

8x10 inches (21x26 cm) Black & White

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People Pictured Leahy, William D. (William Daniel), 1875-1959 Vardaman, James K. (James Kimble), 1894-1972
McCaha, Charles L., 1914-1984 Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972

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