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Establishment of NATOUSA Ground Forces Training Center I
Announcement of Commandant NATOUSA Ground Forces Training Center II

I -- ESTABLISHMENT OF NATOUSA GROUND FORCES TRAINING CENTER.

1. Effective as of 30 December 1943, the NATOUSA Ground Forces Training Center, APO 534, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York, is established.

2. Initially it will consist of:

a. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, (Provisional), NATOUSA Ground Forces Training Center.

b. Leadership and Battle Training School, now operated by the 6702d Leadership and Battle Training Company (Provisional).

c. Engineer Training School, now operated by the 6700th Engineer Training Company (Provisional).

d. Signal Training School, now operated by the 3660th Signal School Company (Provisional).

3. Additional Schools may be established at a later date as directed by this headquarters.

II - ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMANDANT, NATOUSA GROUND FORCES TRAINING CENTER

Announcement is made of the designation of Colonel JOSEPH W. ICKE, 06950, FA., as Commandant, NATOUSA Ground Forces Training Center.

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Organization of the Northern Base Section I
Designation of Commanding Officer, Northern Base Section II

I -- ORGANIZATION OF THE NORTHERN BASE SECTION

Effective 1 January 1944, the Northern Base Section is organized and assigned to this headquarters.

II - DESIGNATION OF COMMANDING OFFICER, NORTHERN BASE SECTION

By direction of the President, Colonel JOHN P. RATAY, FA, 06567, is designated Commanding Officer, Northern Base Section.

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Civil Defense Advisor Section.....I
Award of Soldier's Medal.....II
Award of Legion of Merit.....III

I -- CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISOR SECTION

Sections I and II, General Orders Number 42, this headquarters, cs, which announce the establishment and chief of Civil Defense Advisor Section of this headquarters, are revoked.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

ROY F. ZORENS, 35124755, Private, for heroism on 13 October 1943. A group of British soldiers were swimming in the sea at Algeria, when one of them became exhausted in the rough water and was drawn a considerable distance from shore. Private Zorens, despite great personal danger from the strong current, swam to the then unconscious swimmer, and with great difficulty towed him ashore, whereupon he aided in administering artificial respiration. Private Zoren's heroic efforts in saving the life of this British soldier are deserving of the highest praise. Entered service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

III- AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

MILES A. DAVIS, JR., 37149717, Technician Third Grade, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 31 March 1943 to 30 September 1943. He rendered invaluable services as assistant and later chief clerk in the Quartermaster section of a large Services of Supply headquarters, engaged in servicing the task forces of two major overseas operations. He displayed great ingenuity and initiative in the establishment of adequate section methods and procedures, and in training personnel. With an acceptance of responsibility far beyond his grade and experience, he performed a multiplicity of onerous duties, enabling his section to function effectively despite unusual assignments. Entered service from Kansas City, Missouri.

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LAWRENCE E. FOX, 6150708, Staff Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 26 December 1942 to 23 March 1943. Sergeant Fox not only performed his assigned duties as battery signal sergeant with conspicuous efficiency, but, by his own aggressiveness, established and maintained a wire section that was definitely superior. On many occasions when communications were cut by enemy artillery fire, he quickly effected repairs, disregarding fatigue, bitter weather and enemy action, and always selected the more dangerous and difficult missions for himself. Entered service from Riverhead, New York.

ALEXANDER W. KOWALSKI, 11006430, Staff Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 8 November 1942 to 7 May 1943. During the periods of combat in which his battery engaged, Staff Sergeant Kowalski (then Corporal), as chief of a field artillery battalion instrument section, developed and maintained a most efficient group. His zeal, enthusiasm and foresight in the training of his men was in a large measure responsible for the accurate and effective artillery fire delivered by his battery. Entered service from Greenfield, Massachusetts.

JOHN J. GROSZ, 6979422, Staff Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 17 February 1943 to 8 May 1943. Throughout several intense battles he personally supervised the litter squads of his section, and in many instances went forward in the face of deadly enemy artillery fire to pick up the wounded when his men became exhausted. Through his outstanding leadership and administrative efficiency, he secured the willing cooperation of all and established a superior record for both himself and his section. Entered service from Chicopee, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH E. DUPREY, 6154599, Technical Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 23 December 1942 to 25 April 1943. As noncommissioned officer in charge of vertical control in a field artillery battalion fire direction center, he distinguished himself by his rare ability, versatility, and accurateness. His constantly superior performance not only contributed substantially to the destruction of many enemy positions, but by his unfailing solicitude for others, he inspired both the enlisted men and officers to extend their efforts to the maximum of endurance. Entered service from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

By command of General EISENHOWER

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

FRANK C. CAMPENO, 6665791, First Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 17 November 1942 to 17 August 1943. Through his initiative and superior leadership in combat during the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns, he engendered an unexcelled esprit de corps and pride in his company. On two occasions when officers became casualties, he assumed command of platoons and gallantly led them forward to take their objectives. His personal influence on the morale of his men has been paramount in the success of his company. Entered service from Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

ROBERT J. VINSON, 6379928, Master Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 7 January 1943. As communications chief, Master Sergeant Vinson's efficient handling of wire and radio communications contributed in a large measure to the successful operation of his battalion during the initial landings in North Africa. When his unit was attached to the British First Army, his technical skill, ability and knowledge of British and American communication equipment surmounted the hardships of adverse battle and weather conditions and insured efficient communications. Entered service from Watertown, New York.

BRUCE IOWERY, 6342589, Master Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 14 October 1942 to 30 August 1943. In addition to the superior performance of his duties as armament inspector in a medium bombardment group, Sergeant Lowery rendered invaluable services which contributed to the increased operational efficiency of his unit. Possessed of an expert knowledge of aerial guns and their use, his above mere of invaluable assistance in providing for greater security and fighting effectiveness. Assuming responsibilities beyond his rank, he conducted classes in all phases of aerial gunnery, and voluntarily took part in operational missions as a combat gunner. Entered service from Bossier City, Louisiana.

REINHART W. [illegible], 0814630, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as group armament officer in a medium bombardment group from 6 August 1942 to 30 August 1943. His exceptional resourcefulness in adapting, designing and constructing needed parts from salvaged materials has prevented serious operational delays. He supervised, planned and installed additional arms and armament in his unit's planes, which contributed immeasurably to the destruction of many enemy aircraft, and improved the security of the group during its operations in North Africa. Entered service from Forest Hills, New York.

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WALTER LUND, 0483969, Captain, Air Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as engineering and material officer of a medium bombardment group from 1 August 1942 to 10 May 1943. His enthusiasm, ability and thorough professional knowledge contributed greatly to the group's exceptional performances. Due to his efforts his subordinates have been thoroughly trained and the group unusually well equipped. He was responsible for structural modifications which notably improved the safety and combat effectiveness of his unit's aircraft and of all B-25 type planes. Entered service from San Diego, California.

RALPH I. PADDOCK, JR., 0306892, Major, Field Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as S-3 of a field artillery battalion, from 25 December 1942 to 9 May 1943. During the Tunisian Campaign, under his personal supervision and instruction, the battalion fire direction center attained a degree of proficiency approaching perfection. In the operations at Kasserine Pass, fire direction of his battalion was responsible for the destruction, within one fifteen minute period, of fourteen Mark IV and Mark VI tanks, and by its effectiveness broke the enemy's tank-infantry attack. At El Guettar, during the attack of the German 10th Panzer Division, the deadly accuracy of Major Paddock's superbly trained fire unit enabled its own batteries, and those of attached battalions, to render especially effective artillery support. Entered service from Katonah, New York.

ROBERT N. TYSON, 012594, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Sicily from November 1942 to 17 August 1943. When the battalion commander and nearly one-fourth of the officers became battle casualties, Lieutenant Colonel Tyson immediately assumed command, reorganized the battalion and extricated it from a precarious situation. Remaining in command, he developed an outstanding battle efficiency throughout the remainder of the Tunisian Campaign and in Sicily. In several engagements the superior gunnery of this battalion was the decisive factor. Entered the United States Military Academy from Alabama.

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, 0396475, Colonel, Air Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 November 1942 to 30 October 1943. By his dynamic energy and inspiring zeal, he built the small photographic and reconnaissance group which he commanded, into a photo reconnaissance wing which controlled the preparation of photographic intelligence for all planning staffs and operations in the theater. His keen insight into the invaluable aid of aerial photography, and the knowledge of its practical application, enabled him to make an outstanding contribution to the success of the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns, and of the initial operations in Italy. Entered service from Benbrook, Texas.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

1. The following Special Christmas Message has been received from The Honorable Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War:

"In the midst of War the coming of Christmas has a deep significance. Christmas becomes the symbol of our hope for peace and good will for our nation and throughout the world. Our thoughts turn to the men and women who will spend this Christmas day far from their home, many on the field of battle itself, striving to bring about the victories which will realize this Christmas hope of future peace. These thoughts are in my mind as I send my greetings not only to our troops but to the thousands of civilians who are serving in the military establishments which provide arms and equipment for the front. Whatever and wherever your station, I know that you are performing with a soldierly devotion the duties to which you have been assigned and at this Christmas season I wish to express to you my deep appreciation. In the Theater of War our troops have accepted hardships and sacrifices with a fortitude which recognizes that these are the necessary prices of victory. Your deeds on the battlefield have been an inspiration to millions of your countrymen. To the love which your families and friends hold for you has been added the gratitude of the nation. On this day I send you my greetings. Throughout AMERICA the light of Christmas burns brightly in remembrance of you and in prayer for your return. God grant that your hand may be strengthened to hasten the day of final victory. Upon you and your comrades in arms, the world depends for the restoration of Christmas day as a symbol of peace on earth."

2. It is desired that this message be read or otherwise brought to the attention of all personnel both military and civilian in this theater on the morning of Christmas day.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD,
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

1. The following special Christmas messages have been received from the Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States:

TO OUR ILL OR WOUNDED FIGHTERS

"On behalf of a grateful nation, I welcome the privilege of sending you Christmas good wishes. The uncomplaining gallantry of our American soldier and sailor in his quiet patient battle against illness and aching wound is no less epic than his uncompromising gallantry in his more widely heralded fight against the Axis. We cannot wish you a Merry Christmas. We can salute you -- and we do. We can pray -- and we do: May God speed your recovery."

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

"Two years ago Americans observed Christmas in the first dark hours of a global war. By sacrifice and courage and stern devotion to duty, you accepted the challenge boldly. You have met and overcome a determined enemy on the land, on the sea, and in the air. Fighting with skill and bravery, you have already destroyed his dream of conquest. This Christmas, I feel a sense of deep humility before the great courage of the men and women of our Armed Forces. As your Commander-in-Chief, I send my greeting with pride in your heroic accomplishments. To you the Nation's prayers will be raised on Christmas Day. Through you at last the peace of Christmas will be restored to this land in our certain victory."

(signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

2. It is desired that the President's messages be read or otherwise brought to the personal attention of all personnel of this command on the morning of Christmas Day.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
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15 December 1943

Award of Legion of Merit, by the War Department..... I
Award of Legion of Merit..... II

I -- AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT, BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit, to the following named individual:

LEVI L. PENNY, 01181O, Colonel, Air Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from July 1939 to May 1943. As Chief of the Maintenance Engineering Branch, Field Service Section of the Materiel Command and the Air Service Command, Colonel Penny displayed great professional skill in organizing the maintenance activities of the Air Corps. His comprehensive grasp of engineering problems and wide experience in carrying out the functions of maintenance of aircraft constituted a material factor in the fulfillment of the mission of the Air Service Command during a critical period in the expansion of the Army Air Forces in the theaters of operations.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

WILLIAM E. [illegible], 36202589, Technician Third Grade, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. As senior technician in charge of an automotive repair section operating in support of a combat team, this enlisted man, by both his individual performance and his leadership, was an unfailing inspiration to the members of his company. His indefatigable dedication of a thorough and varied technical knowledge, and able direction of the men under him, enabled his section to furnish the combat team with a maximum number of vehicles. Enlisted service from Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM FITZGERALD, JR., 12091179, Staff Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Sicily from 18 November 1942 to 5 September 1943. Sergeant Fitzgerald's excellent judgment and leadership contributed importantly to a high degree of productivity of the port battalion of which he was a member. In addition his voluntary efforts in rendering habitable various buildings in which the organization was bivouacked, and unceasing concern for its well being has done much to create in his company a high state of morale. Enlisted service from New York, New York.

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RICHARD E. JOHNSON, 36003575, Staff Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 February 1943 to 17 November 1943. In complete charge of bread issue and stock control in a combat zone bakery during the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns, and in post-campaign operations in Sicily, Sergeant Johnson demonstrated great initiative and a keen comprehension of the problems at hand. Through persistence and ability he transformed a dilapidated and fabrication installation in Sicily into a highly productive and unsightly sporting bakery, thus performing a most noteworthy service. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

LOVELL J. KAYLOR, 34015821, Staff Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 22 November 1942 to 4 January 1943, at Casablanca, French Morocco. He rendered invaluable services in the establishment of new ammunition dumps during a critical period. His initiative in assuming responsibility and fine leadership, his painstaking attention to detail, and the exemplary manner in which he carried on under exceedingly unfavorable weather conditions, contributed immeasurably to the successful accomplishment of an important mission. Entered service from Lenoir, North Carolina.

JOHN L. PETERSEN, 19000262, Staff Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 December 1942 to 29 September 1943. As a member of an ordnance maintenance company automotive section during operations in North Africa and Sicily, Staff Sergeant Personnel displayed continual initiative in the development of more efficient methods and numerous new procedures for the improvement of vehicular repair. His outstanding workmanship and ability as an instructor made him a vital force in the successful operation of this unit. Entered service from Provo Valley, California.

CLIFTON L. ADAMS, 0-17[illegible], Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during operations in French Morocco, Tunisia, and Sicily, from 8 November 1942 to 17 August 1943. His distinguished leadership and outstanding professional ability enabled the field artillery battalion he commanded to accomplish successfully numerous difficult support missions. At a critical period of the campaign in Tunisia, he led his troops in a sustained march of four days from French Morocco to the Tunisian battle front, arriving with his command in such excellent condition that it was able immediately to assist in stopping an enemy advance. Personally reconnoitering dangerous reconnaissance in forward areas, he was a constant inspiration to his men. Entered service from Montgomery, Alabama.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Award of Soldier's Medal..... I
Award of Legion of Merit..... II

I - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

LYNN R. REED, JR., 20402304, Corporal, ** Railway Operating Battalion, for heroism on 22 September 1943 at Finocchito, Sicily. A grass fire, fanned by a strong wind, ignited eight cars of ammunition in the railroad yards and endangered the entire yard area containing 110 carloads of ammunition and oil. Corporal Reed, on duty as a telegraph operator, unmindful of the danger of injury or death, voluntarily became a part of a quickly organized train crew which removed sixteen cars of ammunition coupled directly to those which were burning. He then assisted in removing all of the remaining cars from the area. By his heroic conduct in the face of great danger from exploding ammunition and flying shrapnel, he was instrumental in saving large amounts of critically needed supplies. Entered service from Macon, Georgia.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

HOWARD J. M[illegible], 32111643, Technical Sergeant, ** Engineer Topographical Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services at Bizerte, Tunisia, from 17 May 1943 to 7 June 1943. While his organization was proceeding a hydrographic survey of the port and lake at Bizerte, incident to the planning of embarkation operations from that area, Sergeant [illegible], in charge of the project's field office, displayed qualities of resourcefulness and technical ability far above those expected from one of his rank. Assuming complete responsibility for the manifold details of field and office procedure, he performed the administrative chores and much of the actual technical work with a proficiency which enabled maintenance of a seemingly impossible rate of operations, and successful completion of this urgent mission well in advance of schedule. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.

[illegible]on S. TIMM, 35260822, Technical Sergeant, ** Chemical Maintenance Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as leader of his company's repair platoon from 3 April 1943 to 30 September 1943. During the Tunisian Campaign, he successfully organized and established

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a suction supply dump, and through able leadership of his men, rendered highly valuable services in the maintenance of chemical warfare facilities at advanced supply posts. Improvements which he devised in a machine for servicing gas masks greatly expedited this work and effected a considerable reduction in its cost. Entered service from Dayton, Ohio.

EARL M. COOPER, 0406305, Captain, Inf., ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 July 1943 to 17 August 1943. Aboard a transport ship enroute to Sicily during the initial invasion, he supervised the billeting and later the unloading of 1700 officers and men. Upon landing he collected stragglers, vehicles, supplies and equipment and transported them to the forward troops. On one occasion he voluntarily took command of one echelon of the second battalion, organized various elements into a composite fighting group and successfully defended the right flank of the regiment during an enemy night counterattack. He performed his duties as Headquarters Commandant in a superior manner and throughout the Sicilian Campaign unhesitatingly led supply elements to the forward lines to personally assure adequate ammunition and food supply. Entered service from Enfaula, Oklahoma.

WALTER B. SMITH, 01097, Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the month of August 1943. As the personal representative of the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, General Smith met at secret rendezvous and conducted momentous negotiations with representatives of the Italian government. Such were his skill and diplomacy in these negotiations that not only was the unconditional surrender of the former axis power obtained, but the Allied cause was further aided by the prompt declaration of war by Italy against her former ally. Entered service from Indiana.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
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Award of Soldier's Medal.....I
Award of Legion of Merit.....II

I - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

[redacted], 11276642, Gunner, [redacted] Heavy Antiaircraft Battery, [redacted] Heavy Antiaircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, British Army, for heroism at Pantelleria on 10 July 1943. A B-26 type aircraft, making a forced landing, overshot the runway, crashed into a building, and burst into flames a moment later. Running to the scene, Gunner Regan tore an opening in the fuselage with his bare hands and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, entered the blazing plane. He carried three of the crew members to safety and thus saved their lives.

PAUL D. HARVEY, 39275557, Technician Fifth Grade, [redacted] Quartermaster Reconnaissance Company, for heroism at Fedala, French Morocco, on 13 June 1943. One of the members of his group, while swimming in the sea near Fedala, was carried seaward by a strong undertow into rough water, where he soon became exhausted and was in grave danger of drowning. Disregarding great danger to himself, Technician Fifth Grade Harvey swam through the turbulent water to the aid of his helpless companion and brought him to safety. Entered service from Long Beach, California.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT.

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following-named individuals:

[redacted], 0901729, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, Mediterranean Air Command for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from March 1943 to 20 November 1943. Serving as Deputy Chief Intelligence Officer of the Mediterranean Air Command, he displayed superior tact, judgment, and ability in coordinating Royal Air Force and American Army Air Force activities. His thorough knowledge of enemy air units, order of battle, and tactics enabled him to evaluate and interpret air intelligence accurately and promptly. Entered military service from New York, New York.

[redacted], 03807, Lieutenant General, United States Army, Headquarters, [redacted] Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the operations in Sicily from 9 July to 17 August 1943. By his consistent foresight in anticipating and meeting numerous difficulties, and by his application of thorough and intelligent training procedures, [redacted] Corps under General Bradley's command was able to secure an effective beachhead despite extremely heavy enemy resistance. With inspiring and aggressive leadership, he

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directed his troops in a continuous and unrelenting offensive that materially aided in the victorious conclusion of the Sicilian Campaign. Entered United States Military Academy from Missouri.

FRANCIS W. McCOLDRICK, 012057, Lieutenant Colonel, ** Coast Artillery (AA), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1939 to November 1943. Lieutenant Colonel McGoldrick has demonstrated marked ability to accomplish highly successful results even under adverse conditions. His wealth of technical knowledge and his enthusiastic and tireless efforts have enabled him to improvise substitute equipment of great complexity, to develop and train personnel in new firing methods, and to design firing instruments which have been used successfully. Entered United States Military Academy from Massachusetts.

ISAAC D. WHITE, 013030, Colonel, CAV, ** Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 December 1942 to 21 October 1943. He developed new training techniques and methods for combined operations involving armored units, and as a regimental commander, trained his regiment to a high state of combat efficiency. Some of the training techniques he devised became standard procedure for armored force units. In command of Combat Command "B", ** Armored Division in the Sicilian Campaign, Colonel White continued his successes, repulsing a strong enemy tank attack which threatened a bridgehead, and later he led his command in a flanking movement over most difficult terrain, which culminated in the fall of the city of Palermo. Entered service from Des Moines, Iowa.

LAURENCE KEYS, 08439, Brigadier General, United States Army, ** Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 18 January 1942 to 14 August 1943. As Chief of Staff he rendered unstinted aid in the reorganization of the ** Armored Division for landing operations in French Morocco. Later in command of Combat Command "A", ** Armored Division, he fused his command into an efficient team, which he personally directed during the expansion of the Sicilian bridgehead and in a sustained offensive of approximately 100 miles, which culminated in the fall of the city of Palermo. Entered service from Denver, Colorado.

TROY De La M. MIDDLETON, 07461, Major General, United States Army, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Sicily from 9 July to 17 August 1943. General Allen's superior organization of the ** Division for the operations in Sicily enabled it to establish and secure an effective bridgehead against repeated heavy enemy counterattacks. His prompt decisions and sound application of tactical principles resulted in a steady withdrawal of his forces in bitter fighting over difficult terrain. Throughout the campaign the gallant efforts and effective fighting of his men gave continual testimony of his inspiring leadership. Entered United States Military Academy from the United States at large.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 191, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH S. POLOCKI, 32215390, Private First Class, Detachment Medical Department, 4th Evacuating Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from April 1942 to 21 October 1943, as electrician for the hospital. The uninterrupted use of the hospital's generators for proper lighting of operating rooms and power for X-Ray equipment was made possible by the skill and resourcefulness of Private First Class Polocki. He applied unusual ingenuity, as the unit moved, in salvaging and adapting French and Italian wiring. His services have been invaluable to the hospital. Entered service from Absecon, New York.

STEPHEN A. PULEO, 33021674, Technician Third Grade, 68th Engineer Topographical Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 March 1943 to 10 October 1943 in Tunisia and Sicily. A method of plate cutting which he conceived, enabled his organization, lacking equipment for standard procedure, to complete successfully its mission of producing highly essential photographic maps for the Sicilian combat operations. Through his efficient organization of his reproduction section and exceptional ingenuity in the use of limited materials, many difficult technical problems were overcome to provide publication of the Seventh Army's valuable report of operations in Sicily, within the required time. Entered service from Maryland. York, Maryland.

JOHN H. WILLIAMS, 33171186, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Company, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 April 1943 to 23 September 1943. As enlisted assistant in charge of the Cartographic Section map room, he was largely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the confidential reports used in the solution of complex water supply problems during the planning of the Sicilian and Italian operations. In addition to executing his assigned tasks with outstanding merit, he assumed responsibilities far beyond his grade, displaying excellent judgment and tact in his direction of the drafting room. Entered service from Indiana.

KYLE M. FORREST, 14,082,558, Staff Sergeant, 68th Armored Signal Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Sicily from 10 July 1943 to 27 July 1943. When the regular communications chief for the combat command headquarters became a casualty, Sergeant Forrester assumed his duties and maintained communications for the command with a high degree of proficiency. Handicapped by a shortage of essential equipment, and frequently subjected to heavy enemy fire and bombing, by his unremitting diligence and quick and timely repair of vital communications, he ensured constant and

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adequate radio communication during a difficult period of vital combat operations. Entered service from Huntsville, Alabama.

WILLIAM L. DARLING, 6667344, Staff Sergeant, Battery "C", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 8 November 1942 to 9 May 1943. Through diligent effort and high technical skill as motor sergeant, he maintained all vehicles of his battery in excellent operating condition during six difficult months of battle usage. Many times Staff Sergeant Darling went into the forward positions under enemy fire to repair damaged vehicles. Though only slightly experienced in tank maintenance, when his battery was reequipped with self-propelled guns on tank chassis, he continued to achieve a high standard of vehicular performance. Entered service from Rush, Kentucky.

HUBERT T. JODSAAS, 20745753, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", ** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 4 May 1943 to 8 May 1943, as company motor sergeant. Personally directing the recovery of combat vehicles while under heavy enemy artillery fire, he supervised all repairs and put vehicles back into action within extremely short periods of time. When one vehicle was hit by enemy artillery and another was damaged in an accident, Staff Sergeant Jodsaas combined the two damaged ½ ton carry into one serviceable vehicle within twelve hours after the work was started. On another occasion, when an M-10 type vehicle was damaged, he and his crew worked throughout the night under enemy fire to have it back into action the following dawn. Entered service from Lisbon, North Dakota.

EDWARD T. HATCH, 31041101, Staff Sergeant, ** Military Police Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 June 1942 to 4 August 1943. Sergeant Hatch, through exceptional competence and initiative as his company's supply sergeant, contributed signally to the achievement by his organization of the enviable reputation as one of the best equipped and finest appearing military police units in the theater. Performing his duties with unusual initiative and inexhaustible energy, he at all times maintained the equipment and records in his care in an exceptional state of orderliness and completeness. Entered service from Monroe, Connecticut.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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6 December 1943

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 2 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES V. BAKER, 153807, Lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 August 1943 to 16 August 1943. As Commander of the ** ** Group, ** Landing Craft Flotilla, Lieutenant Baker successfully led his group under enemy gunfire and aerial attack in ferrying heavy mechanized equipment, and in accomplishing amphibious landings behind the enemy lines during darkness on 8 August at Terranova, and on 11 August at Brolo, Sicily. In the performance of this hazardous task, Lieutenant Baker displayed exceptional seamanship, resourcefulness and efficiency, and contributed outstandingly to the advance of the ** Army toward Messina.

EDWARD C. THOMPSON, JR., 30497, Lieutenant Commander, United States Coast Guard, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during operations of the United States Navy in support of the ** Army, in the latter phase of the campaign in Sicily. As Commanding Officer of Patrol Craft **, Lieutenant Commander Thompson rendered outstanding services in escorting, under enemy fire, a group of landing craft engaged in ferrying equipment. On the night of 8 August he employed his ship with great effectiveness as a screening vessel for a group of landing craft which were making an amphibious landing behind the enemy lines. The courage, resolution, and splendid seamanship evidenced by Lieutenant Commander Thompson contributed materially to the subsequent success of the ** Army.

R. C. [illegible], 32469, Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 7 August to 11 August 1943. He rendered invaluable assistance in support of the ** Army, during the planning phase and in the actual operations in Sicily, as commander of the attack group of naval landing craft. His courage and intrepidity were particularly in evidence in the amphibious landings, made during darkness, behind enemy lines at Terranova and Brolo. He made possible the successful ferrying of troops and heavy mechanized equipment in zones constantly under enemy fire and aerial bombing, contributing materially to the rapid advance of the ** Army.

ELMER C. GARDNER, 0281535, Major, CE, ** Embarkation Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 May 1943 to 17 August 1943. As S-4 of the ** Embarkation Group, he supervised construction of embarkation facilities at Bizerte, Tunisia, and planned and directed with great proficiency the movements of all supplies and troops of

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the ** Army assault forces embarking in that area. Subsequently as S-3 throughout the campaign in Sicily, he controlled the movement of all replacement troops and emergency supplies. The practices and procedures established by Major Gardner proved highly successful and were a valuable contribution to the success of the operations in Sicily. Entered service from Custer, Oklahoma.

BERNARD W. McQUADE, 016771, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 17 November 1942 to 17 August 1943. His exceptional foresight and brilliant leadership was exemplified in a succession of highly successful operations, including fast moving artillery support to the ** Armored Division in the attack along Lake Bizerte from Ferryville to El-Alia. Later, with his battalion acting as an independent force in Sicily, he effected the capture of the cities of Trabia and Termini-Imerese. Throughout all these engagements, Lieutenant Colonel McQuade's daring and courage have been a constant example to his command. Entered United States Military Academy from New York.

JUDITH T. STOLL, 0309758, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. From the landings in French Morocco in November 1942 and throughout the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns, his outstanding professional ability and aggressive leadership enabled his battalion to accomplish successfully many difficult support missions. During operations in Tunisia, he led his command in a forced march of 300 miles, arriving with his unit in such excellent condition that it was able to assist immediately in halting a determined enemy advance. Personally supervising the disposition and functioning of his battalion, and performing dangerous reconnaissance in forward areas, he was a constant inspiration to his troops. Entered service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RAYMOND G. [illegible], 016121, Lieutenant Colonel, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns in the capacity of battalion commander of an armored field artillery battalion. He constantly displayed exceptional skill and ability in the training, organization and tactical employment of his battalion. His display of energy, coolness and courage under enemy fire was an example to his officers and men. He frequently exposed himself to enemy fire in making reconnaissance, visiting his forward observers and contacting his supported infantry commanders. Entered United States Military Academy from Texas.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES H. BARNWELL, 34011451, Corporal, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, ** Field Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 February 1943 to 17 August 1943. Throughout the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns, Corporal Barnwell demonstrated superlative qualities of courage, leadership and ability. As wire corporal, he supervised the installation of communications between the regiment, its battalions and the higher echelons of command. On numerous occasions he personally repaired breaks in the lines while exposed to heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire. His determined efforts to maintain communications under conditions of great difficulty were an inspiration to all who served with him. Entered service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

ALVIN E. [illegible], 38056475, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery "B", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 January 1942 to 25 September 1943. As artillery mechanic for his battery, he displayed exceptional mechanical and inventive skill in constructing numerous devices such as hand made wire reels for the gun section and lighting devices for the gunners' telescopic sights. Constantly designing and constructing useful articles for the benefit of the entire battalion, his services were instrumental in maintaining a high morale and improving living conditions during operations in Sicily. Entered service from Fort Bliss, Texas.

FRED TERRY, 38001646, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 July 1943 to 17 August 1943. Sergeant Terry evidenced a high sense of responsibility by constantly providing the maximum comfort and safety for his section. As chief of a forward observation section during the Sicilian Campaign, he repeatedly established observation positions in the most advanced positions. His able maintenance of radio communications, despite all adverse conditions attending combat, was a material contribution to the successes accomplished by his battalion. Entered service from Phoenix, Arizona.

ALBERT R. [illegible], 20092826, Staff Sergeant, Battery "A", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 December 1942 to 31 August 1943. Sergeant Whyte, as reconnaissance sergeant of his battery, rendered invaluable service in training his section to a high state of efficiency. During active engagements with the enemy in the Sicilian and Tunisian Campaigns, his outstanding services as an observer and reconnaissance leader contributed in a great measure to many successes attained. Entered service from Houston, Texas.

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MARSHALL O. WALKER, 32035041, Technical Sergeant, Battery "I", ** Coast Artillery (AA), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from December 1942 to November 1943. With marked efficiency, he maintained the sound locator equipment in his care and instructed operators and technicians in its use. Displaying great versatility and keen technical knowledge, he adapted captured material for use as radar parts, when replacements were not available. Collaborating with two officers, he assisted in the preparation of a radar maintenance manual which was distributed throughout this and other theaters of operation. Entered service from Kenmore, New York.

HOWARD A. WELCH, 6366938, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ** Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Tunisia, North Africa from 1 February 1943 to 9 May 1943. As motor sergeant for the division headquarters, he was responsible for the maintenance of 80 vehicles of various types. On many occasions, when replacement parts were unobtainable, he displayed unusual resourcefulness by manufacturing parts from scrap material. Due to his initiative and ability, all vehicles were kept in such excellent operational condition that during the entire Tunisian Campaign no movement was delayed through their mechanical failure. Entered service from Centreville, Mississippi.

WILLIE DAY, 6477926, First Sergeant, Battery "B", ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1941 to 14 September 1943. During the training phases of his battery and later in combat he consistently displayed outstanding leadership and ability to overcome adversities. Sergeant Day was in a great measure responsible for his battery's rapid and efficient preparation for combat, despite disheartening losses on two occasions of especially trained personnel. Entered service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

VICTOR C. KOHLER, 0413856, Captain, FA, Battery "F", ** Field Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the operations in Sicily, from 14 July to 17 August 1943. In command of Battery "F", Captain Kohler through his excellent judgment and superior leadership enabled his unit to accomplish all of its assigned missions on schedule. His constant concern for the well-being of his men, and utter disregard for his own safety, was in large measure responsible for the high state of morale and combat efficiency of his battery. Entered service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

CECIL V. CARSON, 19053345, Technical Sergeant, [illegible] Bombardment Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 2 February 1943 to 31 August 1943. During this period, with no other ground personnel to assist him, Technical Sergeant Carson accomplished the dual task of servicing and maintaining the armor and bomb-sight equipment of the 36 aircraft assigned to his group. By reason of his outstanding technical ability, all aircraft assigned to him were kept in perfect condition to fill the combat quota. Entered service from Cordell, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM H. EOHON, 6299212, Master Sergeant, [illegible] Bombardment Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 September 1942 to 31 August 1943. With the assistance of only one other mechanic, Master Sergeant Eohon kept the nine planes of his squadron in combat flying condition, in addition to helping with the repair of other planes in the group. His proficiency and leadership in this work earned for him an appointment as flight chief and later as line chief, and enabled his squadron to establish an outstanding combat record. Entered service from Roanoke, Virginia.

RON V. .ILEN, 6234873, Master Sergeant, [illegible] Bombardment Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1942 to September 1943. Despite being handicapped by lack of personnel and material, he perfected the training of combat radio operators in code and maintenance to such a high degree that communications difficulties were extremely few. Assuming many tasks beyond his regular duties, on his own time, he instituted recreational programs for the purpose of supporting morale under difficult and trying conditions. Entered service from Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

RAYMOND J. L[illegible]RT, 14031580, Master Sergeant, [illegible] Bombardment Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 September 1942 to 24 September 1943. As crew chief on a B-17 F type aircraft, Master Sergeant Lambert took charge of the mechanical condition of the plane from the time it was received by the squadron until it was retired from service after completing its hundredth mission, the greatest number of missions ever flown by this type of aircraft at that time. Working under adverse weather conditions with a lack of personnel and parts, he serviced the plane by hand and kept it in continuous operation against the enemy. Entered service from Sorrento, Louisiana.

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FRANCIS M. MABERY, 15059359, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 November 1942 to 23 January 1943. During this entire period, as an instrument specialist on a B-17F type aircraft, working often under enemy bombardment, he devised emergency repair equipment which kept the planes of his squadron in constant operational condition at a time of great strategic need. In addition to his regular duties, he assumed the responsibility of crew chief and welded inexperienced men into an efficient maintenance crew. Entered service from Sabic, Indiana.

RAYMOND C. BRIEL, 6703182, Master Sergeant, Service Company, ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Sicily from 8 November 1942 to 15 August 1943. When no officers were present for duty, Master Sergeant Briel, in his capacity of first sergeant, took complete charge of his company and on one occasion was forced to move the entire company with all the repair shop facilities to a new bivouac area. Under intense enemy fire during the Tunisian Campaign, he displayed outstanding leadership and encouraged his men by his coolness and darling. Entered service from New York, New York.

SAMUEL B. HESS, 02055375, Second Lieutenant, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 January 1943 to 23 September 1943. During the first few months of operations in this theater, while the group was without the assistance of its ground echelon, he was solely responsible for installation of communications equipment and the supervision of its operation. As communications officer, he organized subordinate personnel and trained them in cryptography, aircraft wiring and many other phases of communication technicalities. His effective coordination of all radio and telephone problems within the group resulted in near perfect communications. Entered service from Armsboro, Pennsylvania.

JONATHAN D. MORGAN, 0412334, First Lieutenant, CE, ** Engineer Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 21 March 1943 to 2 June 1943 as regimental motor officer. When all vehicles and heavy equipment of his regiment were in constant demand for important missions, Lieutenant Morgan's ingenuity and resourcefulness assured that all vehicles were kept in excellent operational condition. The increased mobility and fire power thus obtained resulted in the successful completion of all the regiment's assigned missions. Entered service from Turnersville, Texas.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

HENRY W. BROOKS, 12026095, Corporal, Company "I", [illegible] Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 March 1943 to 9 August 1943. Demonstrating daring and courage, he drove through mine fields and heavy enemy bombing attacks on many occasions to deliver supplies to his company in front line positions during operations in the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns. On one occasion when the character of the terrain obviated the use of his vehicle, he procured mules and horses to deliver ammunition and food at the most critical time. Entered service from East New York, New Jersey.

WALTER MEHRLE, 36052227, Technician Fourth Grade, [illegible] Ordnance Company (AM), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 6 December 1942 to 13 May 1943. Although his organization was greatly handicapped by shortages of spare parts, through his absolute knowledge of welding, each problem was solved. He displayed outstanding technical knowledge in modifying parts of one type vehicle for use in another. In designing and constructing special gas racks for his unit's quarter-ton trucks, and in assisting in constructing and installing twelve special machine gun mounts for a Ranger battalion, he performed especially outstanding services. Entered service from Peoria, Illinois.

JOHN M. BAIRARD, 34105442, Technician Fourth Grade, [illegible] Ordnance Company (AM), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 6 December 1942 to 13 May 1943. Handicapped by having only the minimum of tools and equipment, he demonstrated outstanding technical ability in fabricating vehicle parts, when replacements were unobtainable. He has rendered invaluable services by his ingenuity and resourcefulness in making parts for stoves, generators and fire control instruments and, on one occasion, an adapter for an other inhalator which enabled surgical use of French and English oxygen containers with American equipment. Entered service from Kingston, Tennessee.

RAY E. [illegible]ELL, 11016130, Sergeant, [illegible] Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 31 July 1943 to 6 August 1943. At Cormi, Sicily, his battery occupied an important and hazardous position well in advance of other units. A high rate of artillery fire made it urgently necessary to maintain the ammunition supply, which could be brought in only over a narrow route, made extremely hazardous by continuous enemy artillery fire. Disregarding personal safety,

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Sergeant Elwell worked tirelessly night and day and succeeded in supplying the battery with adequate ammunition during the entire operation. Entered service from Bennington, Vermont.

CHARLES B. LEIGHTON, 6130032, Staff Sergeant, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 July 1943 to 7 August 1943. During the initial phase of the assault to secure the Gela, Sicily beachhead, he went ashore and directed the debarkation and organization of numerous ammunition loaded vehicles from ship to shore, and on to the forward areas. In the face of an enemy attack, Staff Sergeant Leighton led his entire section forward when ammunition was most urgently needed, and thus enabled the artillery to break the enemy threat. Entered service from Winooski, Vermont.

HOWARD J. LARSEN, JR., 19010579, Technical Sergeant, ** Fighter Squadron, ** Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from March 1943 to September 1943. In correcting an altitude defect in one type of aircraft, he greatly increased the efficiency of that particular type. His resourcefulness and persistency to accomplish an assignment, coupled with his unusual mechanical ability and engineering skill, have been responsible for keeping many aircraft operational for combat which otherwise would have remained grounded. Entered service from Twin Falls, Idaho.

LOUIS M. GILLET, 19049452, Technical Sergeant, ** Fighter Squadron, ** Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from March 1943 to September 1943. By unusual mechanical and administrative ability, he initiated and installed time-saving practices which made possible a greater number of engine changes without additional personnel. Throughout the Sicilian Campaign he and his crew maintained the combat score by using salvaged parts and improvisations to keep all planes in operational condition. Entered service from Los Angeles, California.

CLARENCE C. JOHNSON, 19049421, Technical Sergeant, ** Fighter Squadron, ** Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from March 1943 to August 1943. Through his exceptional ability and resourcefulness as a mechanic and engineer, he has contributed services of great value in devising new and efficient means of assembling, maintaining and repairing his squadron's aircraft. A device to test propeller governors which he designed and constructed has made possible a great reduction in the time previously required to test this equipment. Entered service from Tacoma, Washington.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH C. HANCELMAN, 20926369, Sergeant, Company "A", ** Engineer Combat Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 February 1942 to 31 August 1943. Serving as motor repair sergeant, he invented and improvised a practical filter for separating the lead from ethyl gasoline in order that it might be used in lamps and stoves. He also rebuilt a discarded electric motor and employed it to furnish power and light for the equipment and quarters of his company. Sergeant Hancelman's initiative and ingenuity have been of assistance to his company and his sound judgment in accomplishing divers tasks have contributed in a great measure to the technical efficiency of his organization. Entered service from Victoria, Texas.

ELLIS F. HENDRICK, 19017012, Technical Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 December 1942 to 10 September 1943. During eight and one-half months of continuous combat operations, his unusual professional skill as crew chief enabled the squadron to achieve an exceptional performance record. In order to increase his knowledge of combat operation and maintenance procedures in B-26 type aircraft, he voluntarily took part in numerous operational missions. His ingenuity and ability to work under pressure resulted in the squadron's equipment being available during crucial periods. Entered service from Seattle, Washington.

FRANK G. TERRY, 35134867, Master Sergeant, ** Airborne Signal Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 May 1943 to 15 October 1943. As chief of the wire section of his company, he planned, organized and directed the operations of his men in North African, Sicily and Italy so efficiently that they were able to install, and maintain extensive telephonic networks for the entire division. Master Sergeant Terry arrived in Naples with the leading elements of the infantry and although handicapped by lack of proper equipment, vehicles and adverse weather and battle conditions, quickly established wire service to all units in the area. Entered service from Princeton, West Virginia.

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CHARLES T. HEIKE, 6232292, Master Sergeant, ** Ordnance Company ** (*), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 29 January 1943 to 14 May 1943. His ability, as shop foreman, to cope with unusual mechanical difficulties, coupled with his industry and initiative in planning and execution of automotive maintenance has made his services invaluable to his organization. Entered service from Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

JOHN D. BRADLEY, 0941714, Captain, Cav., Headquarters, ** Infantry Division for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 May 1943 to 22 September 1943. Upon assuming the duties of division provost marshal, he displayed energy and leadership in reorganizing the military police platoon of the division into an unit whose exemplary military appearance and superior performance drew generous commendation. During the Sicilian Campaign, Captain Bradley, operating in heavy traffic over narrow mountainous roads, personally supervised the flow of congested traffic, the operation of prisoner collecting points and the initial phases of civil affairs. His efforts contributed greatly to the successful advance of the division. Entered service from Glenville, Georgia.

HELEN F. DIRICH, 0397620, Major, AC, Northwest African Tactical Bomber Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the operations against Pantelleria, Lampedusa, and Sicily, from 15 May 1943 to 16 August 1943. As senior operations officer of the Tactical Bomber Force, he effectively coordinated units of the Army Air Force, Royal Air Force and South African Air Force. Marked by exceptional degree of zeal, tact and resourcefulness, his services as forward bomber control officer and bomber liaison officer between these units and Seventh Army ground elements, contributed greatly to the rapid and successful termination of the Sicilian Campaign. Entered service from Summit, New Jersey.

MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY, 0528[illegible], Major General, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from August 1942 to October 1943, as Commanding General of the ** Airborne Division. General Ridgway has intensively trained his division, developing a high degree of individual all-around proficiency among his troops, and forging each unit into a self-sufficient organization, well versed in administration, movement and tactics. The notable success of the division in the landing operations against Sicily and the mainland of Italy, achieved despite the handicaps of widely separated bivouac areas, restricted transportation, suddenly changed directives, and the novelty of the types of equipment, movement and tactics, were a tribute to the great leadership and tactical skill of General Ridgway. Entered United States Military Academy from the United States at large.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
: 1 December 1943
NUMBER 151)

Announcement of Citation of Unit..... I
Award of Distinguished Service Cross..... II
Award, Posthumous, of Legion of Merit..... III

I - ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITATION OF UNIT

Citation of Unit: Pursuant to authority contained in War Department Cable dated 16 October 1943, the following unit is cited for conspicuous gallantry in action:

THE 2D BATTALION, 60TH INFANTRY is cited for extraordinary heroism in the face of the enemy during the period of April 23 and 24, 1943. This Battalion formed the spearhead of an attack on April 23 against the Germans in the vicinity of the Sedjenane Valley, taking its first objective Djebel Abiod in an advance over densely wooded mountainous terrain, sooner than anticipated. Upon occupation of Djebel Abiod it became obvious that this position was of temporary importance because it was dominated by Djebel Dardys, a higher ridge overlooking all terrain features in the vicinity. The Battalion organized, pushed forward and took the second position. On the morning of April 24, the Germans counter-attacked with a force estimated at two battalions of Infantry supported by Artillery. The position defended was of considerable size and more than would normally be allotted for defense to a battalion. The attack lasted from 0900 to 1200, during which time the enemy made assaults from practically every direction. Fierce resistance and local counterattacks after the enemy had penetrated the position prevented him from gaining a foothold, and he retired leaving 116 dead, 48 wounded and prisoners within the position. In this action the 2d Battalion lost 21 dead and 111 wounded. The gallant and intrepid conduct of this entire battalion afforded a great tactical advantage in seizing and holding dominating terrain and assisted the advance of our forces culminating in the defeat of German Arms in North Africa.

II - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officers:

BENJAMIN L. GARRIS, 0557690, 2d Lieutenant, [redacted] Squadron, United States Army Air Corps. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy near Fisciano, Italy, 15 September 1943. As the formation of P-38's, in which Lieutenant Garris was flying the last position approached the Italian coast, it

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was suddenly attacked by a large force of enemy planes. With his plane completely riddled by high explosive shells, which destroyed the left motor, damaged the right one, and inflicted severe wounds on his face, Lieutenant Garris endeavored to warn and protect the remainder of his formation. Seeing five more enemy fighter planes diving to attack, he fired warning shots and, with complete disregard for his own safety, turned on his failing motor to meet their attack. Wounded and crippled as he was, he succeeded in breaking this attack, and then parachuted from his falling plane. The cool courage and devotion to duty exhibited by Lieutenant Garris is an inspiration to all members of the Army Air Force. Entered service from Eatonton, Georgia.

WILLIAM LEVERETTE, 0822014, Major, AC, 4th Fighter Squadron, for extraordinary heroism in action on 9 October 1943. Observing approximately 30 enemy planes approaching to attack a convoy of warships which his squadron was protecting in the Aegean Sea, Major Leverette, displaying bold initiative and excellent judgment, formed his planes for combat and although there were only seven planes in his flight, immediately attacked the enemy. During the fighting that ensued, he personally destroyed seven of the enemy planes and damaged two others, while the other pilots of his squadron accounted for ten enemy planes destroyed and the probable destruction of two additional planes, without loss to his squadron. Aware of the urgency for using his limited supply of ammunition with the greatest effectiveness, he constantly delayed firing, although dangerously close to the aircraft he was attacking, until he was certain of the effectiveness of his fire and the destruction of the enemy plane. Throughout the combat, Major Leverette showed complete disregard for his personal safety. His great courage and outstanding skill as a combat pilot upheld the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered Service from Lykesland, South Carolina.

XII - AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded, posthumously, in the name of the President to the following officer:

JOHN C. AYLING, 0436925, Colonel, GSC, Headquarters, 9th Air Service Area Command, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 July 1943 to 9 September 1943. As commanding officer of the advanced echelon, Headquarters, 9th Air Service Area Command in the initial phases of the campaign in Sicily, his able supervision of the supply and maintenance functions relative to air operations was an important factor in the effective support rendered by air elements in behalf of the Seventh Army. While engaged in the performance of similar functions during the operations against Tunis, Colonel Ayling's aircraft was struck by ground antiaircraft fire, resulting in his fatal injury. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucy D. Ayling (wife), 56 Prescott Avenue, Greenville, New York.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

HAROLD HANDCRAFT, 20315315, Master Sergeant, Service Battery, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 January 1943 to 17 July 1943. He displayed extraordinary leadership as battalion motor sergeant, in moulding the men of his section into a highly efficient working unit. Utilizing his wide technical knowledge of motors to maintain the vehicles in perfect operating condition, and demonstrating an exceptional ability in the repair of all types of equipment, he rendered services which were invaluable to his battalion. Entered service from Corsicana, Texas.

PAUL BEAM, JR., 38015673, Master Sergeant, Service Company, ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 October 1942 to 15 July 1943. As regimental supply sergeant, he demonstrated superior intelligence and a high degree of initiative in obtaining and distributing equipment and supplies to the regimental units upon debarkation in North Africa. His discretion and sound judgment have resulted in a high degree of efficiency in his section, and his abilities to inspire the maximum of performance have been of inestimable value to the entire regiment. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

WILTON H. STEVENS, 0405136, Captain, Inf., ** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 31 March 1942 to 16 July 1943. As commanding officer of Company "G", ** Infantry, he instilled in his men, by outstanding qualities of leadership, an exacting sense of discipline and unfailing determination. By his equitable recognition of the rights and responsibilities of his men, he materially raised the discipline, morale, and efficiency of the company. Entered service from Huntsville, Texas.

FREDERICK R. GUILFORD, 0393935, Major, MC, Commanding Officer, ** Air Evacuation Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 January 1943 to 1 September 1943. He organized and trained the first group of medical attendants to be used on planes evacuating casualties during the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns. Working under constantly changing conditions, establishing new policies, schedules and routes, Major Guilford's efforts were a paramount contribution to the successful evacuation of over 27,000 patients by air. Entered service from Columbus, Ohio.

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NORMAN E. FEATFIELD, 021027, Lieutenant Colonel, M.C., Headquarters ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 15 October 1941 to 1 August 1943. Throughout his long period of service with the ** Corps, later ** Army, Lieutenant Colonel Featfield demonstrated outstanding professional knowledge and organizing ability, as assistant surgeon and later as executive officer to the surgeon. His assistance in directing the medical services of the Desert Training Center was vital in the successful preparation of troops for combat. During the initial landings in North Africa as well as the Sicilian Campaign his skillful solution of problems affecting the physical welfare of the American forces was a highly important contribution to their success. Entered service from Hamilton, Massachusettes.

WILLIAM T. GARDINER, 0471961, Colonel, AC, ** Troop Carrier Wing, ** Troop Carrier Command, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As a representative of Allied Force Headquarters, Colonel Gardiner heroically accompanied a superior officer through enemy territory to **, ** and assisted in conducting negotiations with emissaries of a hostile government with such acumen and resourcefulness that he was able to obtain information of extreme importance, and to communicate it immediately to the Commander in Chief. By his foresight, superior judgment, and disregard for personal safety, Colonel Gardiner completed a mission of far-reaching military significance. Entered service from Maine.

RICHARD J. WERNER, 0216665, Colonel, Inf., ** Infantry, ** Infantry Division for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 29 August 1942 to 21 September 1943. During intensive training of the regiment prior to overseas embarkation, and subsequently in North Africa, Colonel Werner personally directed the preparation of his regiment to a high degree of combat efficiency. His continued effort and meticulous care in preparation for the amphibious landing at Salerno, Italy, resulted in superior accomplishments in every detail. Colonel Werner personally led and directed his combat team in the successful landing even though beach resistance was heavy and reorganization problems great. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

HUGH J. GAFFEY, 28435, Major General, United States Army, Headquarters, **Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 9 July to 17 August 1943. Under his command, the ** Armored Division has won renown for its strong offensive spirit and ability to operate effectively over all types of terrain. During the Sicilian Campaign, General Gaffey's judgment, skill and exceptional leadership enabled his division to execute its assigned missions with brilliant success. His unusual foresight, courage and resourcefulness contributed importantly to the success of American arms in Sicily. Entered service from Connecticut.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
: 29 November 1943
NUMBER 149)

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

ALTON E. DAVIS, 20816714, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 July 1942 to 15 July 1943. As platoon sergeant, he displayed extraordinary qualities of leadership in welding his platoon into a highly efficient unit. He maintained an unusually high standard of discipline, under the severe conditions of constantly changing personnel and stations. Staff Sergeant Davis' enthusiasm, ability, efficiency and exceptionally faithful service were responsible for an esprit de corps that contributed materially to the success of the organization of which he and his platoon are a part. Entered service from Santa Anna, Texas.

JARRETT D. PROTT, 38035535, Technical Sergeant, ** Signal Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 5 July 1942 to 27 July 1943. He assisted in a series of experiments which resulted in a development of a means of radio-teletype communication suitable for field use. The high degree of skill and complete knowledge of teletype operations, which he contributed with cheerfulness and perseverance, were a major factor in the successful conclusion of these experiments. His exemplary performance of duty is consistent with the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

ALEX DEAN, 38038658, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, Allied Forces, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 21 January 1943 to 5 November 1943. As chief accountant of the Provisioning Department, Petroleum Section, Allied Force Headquarters, he contributed greatly to the development of a system for the compilation of the total petroleum requirements for the theater. He improvised the forms, developed the accounting procedure, and worked with great diligence and initiative in the successful completion of this important task. His enthusiasm and proven ability which have distinguished all of his services, have gained for him the esteem and confidence of his officers and fellow workers. Entered service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

FREDERICK W. CROUSE, 35109815, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 7 November 1942 to 15 August 1943. He was a member of the original group of enlisted men assigned to the Ordnance Section, and soon advanced to become the assistant chief clerk. Due to the vast amount of incoming correspondence and [illegible], it became obvious to Sergeant Crouse that a more comprehensive records system was necessary for the

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efficient administration of the section. Entirely through his own initiative and personal effort, he devised and placed in operation a highly efficient records system which has been of the utmost assistance in enabling members of the Ordnance Section to obtain quickly and accurately all necessary information of any given subject. He has shown superior intelligence and initiative in all of the many problems which have confronted him, and his foresight in assuming responsibilities, his technical knowledge of filing and records systems, and his conscientious attention to duty have been of inestimable value to the section and to the headquarters. Entered service from Baltimore, Maryland.

ROBERT CLARK, Jr., 31051954, Master Sergeant, Headquarters, ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 September 1942 to 19 August 1943. During this period Master Sergeant Clark served as Chief Classified Documents Clerk in the Mail and Records Section of the Adjutant General's Office and as Chief Clerk of the Adjutant General's Section, Advance Command Post for the Sicilian Operation. In both of these positions, entailing duties of considerable responsibility, he performed his work in a very superior manner. In order to make certain the expeditious dispatch of official mail, orders, directives, and other publications of the headquarters to troops of the command, Master Sergeant Clark worked long and tedious hours without consideration for his personal welfare. His knowledge, and the efficiency with which his duties were performed, contributed significantly to the successful participation of his organization in the Sicilian campaign. Entered service from Providence, Rhode Island.

HAROLD S. CHILDS, 37045725, Master Sergeant, Finance Section Headquarters, Atlantic Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from February 1943 to July 1943. In the audit of Quartermaster sales accounts in connection with the operation of Army Exchanges and Commissaries, it was found that precedent was lacking in many phases of the work due to new conditions encountered overseas. Master Sergeant Childs, after thorough study, devised and established a highly successful procedure for auditing these and other accounts. Subsequently approved by higher headquarters, it was recommended for adoption in other base sections. Through his intelligent application of sound knowledge, Sergeant Childs made a valuable contribution to the work of Army Finance units throughout the theater. Entered service from Iowa.

EDWARD SNIDER, 20507220, Master Sergeant, Service Company, ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 2 February 1943 to 18 July 1943. Displaying unusual ability as chief mechanical inspector for the regiment, he worked unceasingly to ensure efficient mechanical operation of the regiment's vehicles under all weather and road conditions. He has so thoroughly and effectively performed his work that the regiment has made many motor moves over long distances and rough terrain with only a few minor adjustments. Entered service from Houston, Texas.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
: 28 November 1943
NUMBER 148)

Award of Soldier's Medal.....I
Award of Legion of Merit.....II

I - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named enlisted men of Company "B", 3rd Quartermaster Regiment (Truck), for heroism on 16 July 1943, at ** Algeria:

SIDNEY SHOUP, 36457238, Private First Class,
Entered service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

SCOTT F. BRAM, 15095165, Technician Fifth Grade,
Entered service from Houston, Texas.

ARTHUR THOMAS, 34013220, Corporal
Entered service from Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

WYNN D. WAGNER, 34120933, Sergeant,
Entered service from Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

A ship loaded with high explosives blew up while docked at a pier, with disastrous results. At the risk of their lives these men unhesitatingly assisted in moving military vehicles, some of which were burning, from the immediate vicinity. Having cleared what equipment they could from the area they began evacuating the dead and injured working as close as 20 yards to the still burning and exploding vessel. The courage and selflessness of these men in completely disregarding their own safety to save the lives and property of others is deserving of the highest praise.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

WILLIAM L. MCMAHON, 20819725, Sergeant, ** Quartermaster Company, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from July 1940 to July 1943. His leadership, initiative and sound judgment as team driver, section sergeant, and platoon sergeant have developed a superior group of drivers. His unfailing assistance to the commanding officer and attention to detail, were highly instrumental in the successful completion of many difficult convoys which often entailed driving great distances over hazardous terrain to effect the delivery of urgently needed supplies. Entered service from Buffalo, New

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CLAUDE D. ALLEN, JR., 14017960, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 February 1943 to 9 May 1943. Exhibiting an exceptionally high degree of professional skill as a liaison pilot and artillery observer, he made many aerial flights during combat in North Africa to observe enemy dispositions, locate targets and adjust artillery fire. His highly meritorious services contributed inestimably to the battalion's fine combat record. Landings and takeoffs were invariably made under hazardous conditions, and while in flight his plane was subjected to both friendly and enemy fire. Staff Sergeant Allen obtained information of the highest value and made possible effective artillery fire. Entered service from Atlanta, Georgia.

VERNER E. BIGGS, JR., 38050677, Staff Sergeant, Regimental Headquarters Company, ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 February 1942 to 17 July 1943. As platoon sergeant of the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, he demonstrated an unusual appreciation of the functions of his section. On numerous occasions, he fulfilled the duties of commissioned officers in an outstanding manner. As assistant to the regimental S-2, he further displayed unusual ability, which was reflected by the exemplary discipline and efficiency of the enlisted men of his platoon. Entered service from Houston, Texas.

ZIRK O. ROBERTSON, 20309520, Staff Sergeant, Company "L", ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as a platoon sergeant, from 26 May 1942 to 17 July 1943. By working with great intelligence and exceptional fidelity to duty, he brought to his men a type of instruction usually afforded by a well qualified training officer. Serving for a time as acting platoon leader, he demonstrated admirable leadership under difficult circumstances and while an observer on the Tunisian front, made accurate and significant observations which were of inestimable value to the further training of his unit. Entered service from Hillsboro, Texas.

WILLIAM J. ARMSTRONG, 17029192, Staff Sergeant, ** Fighter Squadron, ** Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from May 1942 to September 1943. During this period he demonstrated superior leadership, resourcefulness and mechanical skill. He devised and perfected, on his own time, a greatly improved antenna for P-38 type aircraft. This antenna has been so successful that it has been adopted for all such aircraft. Staff Sergeant Armstrong thus made an important contribution to the operational efficiency of his squadron and the Army Air Forces. Entered service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
:
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27 November 1943

Announcement of Citation of Unit.....I
Award of Legion of Merit.....II

I - ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITATION OF UNIT

The 68th Armored Field Artillery Battalion is cited for conspicuous gallantry in battle on February 15, 16, and 17, 1943, during a withdrawal before vastly superior enemy forces from Faid Pass, Sidi bou Zid, Sbeitla, and Kasserine, in Tunisia. On February 15, 1943, while in position immediately to the west of Sidi bou Zid, Tunisia, the Combat Command, supported by the 68th Field Artillery was attacked in flank and rear by German tanks, at least 16 of which directly threatened the 68th Field Artillery. By remaining in position and delivering direct fire on these tanks, several Mark IV tanks were destroyed and the attack broken. Again on the night of February 16, 1943, the positions of the Combat Command supported by the 68th Field Artillery were threatened by enemy tanks. The 68th Armored Field Artillery Battalion again remained in forward positions, delivered direct fire against the enemy tanks, destroyed three Mark IV tanks and broke up this attack, thereby permitting the Combat Command to reorganize for further defense. On 17 February 1943, the Combat Command, supported by the 68th Field Artillery Battalion, had the mission of covering the withdrawal of the remainder of the First Armored Division through Kasserine Pass, Tunisia. During this action the 68th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, by deadly fire, slowed the enemy advance, and made possible the successful retirement of hundreds of men, and the salvage of equipment which otherwise would have fallen to the enemy. The successful disengagement of our troops in this withdrawal from the superior enemy was in a very outstanding way largely due to the initiative, courage and gallantry of the personnel of the 68th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

LUTHER A. MITCHELL, 20,000,000, Technician Fourth Grade, Antitank Company, [illegible] Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 July 1941 to 17 July 1943. As a company mechanic, he achieved unusually high standards in the maintenance and operation of the unit's motor transportation. These standards he achieved despite adverse weather and road conditions, by thorough and constant training of his drivers, and by demanding of them and himself, continuous and tenacious devotion to the smallest task. He has been a sterling example to the men of the organization. Address: service from Dublin, Texas.

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26 November 1943

Award of Distinguished Service Cross..... I
Award of Silver Star.....II

I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individual:

REGINALD ALLEN, 2654909, Sergeant, 3d Battalion, * * * Regiment, British Army, for extraordinary heroism in action with the Army of the United States on 8 March 1943 near Tamera, Tunisia. When his platoon was attacked by a force of eighty Germans who maintained heavy pressure for four hours, and established machine guns within fifty yards, Sergeant Allen displayed great courage and leadership in directing his men to hold the enemy, organizing and leading them in a counter attack in which twenty Germans were killed and their machine guns captured. Later, when attacked from an unexpected direction, Sergeant Allen found himself facing an enemy section alone. Coolly standing his ground, his accurate fire killed several of the enemy and stopped their advance. When assistance arrived, he led the successful counter-attack which drove them from the area. His exceptional gallantry and inspirational leadership are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following individuals:

GEORGE CARRIE NEIL, 7394362, Private, * * * * Field Ambulance, British Army, for gallantry in action with the Army of the United States near Djebel-Mansour, Tunisia. On February 3 to 5, 1943 he was in action as a stretcher bearer, without rest for 72 hours, and continuously under heavy enemy fire. On 26 February and again on 28 March, as leader of a stretcher bearer squad, his courage and behavior under intense fire were an inspiration to his men. On each occasion, large numbers of casualties were given first-aid and evacuated.

ELWYN JOHN REES, 4202334, Private, 1st Battalion, * * * * Regiment, British Army, for gallantry in action with the Army of the United States on 28 March 1943 near Djebel Abiod, Tunisia. When his section was held up by heavy fire from an enemy machine gun post, he moved around the flank and single handedly attacked and destroyed the occupants of the post and

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captured the gun. By this act of bravery, he enabled his section to continue their advance with a minimum of losses. His courage in the face of great danger set a high example to all his comrades.

WILLIAM LESLIE GEORGE SIMPSON, 1919427, Lance Corporal * * * * * Squadron, Royal Engineers, British Army, for gallantry in action with the Army of the United States on 5 February 1943 near Djebel-Ksnsour, Tunisia. Reaching his battalion just as the order was given to withdraw, Lance Corporal Simpson remained to assist in the destruction of equipment which could not be removed. He then single handedly carried a wounded man through heavy enemy fire for a distance of two miles to a medical aid station. Later, while searching for more wounded men, he was able to guide a party of stretcher bearers to safety. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all.

A. J. H. RUTHERFOORD, 67178, Lieutenant (T/Captain), 2d Battalion, * * * Regiment, British Army, for gallantry in action with the Army of the United States on 14 March 1943 near Tamera, Tunisia. When the enemy attacked and gained a foothold in a wooded section within fifty yards of his company, which was weak in numbers due to casualties, Lieutenant Rutherfoord went forward alone, and with a sub-machine gun destroyed two enemy machine gun posts killing and wounding the crews and capturing the guns. This gallant act in the face of great danger is worthy of the highest praise.

REIS CHARLES WILLIAMS, M.202, Captain (T/Major), Headquarters, * * * * * Brigade, British Army, for gallantry in action with the Army of the United States in March in Tunisia, while Brigade Major of the * * * Brigade. Although his burden was a heavy one, particularly since large numbers of additional troops were operating under the command of the Brigade, his judgment, coolness and personal courage were beyond praise. On numerous occasions under intense enemy fire, he completely disregarded his own safety to reach forwardest positions so that he could better observe the situation and assist unit commanders.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 132, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

ALBERT REED, 20011432, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 2d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 22 March 1943 to 13 September 1943. The sound judgment and fidelity displayed by Corporal Reed as communication Corporal, have contributed in a great measure to the combat efficiency of his battalion. He installed and maintained wire communications between his battalion and observation posts in the front lines near ** Ifrane, often under enemy artillery and mortar fire. His outstanding leadership and exceptional performance of duty were instrumental in making it possible for the battalion to have constant communication. Entered service from Corsicana, Texas.

ALBERT E. NAGEN, 11029810, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, ** Infantry for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 30 October 1942 to 17 July 1943. He applied unusual determination to his duties as a surgical technician to advance correct procedure and has achieved results far above the normal. His excellent leadership and instruction have been reflected in all men associated with him, by the marked improvement of their eagerness and capacity to serve. Entered service from Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

JOHN [illegible] NAGEN, 20809060, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, ** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 1 February 1941 to 20 July 1943. While assigned as a welder in the unit's maintenance section, in addition to his regular duties he performed services of utmost value to the regiment in its preparation for combat. Using salvaged materials, with remarkable initiative and ingenuity, he designed and built numerous improvements for the section's motor vehicles, to [illegible] trailer, ammunition chest carriers, pedestal mounts for the servicing of Army equipment, and many other devices which contributed greatly to the satisfactory solution of the regiment's maintenance problems. Entered service from Flint, Texas.

JACK T. CONN, 20039063, Staff Sergeant, ** Quartermaster Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 9 March 1941 to 17 July 1943. As platoon sergeant of the service platoon, his tenacity of purpose under adverse conditions, and keen comprehension of the [illegible] possibilities of the individual men have evoked from them the extra perseverance and determination of effort necessary to successfully carry out their duties in a [illegible] and efficient manner.

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superior manner. He has taught his men that their job, hard labor without the glamor and excitement of other military assignments is extremely essential to military success, and thus is work in which they can take pride. Entered service from Fort Worth, Texas.

HERAM P. HAWK, 0355991, Captain, MC, Headquarters, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 November 1940 to 8 July 1943 as battalion surgeon. Captain Hawk combined a superior medical skill with unlimited energy, careful attention to sanitation, and diligent supervision of training, to greatly increase the operating efficiency of the battalion. His ability to meet any emergency is exemplified by his action on the night of 19 May 1943, at Oran, Algeria. While an air raid was still in progress, he drove to the port area and tirelessly rendered medical aid, until all injured were evacuated. Entered service from Gainesville, Texas.

JACK ROBERTS, 019963, Lieutenant Colonel, AC, ** Anti-Submarine Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as group commander from 15 January 1943 to 7 November 1943. By his persistence ability and brilliant leadership, he organized and trained two anti-submarine groups and one wing into a high state of combat efficiency. His outstanding work has produced a highly effective unit which has aided materially in reducing the menace of enemy submarines and has added greatly to the safety of troop and supply convoys enroute to the North African Theater. Entered United States Military Academy from Georgia.

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Award, by War Department, of Legion of Merit..... I
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I - AWARD, BY WAR DEPARTMENT, OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit, to the following officer:

JOSEPH V. de P. DILLON, 012636, Brigadier General (then Colonel), Judge Advocate General's Department (Corps of Military Police), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Chief of the Military Police Division in conceiving, planning, organizing and training the Corps of Military Police from its inception as the Deputy Provost Marshal General. The administration of his office has been marked by capability and efficiency. Entered the United States Military Academy from New York.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

EMMON L. HIKES, 34093363, Private, Battery "A", ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from September 1942 to July 1943. Due to his consistently superior performance of duty as a battery mechanic, the condition of the howitzers of his battery has always been above normal standards. Without supervision, or his own initiative, he designed and created a weatherproof carrier for the M-1 Mk 7 Telescope Sight. By the careful and accurate records which he maintained of the performance of each gun, he has greatly improved the accuracy and combat efficiency of the unit. Entered service from Lamar, South Carolina.

FRANK J. KROPER, 32296845, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 September 1942 to 1st July 1943. Using his knowledge and experience as commander of the battalion survey team, he constantly improved the speed and accuracy of his battalion, making possible more prompt and effective artillery fire. On his own initiative during off duty hours, he prepared survey tables and charts and conducted classes for the personnel of his section, in order to improve their firing accuracy. Entered service from Glendale, Long Island, New York.

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WILLIAM BARTON, 20809183, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 August 1940 to 14 July 1943. As mess sergeant, he established an enviable reputation for the operation of an efficient, clean, and wholesome mess under all circumstances. His standards were understandingly high, and by personal application, study and constant attention to details, he provided his organization with the best food obtainable while satisfying the most rigid requirements of sanitation. Entered service from Caldwell, Texas.

PAUL LAPTOSK, 33072959, Staff Sergeant, Company C, ** Signal Service Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 16 November 1942 to 13 September 1943. During the installation and operation of the Allied Force Headquarters message center at Gibraltar and later in North Africa, he rendered service of outstanding value in organizing, training, and directing message center operations. Working with limited, frequently changing, and often inexperienced personnel, against a constantly increasing traffic load, he displayed unusual efficiency and ingenuity while materially contributing to the successful functioning of the headquarters. Entered service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HERBERT S. [illegible], 20607831, Master Sergeant, Service Company, ** Infantry for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 4 December 1941 to 17 July 1943. Working with unceasing diligence under adverse conditions, as assistant to the supply officer, he conspicuously influenced the operation of supply within his entire regiment through constant study of supply problems and patient teaching. He improvised charts and simplified methods of supply accounting which greatly increased the efficiency of his section. Entered service from Houston, Texas.

HUGH B. [illegible], 0-430829, Second Lieutenant, AGD, ** Base Post Office, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 March 1943 to 10 September 1943. As transportation officer of the ** Base Post Office, he displayed a high degree of foresight and superior professional ability in the development of motor and railway postal service between the ** Base Post Office and the principal cities in North Africa. Diligently applying himself to the difficult problems involved in the efficient and expeditious delivery of convoy mail, he so successfully mastered those problems that his services have constituted an invaluable contribution to the army mail service within this theater. Entered service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

DANIEL R. BURTON, 39026384, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery "B", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as a self-propelled mount driver during the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns. He distinguished himself by maintaining the excellence of his vehicle at all times and supervised the waterproofing, loading, blocking and unloading of the heavy vehicles during the several overland trips and amphibious operations in which his unit participated. His work as an instructor and model to other drivers has set an outstanding example and high standard of excellence throughout the battery. Entered service from Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

VINCENT G. BESSETT, 32153243, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, Supply Battalion, ** Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 February 1943 to 15 May 1943. He displayed exceptional ability as acting chief clerk of the subsistence section. Without prior experience or trained assistants, he successfully organized and supervised a Class I dump which provided rations to six thousand men. Later, he assumed the difficult task of supervising the operation of a Quartermaster Fear Installation for another large force. Displaying a high quality of leadership, initiative and resourcefulness, he accomplished all these tasks in a highly outstanding manner for one of his grade and experience. Entered service from Teaneck, New Jersey.

WILL H. FIGHTS, 15044540, Staff Sergeant, Service Battery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 February through April 1943. Sergeant Fights, as battalion ammunition sergeant, exercised marked initiative and demonstrated a highly developed sense of responsibility. His outstanding energy and initiative contributed in large measure to the solution of critical ammunition problems during a time when evacuation of forward ammunition dumps and vehicular losses presented tremendous difficulties. Throughout the period of intensive combat, he was a constant source of inspiration to the members of his battery. Entered service from Liberty, Kentucky.

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GEORGE L. ARTAMONOFF, 0240754, Lieutenant Colonel, Ord, Joint Rearmament Committee, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 September 1942 to 15 November 1943. During the preparation of II Corps for participation in the occupation of North Africa, and in the Corps' subsequent operations at Arzew and Oran, Algeria, the ingenuity and meticulous care of Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Artamonoff was of invaluable assistance in planning and direction of Ordnance supply matters. Later, as secretary of the Joint Rearmament Committee, through his executive ability, broad experience with ordnance material and maintenance, profound knowledge of the French language, and familiarity with French Army organization and customs, he contributed greatly to the successful formulation and implementation of the French Rearmament Program. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

CHARLES D. HAZELTINE, 03629, Colonel, Cav, Information and Censorship Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 November 1942 to 26 October 1943. In organizing and directing the Psychological Warfare Branch, Information and Censorship Section, Colonel Hazeltine showed rare ingenuity and ability in amalgamating various civilian and military agencies of two nations into a smooth-functioning and efficient machine. Under his guidance, a handful of men, civilian and military, formed the nucleus of a highly specialized organization numbering several hundred persons, with a complex program entailing such activities as the operation of ten radio transmitters and the preparation of up to seven million leaflets a week. The contribution of Colonel Hazeltine toward making the Psychological Warfare Branch an effective combat weapon, proved invaluable in the successful conclusion of the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns. Entered service from Maine.

CLIFT ANDRUS, 03266, Brigadier General, United States Army, Headquarters, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 3 August 1943. During the operations in North Africa and Sicily, Brigadier General Andrus organized and commanded the artillery of the division with great effectiveness. During the operations at Oran, Algeria, his careful coordination of artillery fire quickly silenced all enemy artillery. In the Tunisian Campaign, his excellent handling of the artillery elements was particularly in evidence in the successful defense of a wide front in the Oussaltia Valley, and in the repulse of strong counter-attacks of a German panzer division at El Guettar. During the landing and in the course of subsequent activities in Sicily, operations of the artillery and the numerous battalions attached to it were most ably coordinated by his personal supervision. The bravery and qualities of leadership of Brigadier General Andrus were a constant inspiration to the division. Entered service from Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

CURTIS G. HUTTON, 34000038, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 November 1940 to 15 July 1943. As chief clerk of the Adjutant General's Section, he so expertly organized the office that close commissioned supervision was unnecessary. He exhibited sound judgment, initiative and foresight in drafting and publishing division orders, memoranda and bulletins, and has developed a style which has set an example for all division publications. He has maintained an unusually high standard of efficiency and has perfected many new procedures which are the result of his resourcefulness. Entered service from Ruby, Texas.

LEON V. VALDES, 36317052, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 25 February 1942 to 31 October 1943. Although assigned to duty as secretary to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Sergeant Valdes volunteered his services to all staff sections. During the initial organization of G-3, NATOUSA., he helped train and instruct new personnel, commissioned and enlisted, in the performance of unfamiliar duties. Assimilating a vast knowledge of the activities within the office, he was an unfailing source of prompt and reliable information. With complete disregard for his chance for leisure he devoted himself to the task of becoming a more competent and better trained soldier. His constant willingness and unfailing cheerfulness have been an inspiration and an important factor in the successful organization and operation of the headquarters. Entered service from Louisiana.

DAN M. TALLEY, 37072321, Master Sergeant, Company "C", 3rd Signal Service Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 10 November 1942 to 31 October 1943. As senior code clerk, U. S. Code Room, Allied Force Headquarters, Sergeant Talley shouldered the major burden of operating a successful code room. By excellent judgment and forceful leadership, he developed student code clerks into highly skilled technicians. His ingenuity and resourcefulness in meeting an ever-increasing code load contributed materially to the prompt and uninterrupted flow of messages so vital to the successful operation of Allied Force Headquarters. Entered service from Mitchell, South Dakota.

[illegible] L. COMBS, [illegible], Second Lieutenant, [illegible], 3rd Evacuation Hospital (Sans), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 December 1942 to 1 September 1943. As a surgical ward nurse she displayed outstanding initiative and judgment, and professional attainment

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of a high order. During the Sicilian Campaign when the unit was caring for more than double its normal capacity, she worked unceasingly beyond her normal hours of duty to bring comfort and relief to the sick and wounded. Her cheerfulness, great understanding and splendid devotion to her patients have inspired high praise for herself and the Army Nurse Corps. Entered service from Seymour, Indiana.

EVANS R. CROWELL, 07387, Colonel, CAC, ** Coast Artillery (AA), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 November 1942 to 15 October 1943. He exhibited foresight, energy and professional ability of an exceptionally high order in carrying out numerous assignments for the anti-aircraft defense of areas throughout the North African Theater. In many of the situations encountered, his services were of a pioneer nature, entailing integration of French anti-aircraft defense with the American system. This he achieved with tact, judgment and skill. The air defense installations organized and commanded by him functioned so effectively that allied military installations suffered a minimum of damage, with costly results to raiding enemy aircraft. Entered service from Tennessee.

GEORGE A. SMITH, 016476, Colonel, ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 September 1942 to 17 August 1943. As a member of the G-3 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, Colonel Smith had charge of the movement of reinforcing troops and equipment to United States units participating in the Tunisian Campaign. Overall shortages of equipment added greatly to the difficulties of the situation, particularly during the trying days of the winter and early spring. Nevertheless, by the application of sound judgment, determination, and diligent attention to details, he succeeded in supplying all critical needs, thereby contributing greatly to the success of operations. As Commanding Officer of the ** Infantry, during the campaign in Sicily, his superior leadership, personal courage and fortitude, coupled with his administrative and executive abilities, brought great credit upon himself and that unit. Entered United States Military Academy from the United States at large.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

WILSON L. CLANTON, 38066082, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Company, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 May 1942 to 15 July 1943. As a clerk in the publications branch of the Adjutant General's Section, he made possible the expeditious distribution of publications, directives and forms to units of the division by devising systems for allotting and checking this material. His superior performance of duty and resourcefulness have set an outstanding example to the other members of his section. Entered service from Sweetwater, Texas.

GERALD L. [illegible], 6907358, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, ** Infantry Division Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 8 May 1943. As mess sergeant, by his perseverance, initiative and superior ability, throughout the operations in North Africa, he maintained, under the most adverse battle conditions, a consistently excellent mess. By providing hot, well-prepared food to the men in the forward positions despite severe weather, intensive enemy action or long distances over hazardous terrain, he contributed materially to the high morale of his organization. Entered service from Buffalo, New York.

FRANK L. PETROSINO, 6703709, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 July 1943 to 8 August 1943. As supply sergeant for the 3d Battalion, ** Infantry, he displayed exceptional ability and courage in the delivery of supplies and ammunition to virtually inaccessible areas under the constant threat of enemy bombing and shelling. His cheerful diligence, strong leadership and courage, inspired his section to super-human efforts. Entered service from Clyde, New York.

WESLEY J. SCOTT, 6714863, Staff Sergeant, Battery "B", ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the battles of Gafsa and El Guettar, Tunisia, from 17 March 1943 to 9 April 1943. Through initiative and aggressiveness, he kept his battery adequately supplied even during the most severe fighting when the adversities of bad weather, lack of transportation, rapid moves, and the scarcity of the supplies themselves made his task seem hopeless. He never waited for requests to come to him, but personally sought out the units, ascertained their needs, obtained the items, and delivered them, often through mined and firswept areas. Entered service from Rochester, New York.

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WALTER I. TITMAN, 35300869, Staff Sergeant, ** Evacuation Hospital (Sem), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 December 1942 to 20 October 1943. In charge of the surgical technicians of the unit, Staff Sergeant Titman, by excellent leadership and high initiative, has maintained a smoothly functioning section and has constantly improved the efficiency of its operating rooms. On the beach of Gela, Sicily, he voluntarily joined a landing party and assisted in caring for the wounded under enemy fire. Later at Palermo he rendered exceptional service by his assistance in setting up a successful advance emergency hospital which cared for large numbers of patients. Entered service from Unionville, Ohio.

GEORGE E. SCHNEITTER, 12017359, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. As supply sergeant for the First Battalion, ** Infantry, he delivered ammunition, food and other urgently needed supplies to his organization with exceptional courage and initintive. On numerous occasions he led vehicles loaded with ammunition into areas subjected to severe enemy shell fire. His ability to handle any emergency, and his devotion to duty in the face of innumerable hazards, made possible a steady flow of rations and equipment to the front lines. Entered service from Brownville, New York.

JOHN A. KONESCHUSKY, 20322569, Staff Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, ** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 March 1943 to 14 August 1943. The ability of his men to remove mines and booby traps left by the enemy, was due to the continuous training they received at his hands and the system he helped to set up. While training his men, he frequently handled "live" explosives, without regard for his personal safety, in order to add realism and instill confidence. Sergeant Koneschusky has set a high example of leadership and efficiency. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRANCIS W. BUSH, 38041611, Technical Sergeant, ** Evacuation Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As mess sergeant of the ** Evacuation Hospital from 1 January 1943 to 22 August 1943, he organized and trained the personnel assigned to him into a highly efficient mess organization capable of serving from a few to several thousand persons upon short notice. His ability to prepare highly palatable and well balanced menus from the limited variety of rations available was especially praiseworthy. He also perfected an unusual plan for sterilizing dishes and kitchen utensils which has made his mess a model of sanitation. Entered service from Denton, Texas.

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Award of Silver Star.....I
Award of Soldier's Medal.....II
Award of Legion of Merit.....III

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

GERARD C. WIGHALSKI, 31000524, Sergeant, Battery "F", 9th Coast Artillery (AA), for gallantry in action. Leading his gun crew through heavy enemy fire during darkness to set up new positions, Sergeant Wisniewski exhibited leadership and gallantry of a high order on 6 May 1943 near Mateur, Tunisia. By personal example, he so ably controlled his men and directed their fire that, in spite of heavy shelling from enemy artillery and tanks, the crews remained in their positions and brought down four enemy aircraft. Entered service from Adams, Massachusetts.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN, 32112093, Private First Class, Battery "G", 9th Coast Artillery Battalion (AA) (Sep), for heroism on 2 June 1943. When two soldiers swimming near Cap Falcon, Algeria, were caught in a strong undercurrent and carried seaward from shore, Private First Class Christensen, although fatigued from previous exertion, and aware of the grave danger to himself, swam to their assistance. With considerable difficulty, he brought one of the men to shore. Immediately reentering the water, he made a valiant attempt to save the other. Such courage and selflessness are deserving of highest praise. Entered service from Island Park, New York.

WILLIAM H. DEWEY, 0-356761, First Lieutenant, CE, Company "D", 7th Engineer Battalion (Separate), for heroism on 25 July 1943, at Cap Falcon, Algeria. When members of a swimming party were trapped in a strong undertow, were being carried rapidly seaward, and were in grave danger, Lieutenant Dewey swam to their assistance. After bringing one man to safety and attempting to reach another, he was himself completely exhausted and barely able to reach shore. After only a brief rest, he again entered the water and assisted another to safety. His heroism saved the lives of two persons. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

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III - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

HOUSTON E. POWELL, 36039754, Technician Fifth Grade, Clearing Company, ** Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 February 1942 to 15 July 1943. As unit carpenter he has demonstrated a thorough technical background and unusual resourcefulness in making improvements and adjustments in the organization's facilities. Despite a lack of materials, he designed and constructed such practical equipment as a portable fly-proof operating room, portable operating tables, a surgical wash rack, crutches, and various other devices contributing to the better sanitation and efficiency of the unit. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

CLARENCE A. LANDGRAF, 7006984, Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Battery "B", ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding [illegible] from 24 December 1942 to 8 May 1943. As acting motor sergeant, he supervised, trained and directed his motor section with such extraordinary fidelity and efficiency that the vehicles of the battalion suffered no mechanical failure during this period. It was largely through his sustained effort, skill and ingenuity in effecting repairs to the damaged vehicles, that the battalion's transportation was saved after the battle of El Guettar. Entered service from Birmingham, Alabama.

ANDREW BAUER, 33301425, Technician Third Grade, ** Evacuation Hospital (Semi), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 November 1942 to 20 October 1943. During the Sicilian Campaign when the unit was often functioning at more than double its normal capacity, he worked beyond normal endurance. By untiring devotion, he displayed initiative, fidelity, and exceptional measure of efficiency. In charge of the other medical technicians of the unit, his splendid leadership and personal example inspired them to give excellent care to the sick and wounded. Entered service from Cleveland, Ohio.

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I - ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITATION OF UNIT

The Theater Commander is pleased to announce that the War Department has cited, in General Orders, a unit of the Command. The citation reads as follows:

"Battery C, 27th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action. At 1000 hours on 6 December 1942, the battery position near Tebourba, Tunisia, was carried and bombed by ten Messerschmitts for ten minutes when thirty enemy tanks, supported by infantry, attacked the battery in front and flank. All the battery guns engaged in direct fire against this superior force but at 1100 hours the tanks, firing their machine guns, passed through the battery positions and over-ran the reserve gun units, then turned and again passed through all the battery positions. Shelling from the tanks eventually destroyed all the 105mm self-propelled guns of the battery which continued in action until out of fire and the crews dispersed, injured or killed by machine gun fire. The last howitzer seen in action discharged its gun point blank at a Mark IV tank; both tank and gun fired simultaneously and each was destroyed by the other's direct hit. At this point the 1st Battery arrived at the scene of the melee and, firing directly on the tanks, caused their withdrawal and the retirement of the enemy infantry, thus enabling the assistance remnants of Battery C to assemble. During the melee all members of the battery remained at their posts performing assigned duties until killed, injured, or their equipment destroyed.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT, MISSING IN ACTION

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 2 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following enlisted man who is missing in action:

CARLO M. STRALI, 32-2103, Private, ** Signal Service Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to approximately 18 February 1943. Private Stralli landed in North Africa with the assault forces of the British ** Commando and the ** Combat Team, ** Division, United States Army, and aided in photographing scenes for the picture, "The Invasion of North Africa", penetrating enemy territory for days at a time in obtaining reconnaissance photographs of enemy

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terrain and installations. After successful completion of this mission which involved advancing with combat forces to Algiers and Rome, he voluntarily accepted a hazardous assignment to photograph medical procedure in the front lines for a combat medical history. Private Spinelli, by superior knowledge of his profession, coolness in the face of enemy fire and devotion to duty played an important part in making records of great historical significance. Entered service from New York, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Dominic Spinelli, (Mother) Bronx, New York, New York.

III - AWARD, BY W.D DEPARTMENT, OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit, to each of the following named individuals:

GILMER ELLIS, 20817682, Sergeant, Company C, ** Engineer Combat Battalion. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. With commendable ingenuity, without direction or assistance, on his own time during off-duty hours, Sergeant Ellis devised and constructed a tree mount for use in firing the caliber .30 light machine gun. As a result, he has made it possible to increase greatly the fire effect and tactical employment of the light machine gun in wooded areas where undergrowth prohibits the use of the weapon on the standard mount. Residence at enlistment: Port Arthur, Texas.

MICHAEL P. POLOR, 01306374, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant, Company "C", ** Infantry), Company "I", ** Parachute Infantry, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. A man of great physical energy, an expert with all weapons, dynamic in physical combat, willing and anxious to engage in any test of physical endurance, Lieutenant Polor has been a leader and an inspiration to the men of the entire company in all forms of close combat. Used by the battalion officer in all demonstrations involving physical exploits, he has enthusiastically cooperated to the fullest extent. Residence at enlistment: Sacramento, California.

IV - AWARD OF MEDAL OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 1) dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

NORMAN I. SMITH, 33010798, Corporal, Service Battery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Corporal Smith, with unfailing devotion to duty, delivered rations to the forward echelons despite every conceivable adversity, during the operations in North Africa. Working during darkness, and proceeding over unfamiliar trails frequently strafed by enemy planes, he demonstrated marked initiative in locating battery positions, which were changed frequently during combat. Frequently displaying great personal courage and noteworthy fidelity, he has performed outstanding services. Entered service from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

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ALBERT R. REICH, 32185570, Corporal, Battery "B", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Throughout operations in North Africa, he has performed his duties as clerk and battery agent, in addition to many other voluntarily assumed duties, cheerfully and in an outstanding manner. He volunteered for any task which led to the improvement of morale and comfort of his fellow soldiers. On one occasion, he drove his vehicle through an area under enemy artillery fire, without regard for his personal safety, in order that men at advanced outposts would have a warm meal. Entered service from Newark, New Jersey.

BARNEY WILSON, 6061273, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 July 1943 to 8 August 1943 in Sicily. As a regimental mechanic, he often drove through mined areas or under enemy artillery barrages to bring back vehicles which had been abandoned by others as too dangerous to retrieve. In addition, his superior performance of maintenance duties, and his initiative in delivering repaired vehicles promptly to their respective organizations, were examples of outstanding services that will be difficult to excell. Entered service from Somerville, Massachusetts.

MAX CANFIELD, 19037306, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician fifth Grade), Army Pictorial Service, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the campaigns in Morocco, Tunis, and Sicily, his thorough technical knowledge of photography was employed to the greatest possible advantage in providing a graphic record of the operations. Through his diligence, intelligent choice of subject matter and unusual courage in the face of great personal danger, he obtained many thousand feet of film, which has been of great value both to the War and Navy Departments for training, and as a means of keeping the American public fully informed of the progress of our forces overseas. Entered service from Los Angeles, California.

SAMUEL S. STEINBERG, 36048138, Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, ** Signal Service Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 30 July 1943. Sergeant Steinberg landed in North Africa with the initial assault forces, photographing motion pictures for the film "The Invasion of North Africa". He penetrated enemy territory for days at a time in obtaining reconnaissance photographs of enemy terrain and installations. Upon successful completion of this mission, he voluntarily accepted an assignment to photograph medical procedure in the front lines for documentary motion pictures. His superior professional knowledge, coolness in the face of [illegible] fire and devotion to duty have contributed greatly to the making of historical films for posterity. His acts reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered service from St. Louis, Missouri.

EUGENE W. MORRIS, 6666209, Sergeant, Battery "B", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 29 January 1943 to 24 April 1943. During this period, he has displayed superior leadership as chief of a 105mm gun section, and has given repeated proof of his ability, initiative and great personal courage. On one occasion, during a withdrawal, with acute presence of mind, he took possession

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of an abandoned howitzer, without sights, quickly organized a skeleton crew and brought to bear effective fire upon flanking enemy tanks. Because of his thorough instruction and leadership, his section has been able to attain a rate of accurate fire greatly in excess of the accepted maximum. Entered service from Caneyville, Kentucky.

CHARLES T. KERRIGAN, Jr., 37057761, Sergeant, Headquarters Detachment, ** Fighter Group (TE), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 13 May 1943. On arrival of his organization in North Africa, his improvisations in the repair of disabled trucks greatly aided the group in its early entry into combat. During the operations, despite a shortage of tools and parts and the handicap of working in inclement weather and in blackouts, his skill and tireless efforts as an auto mechanic resulted in all vehicles of the group being available for their missions. Entered service from Old Monroe, Missouri.

GEORGE H. LAUDE, 32018240, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Tunisian Campaign. As battery motor sergeant, he constantly maintained the vehicles of his battalion in all kinds of weather and often under enemy fire. Handicapped by worn vehicles of his battalion in all [illegible] of weather and often under enemy fire. Handicapped by worn vehicles and lack of proper equipment, he distinguished himself by performing outstanding services which were of the utmost importance in keeping the mobility, firepower and supply of the battalion at a constant high standard. Entered service from Williston Park, Long Island, New York.

ARTHUR C. FEATHER, 6669187, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ** Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 18 May 1943. Throughout the campaigns in North Africa, Sergeant Feather, by high efficiency and superior ability, maintained his vehicles in a constant state of readiness, despite their long usage over roads frequently subjected to enemy bombing attacks. By making the greatest possible use of the few repair parts available, ingeniously improvising substitutes when necessary, he kept his vehicles in such a high state of maintenance that no movement was ever delayed because of mechanical failure. Entered service from Campbellsville, Kentucky.

FRANK L. MORRIS, 31243065, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Army Pictorial Service, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 17 August 1943. During the French Moroccan, Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns he used his long experience as a newsreel cameraman to the best advantage in providing photographic record of the activities of the United States Armed Forces. Through his untiring efforts, his utter disregard for personal security and his exceptional ability as a photographer, he was able to supply the War and Navy Departments with invaluable information concerning the North African battle fronts and render to the American public a visual record of these operations. Entered service from Los Angeles, California.

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WILLIAM B. GOLLADAY, 6990467, Technical Sergeant, Service Battery, 69th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 31 January 1942 to 9 May 1943. Showing determined aggressiveness, Sergeant Golladay continually delivered supplies, during darkness, over unfamiliar, unreconnoitered trails and roads which were known to be heavily mined, or were under hostile shelling. His high appreciation of responsibilities, aggressiveness, and disregard for personal safety resulted in an uninterrupted flow of vital supplies to the batteries of the battalion. Entered service from Rockport, Indiana.

JOHN J. [illegible], 12021748, First Sergeant, [illegible] Bomber Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 August 1942 to 18 August 1943. As Personnel Sergeant Major of the squadron, he was an efficient, energetic worker. As acting first sergeant of the ground echelon he did commendable work in preparing the unit for the overseas movement. While in combat in Algeria and Tunisia, Sergeant [illegible] again showed outstanding abilities as a leader. Since his appointment as first sergeant, the high morale and the cheerful, willing cooperation of his men are ample proof of his exceptional services. Entered service from Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York.

ERNEST W. HOESCH, 37004650, Master Sergeant, Maintenance Company, [illegible] Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Charged, during the period 3 December 1942 to 9 April 1943, with the recovery and maintenance of vehicles, Sergeant Hoesch distinguished himself by maintaining in operation, under adverse conditions, a far greater number of vehicles than could reasonably be expected. Displaying high appreciation of duty and marked technical ability, he recovered all disabled vehicles that could possibly be reached, and either placed them in service or salvaged their parts. Entered service from Hutchinson, Kansas.

THOMAS J. HEINLEY, 35150721, Master Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, [illegible] Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 9 November 1942 to 15 March 1943. In charge of enlisted men of the S-3 Section of Combat Command B in North Africa, Master Sergeant Heinley has demonstrated the highest efficiency and devotion to duty, many times assuming responsibilities of a commissioned officer and showing sound judgment in making instantaneous decisions. His thorough training of the personnel brought them to the peak of efficiency. Qualities of service of the nature demonstrated by Master Sergeant Heinley bring great credit upon the military service. Entered service from Columbus City, Indiana.

ALBERT R. REBEL, 6023000, Master Sergeant, [illegible] Bomber Squadron, [illegible] Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 November 1942 to 21 August 1943. Under his leadership, as line chief, the squadron's engineering section established a consistently splendid record of maintenance during operations in North Africa and Sicily. On one occasion, during an evacuation, his determination and initiative in repairing several aircraft in record time prevented them from falling into enemy hands. Largely through his efforts, during the battle of Kasserine Pass the

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squadron was able to maintain an exceptionally strenuous schedule. He continued his inspirational leadership as the unit's first sergeant. Entered service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ROY H. McADOO, 2169312, Warrant Officer (jg), ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Assistant Communications Officer, Warrant Officer McAdoo distinguished himself during the period 21 February 1943 to 9 May 1943. Obliged to accomplish repairs and maintenance of equipment in rain, mud, darkness, and all manner of adverse conditions, and although the equipment had passed its peak of efficiency from long usage, he so effectively repaired and coordinated communication activities that not once during six months of combat did radio and wire communications fail. Entered service from Hickory, Kentucky.

WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, 0154906, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Cml, ** Fighter Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 February 1943 to 2 September 1943. Attached to the squadron for ordnance functions, Lieutenant Russell, in addition to the performance of his assigned duties in a superior manner, contributed immeasurably to the efficiency and morale of the unit in other capacities. His able management of transportation enabled the squadron to make numerous rapid moves. He assumed supervision of the mess and initiated many improvements in it and in other living conditions. Entered service from Merchantville, New Jersey.

ROBERT F. FISCHER, 0369320, Captain, FA, Headquarters, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 2 September 1943 in North Africa and Sicily. As liaison officer between artillery and Infantry, he rendered invaluable aid to the infantry in supervising the work of the artillery forward observers. On many critical occasions he assumed the duties of forward observer and personally directed artillery fire with accuracy and maximum effect. From experiences thus gained he has written a booklet, "Elementary Artillery for the Doughboy", which is invaluable as an instruction guide. Entered service from Charlottesville, Virginia.

GEORGE R. MORGAN, 0306256, Captain, FA, Headquarters, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 December 1942 to 8 May 1943. As S-2 of his battalion during the Tunisian Campaign, he voluntarily, at great personal risk, gathered and compiled accurate data regarding enemy explosives, and disseminated the information to our own, and allied units. His information proved to be of inestimable value in subsequent engagements, and gained for him an enviable reputation as an authority on the subject. The allied effort has been benefited by the skill and daring of Captain Morgan. Entered service from Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

JACK A. HORNATH, 022109, Captain, Inf, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from July 1942 to 11 July 1943.

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As S-3 of the 3d Battalion, 26th Infantry, he capably and efficiently organized the embarkation from the United States. Upon arrival in Iran he immediately began extended training for the amphibious operation on North Africa. His success was attested by the magnificent record of the battalion not only in the initial landing at Arzew, Algeria, but also throughout the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. The smoothness and success of the landing at Gela again demonstrated the efficiency and superior ability which has made Captain Regiarth invaluable to his organization. Entered service from Los Angeles, California.

WADE HAMPTON, 0-369236, Major, CE, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Chief of Intelligence, Engineer Services, Eastern Base Section, from 1 May 1943 through September 1943. Displaying unusual initiative, expert knowledge, and tactical experience and in a sincere effort to be of service, Major Hampton, in addition to his normal duties, gave lectures and demonstrations in mine warfare and demolitions to some 25,000 officers and enlisted personnel in the Eastern Base Section area. Supplemented by the most complete collection of allied and enemy mines, booby traps and demolition devices in this region, which he personally assembled, his informative lectures and spectacular demonstrations with live mines and explosives were of inestimable value to service and technical aides, especially to those taking part in the Sicilian and Italian operations. Entered service from Norfolk, Nebraska.

WILLIAM T. CLAYTON, 0-329036, Major, AC, Headquarters, 64th Fighter Group (Provisional), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 October 1942 to 7 May 1943, as group intelligence officer. During the preparation of his unit for the North African landing, and in the course of combat operations, his energetic and persistent efforts enabled the organization to be at all times completely equipped. Although much of this equipment was delayed in arriving overseas, through reconsignments and circuitous efforts he assembled all necessary equipment for early entry into combat. Through his foresight in providing vital needs for clothing and equipment, the organization was able to operate many effectively throughout the Tunisian Campaign. Entered service from Galveston, Texas.

FREDERICK W. GIBB, 0-19232, Lieutenant Colonel, Inf, Headquarters, 9th Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 9 August 1943. As battalion commander of the 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry, he demonstrated unusual tactical ability and courage in the capture of the city of Oran, Algeria. As G-3 of the 9th Infantry Division, he contributed invaluably to planning, training for and execution of the division's army assaults in Tunisia and Sicily. Entered United States Military Academy from New York.

GEORGE F. GIESS, 0-19175, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, Headquarters, 9th Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Sicily from 31 January 1943 to 17 August 1943. As commanding officer of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion in the campaigns in Tunisia and Sicily he demonstrated superior qualities of leadership. His foresight, planning, administrative ability and technical skills brought continuous credit upon himself and his battalion. Entered United States

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ERNEST C. ASH, 020933, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), CE, [illegible] Engineer Special Brigade, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian campaign. As Brigade S-3, Lieutenant Colonel Ash planned and participated in many of the details and policies surrounding the very successful employment of the shore engineer troops and attached units which supported the operations of the 7th Army. After the landing, as executive officer of the separated Service Supply Group, he supervised and directed the operation of the supply dump in a most conspicuous manner. Entered service from Ithaca, New York.

RICHARD H. JORDAN, 0192687, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters, [illegible] Engineers (CS), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 6 December 1942 to 20 September 1943. In North Africa, he distinguished himself by the [illegible] manner in which he directed his command in the construction of vital [illegible], [illegible], port facilities, [illegible] and warehouses as well as the clearing of [illegible]. In Sicily, he personally directed and rushed to rapid completion the clearing of the port of Palermo which involved the emergency repair of dock facilities, reestablishment of utilities within the city, removing mines of demolition, and the construction of vital road and bridges. Entered service from Fort Worth, Texas.

[illegible] Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 August 1943 to 30 September 1943. As Chief of Staff, 1st Airborne Division, he effected a series of complex administrative and tactical movements involving the transportation of the division by [illegible], and air with outstanding efficiency and rapidity. His organized division concentrations from widely scattered [illegible] points and [illegible] camps were directed, he accomplished the planning with [illegible]. The operation achievements of the division in the early phases of operations in Italy were due largely to [illegible] intelligence and [illegible] leadership. Entered United States Military Academy from Illinois.

By command of General MACARTHUR:

E. L. FORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
: 13 November 1943
NUMBER 126)

THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION

1. The following proclamation from the President of the United States has been received by the Commanding General, North African Theater of Operations. It is desired that this be brought to the attention of all United States Army personnel:

"God's help to us has been great in this year of our march toward world-wide liberty. In brotherhood with the warriors of the other United Nations, our gallant men have won victories, freed our homes from fear, made tyranny tremble and laid the foundation for freedom of life in a world which will be free.

"Our forges, hearths and mills have wrought well; our weapons have not failed. Our farmers, our victory gardeners and crop volunteers have gathered and stored a heavy harvest in barns, bins and cellars. Our total food production for this year is the greatest in the annals of our country.

"For all these things we are devoutly thankful, knowing also that so great mercies exact from us the greatest measure of sacrifice and service.

"Now, therefore, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, November 25, 1943 as the day for expressing our thanks to God for his blessings. November, having been set aside as "Food Fights For Freedom" month, it is fitting that Thanksgiving Day be made a culmination of the observance of that month by the high resolve on the part of all to produce and save food and to "share and play square" with food.

"May we, on Thanksgiving Day and every day, express our gratitude and zealously devote ourselves and our duties as individuals and as a nation. May each of us dedicate his utmost efforts to speeding the victory which will bring new opportunities for peace and brotherhood among men."

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2. It is desired that Thanksgiving Day be observed with appropriate ceremonies, where practicable.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FREE,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

H. V. BOSLEY,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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Award of Silver Star..... I
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Award of Legion of Merit..... III
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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Silver Star to the following individual:

RICHARD CHILCOT, Correspondent, International News Service, for gallantry in action. Mr. Chilcot, in his capacity as an accredited correspondent assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, landed with the first group of assault troops on the shores of Sicily, 10 July 1943. Disregarding his personal safety, he moved forward with advance groups, under heavy enemy fire, interrogating prisoners as soon were taken, and assisting the wounded. Later, he accompanied a patrol which entered Palermo in advance of the occupation by our troops, contacted the Chief of Police, and went with him to inform the Italian troops that the American forces had taken the city. Accompanying a patrol on another occasion, he entered Messina prior to its occupation, and returned with two truckloads of Italian prisoners. Mr. Chilcot's absolute disregard for personal safety, his voluntary actions and willingness to be of service above and beyond duty call of duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and his profession.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

MARGARET MAHONEY, A-15142, Private, 36th Engineer Combat Company (AAC), for heroism on 11 September 1943, at Bizerta. Private Mahoney and a soldier fell into a well of burning gasoline. Without hesitation or thought of the danger to herself, she rushed into the flames and dragged the soldier from them. She then smothered the flaming clothing with her body and had taken off much of the rest before help arrived. The outstanding heroism and self-sacrifice of Private Mahoney, who received severe burns herself, prevented the rescued soldier from being fatally burned. Entered service from Worcester, New York.

LEONARD B. WAITES, 34183404, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Bombing Operations Battalion, for heroism on 23 September 1943 at Biancavilla, Sicily. A gasoline fire, fanned by a strong wind, ignited eight cans of gasoline in the railroad yards and endangered the entire yard area containing the carloads of ammunition and oil. Staff Sergeant Waites acted as switchman

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and uncoupled and assisted in removing the sixteen cars of ammunition which were joined directly to those that were burning. He then assisted in removing all the remaining cars from the area. These acts of great heroism were performed with complete disregard for the great danger from exploding ammunition and flying shrapnel, and were entirely voluntary as Sergeant Bartlett, a telegraph operator, was off duty at the time. Entered service from Marion, North Carolina.

DAVID M. PERKINS, 0414179, First Lieutenant, TC, Company "C", 2nd Railway Operating Battalion, for heroism on 23 September 1943, at Fiumetorto, Sicily. A grass fire, fanned by a strong wind, ignited eight cars of ammunition in the railroad yards and endangered the entire yard area containing 110 carloads of ammunition and oil. Lieutenant Perkins, although in danger of injury or death from exploding ammunition, without hesitation organized a soldier train crew, and with himself acting as switchman, succeeded in removing 10 cars of ammunition coupled directly to the burning and exploding cars of ammunition. He then calmly and courageously supervised and assisted in the removal of the remaining cars of ammunition and oil; undoubtedly saving critically needed supplies. Entered service from Birmingham, Alabama.

III - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded, posthumously, in the name of the President to the following individual:

TOM F. FORMAN, JR., 0-414710, Second Lieutenant, Ord, 2nd Ordnance Company (Mi) (Tk), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 15 April 1943 to 9 August 1943. Lieutenant Forman's efforts were a primary contributing factor in the successful development, manufacture and test firing of the 81mm Mortar Fire Entanglement Remover and the 81mm Mortar Bangalore Torpedo weapon, both of which materially assisted in the successful Sicilian landing. In addition, as maintenance officer, he displayed unusual ability, initiative, foresight and leadership which were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary M. Forman (Mother), Post Office Box 527, Beverly Hills, California.

IV - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following individuals:

GEORGE FERRITER, 11084708, Private First Class, Battery "A", 2nd Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 4 April 1943. Private First Class Ferriter not only performed his routine duties as cannoneer in a superior manner, but throughout the operations voluntarily assumed and executed many other duties in order to improve the efficiency of his unit. He made many suggestions which were adopted as standard operating procedure by the battery. Often he would stand two

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Consecutive hours of guard duty rather than wake a fellow cannoneer whom he knew to be badly in need of rest, although himself near exhaustion. His cheerful encouragement to his comrades, even when he was seriously wounded, was an important factor in building and sustaining the morale of his battery, and earned for him the admiration and affection of his officers and comrades. Entered service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

THOMAS R. COOPER, 20411927, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "A", ** Engineer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in the Sicilian Campaign. Technician Fifth Grade Cooper performed outstanding achievements through the skillful manner in which he operated his bulldozer. After the enemy had destroyed roads and bridges and created impediments, he worked zealously and unceasingly in order that the necessary repairs be made to enable our forces to advance. Often he worked under enemy fire and to the point of mystical exhaustion, but because of his intense devotion to duty and courage he persisted until the tasks assigned to him were completed. His actions are deserving of the highest praise. Entered service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

ROBERT M. YOUNG, 31507?0, Corporal, Battery "A", ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As a lineman and radio operator of his battery's forward observer party, Corporal Young contributed greatly to the fire power of his unit during the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns. On several occasions when radio failure left his party without communication with the battalion, he reestablished it, regardless of personal danger, by laying wire from the observation post or by carrying messages. At all times he bore the responsibilities of his background cheerfully and tirelessly, frequently going without sleep for extended periods in order to ensure the safety and comfort of the men and the proper functioning of the detail. Entered service from South Norwalk, Connecticut.

JOSEPH WASYLYSZYN, 32033?0?, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, ** Tank Battalion (L), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 20 December 19?2 to 27 July 19?3. As medical aid man, Technician Fourth Grade Wasylyszyn has been conspicuous by his extraordinary courage and high devotion to duty throughout many engagements. On many occasions, heedless of personal danger, he assisted in the evacuation of the wounded while under intense enemy fire. His efforts have aided large numbers of his comrades and have unquestionably saved many lives. Entered military service from Neville Island, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS H. FORD, 13109?82, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Detachment, Headquarters Company, Quartermaster Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 December 1942 to 7 October 1943. As chief clerk of the Unit and Troop Basis sub-section, G-1 Section, he has been in a large measure responsible for developing effective controls and systematic records pertaining to the planning and procurement of items on troop basis, unit prescribed and personal tables. During his service, he has displayed a high degree of thoroughness, ability and devotion to duty, and has performed with superior efficiency many duties normally assigned to an officer. Entered service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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DANIEL G. BAILEY, 35331338, Sergeant, [illegible] Squadron, [illegible] Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in North Africa from May 1943 to August 1943. Despite inadequate and limited facilities, Sergeant Bailey, as first cook of his organization, has always prepared and served adequate meals. He has exhibited an unusually high degree of personal interest, initiative and ingenuity in combining foods and ingredients to secure best results from alloted supplies. His has been a material contribution to the morale of the organization. Entered service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

FREDERICK G SEIB, 32130053, Sergeant, Company "B", [illegible] Quartermaster Battalion (GS) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the month of August 1943. Given the responsibility of selecting the site and establishing a class III supply dump at Cassaro, Sicily, Sergeant Seib accomplished his task in record time. He supervised the movement, receipt and issue of all necessary petroleum supplies with an efficiency far beyond that expected of his grade. By evening of the second day, Sergeant Seib had 41,000 gallons of petroleum products stocked in a new dump and was supervising, in addition, the issues from a 250,000 gallon dump in the rear. All these operations were accomplished with a limited number of vehicles and personnel. Entered service from Buffalo, New York.

ROBERT E. TRAVIS, 7009233, Staff Sergeant, Company "G", [illegible] Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns, both in actual and in rear areas, Staff Sergeant Travis continually ascertained that his company was well supplied with rations and hot food. Often he voluntarily and personally carried rations on his back for miles over rugged terrain to deliver food to the men in the lines, frequently under heavy artillery barrages, mortar and small arms fire. His constant effort and strenuous work were invaluable in maintaining the morale and health of his company. Staff Sergeant Travis's outstanding devotion to duty and cheerful willingness to cooperate, won for him the admiration and gratitude of all his comrades. Entered service from Worchester, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH E. KAFALENOS, 33345222, Staff Sergeant, [illegible] Bombardment Squadron, [illegible] Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 June 1943 to 30 July 1943 in North Africa. When his squadron was engaged in the modification of all newly assigned aircraft, he conceived and developed installations which resulted in highly increased offensive power and greater protection against enemy fire. Installation of armor plating for the bombardier, pilot, and co-pilot, and the addition of twin waist guns and a supplementary tail gun, these important changes were successfully carried out under his skilled direction. Entered service from Lemaford, Penn.

[illegible]EL C. [illegible]NS, 6538936, Master Sergeant, [illegible] Bombardment Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 20 March 1943 to 3 September 1943. With maintenance personnel usually assigned to care for sixteen planes, he maintained twenty-six planes at an exceptionally high degree of operating efficiency in combat under extremely difficult conditions. He displayed superior technical ability by improvising many mechanical systems from scrap. His leadership and unceasing attention to duty have set a high record. Entered service from Anaheim, California.

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PATRICK F. LOCKWOOD, 15065569, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron (H), ** Bombardment Group (H), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to September 1943. As line chief of his squadron, his mechanical skill and leadership contributed largely to the successful mass flight of the squadron across the Atlantic without the loss of a single plane. Working without the proper tools or equipment at a detached forward base, he labored enthusiastically and tirelessly to give his squadron an exceedingly high mechanical performance throughout the Tunisian Campaign. Entered service from Auburn, Indiana.

CHARLES NORTON, 6904664, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1943 to September 1943 in North Africa. As line chief during the Tunisian Campaign when a serious loss of planes threatened the group's continued operation, he devised methods of engineering and repair which permitted his squadron to furnish a consistently greater than usual proportion of planes for combat duty. His complete knowledge of B-26 aircraft was a source of inestimable value in keeping his unit prepared for combat at all times. Entered service from Amityville, Long Island, New York.

JOSEPH H. SADNICK, 6444155, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1943 to 28 August 1943 in North Africa. As line chief, he accomplished an excellent maintenance record for the B-26 type aircraft assigned to his squadron. Meeting the handicap of lack of adequate equipment and supplies with determination and foresight, he developed an engineering department so proficient that no known instance of loss of life or aircraft has occurred during 87 combat missions. He voluntarily participated in numerous combat missions in order to better understand maintenance problems. Entered service from Lombard, Illinois.

DONALD R. ROSS, 39380407, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from May 1943 to September 1943 in North Africa. As flight chief over a period of seven months charged with repair and maintenance of B-17 type aircraft, he exhibited great aptitude and ability in co-ordinating the activities of his several departments. Overcoming the handicaps of shortages of supplies and equipment, he directed the highest order for the outstanding mechanical condition of all the aircraft in his squadron and the high degree of co-ordination between all the officers and men under his direction. Entered service from Goldendale, Washington.

CHARLES R. COLLINS, R720827, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 5 August 1943 to 13 September 1943. His enthusiasm not only to the high standards of his squadron's health and morale by maintaining an outstanding mess, but also a splendid example of meritorious conduct by his perseverance to surmount obstacles, his painstaking and intelligent planning, and his strenuous endeavors, often under most difficult field conditions. His services are unexcelled by all which he worked and are deserving of the highest praise. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

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ALBERT DeFRATT, 6301303, First Sergeant, Company "I", 66th Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 May 1943 to 7 September 1943. First Sergeant DeFratt, applying with sound judgment and competency his comprehensive experience gained from many years in the army, freed his company officers from detailed assignments and maintained his company at the peak of efficiency. When the landing boat on which he was aboard received a direct bomb hit in the landing in Sicily, he showed commendable courage and initiative in caring for the wounded, and in assembling and re-equipping the scattered men. During the subsequent combat activities, he constantly applied himself with diligence to all tasks which would benefit his company and aid to the successful completion of its mission. Entered service from Columbus, Ohio.

ALVIN O. WOOD, W1179351, Warrant Officer (Junior Grade), Headquarters, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. As administrative officer of the Surgeon's office, Administrative Center, ** Infantry Division, Warrant Officer Wood displayed exceptional initiative and efficiency in the gathering, compilation, and submission of reports pertinent to the Medical Department. Before the necessary facilities were set up, he worked unusually long hours under adverse conditions, in order to insure that the proper records and reports were completed and forwarded. In addition to his normal duties, he set up an aid station and personally supervised its operation. By tireless devotion to duty and thorough knowledge of the details of his work, Warrant Officer Wood succeeded in developing a well coordinated, efficient and accurate administrative section. Entered service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ROYCE D. GILLIS, 0-396[illegible], First Lieutenant, Ord, Headquarters, Maintenance Battalion, Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. Overcoming acute shortages of personnel and tools by carefully timed measures and expert supervision, Lieutenant Gillis distinguished himself as maintenance liaison officer during the Sicilian Campaign. By applying his outstanding technical ability and working indefatigably, he supervised the operation of eight maintenance control jobs, which were located at widely separated places, with signal success. Entered service from Waukesha, Wisconsin.

LOY E. SUTTLES, 0-[illegible]5, First Lieutenant, Inf, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services with the ** Army Ground Forces Battle Testing Center from 24 May 1943 to 23 July 1943, in the preparation of courses, and in the training of instructors. Handicapped by the total absence of instructional materials and guides, working with limited means, always behind a time factor, and usually under trying conditions, Lieutenant Suttles, through his determination, application, devotion to duty and ingenuity of ideas, accomplished the seemingly insurmountable task of organizing his section, training assistant instructors, and preparing instructional materials and programs. His inspiring leadership gained the respect and cooperation of all personnel he came in contact. Entered service from Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

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CLINTON C. CRITCH, 0415400, Captain, QMC, ** Quartermaster Company, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 February 1942 to 17 July 1943. As Commanding Officer of Company "A" ** Quartermaster Regiment, and subsequently as Commander of the ** Quartermaster Company, he demonstrated outstanding organizational ability and leadership. Due primarily to his efforts his company has maintained a high standard of discipline and has consistently been rated superior. His conspicuous devotion to duty and efficiency were especially apparent in the conduct of a 2400-mile convoy movement over hazardous mountain roads, successfully completed in seven days. Entered service from Smithville, Texas.

DONALD V. BENNETT, 023001, Major, FA, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 January 1943 to 17 August 1943. Major Bennett performed his varied duties as supply officer, operations officer, and, subsequently, as civil administrator in a consistently superior manner. His sound ideas of organization, his keen foresight in planning and anticipating tactical requirements, and his tactical acuity in combat are evidenced by the thorough equipping of his unit, its movement to a combat area, and the high success it attained in combat. Entered service from Port Clinton, Ohio.

VINCENT S. BENNETT, 0909407, Major, CE, ** Port Headquarters, Transportation Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 November 1942 to 26 September 1943. The services of Major Bennett, as Port Engineer, Port of **, Algeria, have been outstanding throughout this period and a major factor in the development of the Port of Oran from its original chaotic condition to its present high standard of efficiency. With a minimum of personnel, and confronted with many disadvantages, he has combined cheerful resourcefulness, great technical skill, and unswerving determination in overcoming one seemingly unsurmountable obstacle after another. Entered military service from New York.

HAL L. BIRD, 0329279, Major, Inf, Headquarters Detachment Special Troops, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period 17 August 1942 to 1 August 1943. Major Bird participated in the initial planning, setting up the tables of organization and tables of equipment of Headquarters and Headquarters Command, Allied Force. As supply officer, Headquarters Command, he was responsible for the procurement of all supplies for Allied Force, Headquarters and Headquarters Command. This responsibility involved dealing through both American and British sources of supply in order to obtain equipment for the integrated British and American sections of this headquarters. His clear understanding of organization and supply channels and unfailing spirit of cooperation have been the frequent subject of favorable comment by our Allies. Major Bird's outstanding initiative, attention to detail, and keen foresight, under constant pressure of ever increasing demands, were a marked contribution to the successful operation of Allied Force Headquarters. Entered service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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THOMAS R. HILLARD, 0371060, Major, Inf, Headquarters Company, Allied Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 17 September 1942 to 1 August 1943, as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, Allied Force. Due to the rapid expansion of Allied Force Headquarters, Major Hillard with only the normal company staff was required to administer an organization which was expanded in a short period of time to approximately a regiment in size. The many administrative difficulties, naturally attendant to such an exigency, were met and overcome in a most efficient manner through his own initiative and with personnel which he trained and organized for the purpose, he set up facilities such as bakeries, laundries and other services which contributed greatly to the comfort, morale and efficiency of Allied Force Headquarters and Headquarters Command. His leadership, outstanding performances of assigned duties, and successful undertaking of tasks beyond his normal responsibilities, have been an inspiration to those with whom he served and a credit to the Army of the United States. Entered service from Fort City, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER, 022703, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, Headquarters ** Corps for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 21 January 1943 to 18 August 1943 during the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns. Through his untiring efforts and often against almost unsurmountable difficulties, as Corps Hospitalization and Evacuation Officer, he so ably coordinated the hospitalization and evacuation over a wide and swiftly changing front, that at no time, in spite of large numbers of casualties, did this service falter. Entered service from Vernon, Oklahoma.

VERNE E. HAINES, 017198, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, Headquarters, ** Infantry Division Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to May 1943. He commanded the ** Field Artillery Battalion in a superior manner and participated in the planning and actual fighting in each of its engagements. During the operations of the ** Combat Team in Tunisia, he organized and commanded large groups of mixed American, British, and French Artillery Troops in a manner that clearly demonstrated his outstanding qualities of leadership and technical skill. Entered United States Military Academy from Arizona.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Distinguished Service Medal to the following named officer:

AUBY C. STRICKLAND, 016335, Brigadier General, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility as Chief of Staff of the Desert Air Task Force, Ninth United States Air Force, from the Battle of El Alamein to the expulsion of the Axis forces from Africa. Assuming the responsibilities of Chief of Staff and later those of Commanding General of the Desert Air Task Force of the Ninth United States Air Force at a most critical time in the Middle East campaign he rendered invaluable assistance to the Commanding General prior to his own assumption of command in the completion of the training and later the operations of the fighter and medium bombardment units which constituted the Desert Air Task Force. Living constantly in the desert and under conditions of great personal hardship and danger, he acquired vital information, maintained liaison with our allies and rendered other invaluable service, in the conduct of operations. By his brilliant leadership, keen foresight, tactical ability, dynamic energy and untiring devotion to duty General Strickland contributed immeasurably to the superb direct support rendered by the fighter and medium bombardment units of the Ninth United States Air Force to the British Eighth Army in its successful advance across North Africa from El Alamein to the capitulation of the enemy forces in Tunisia. Entered service from Alabama.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, in addition to the Legion of Merit Medal previously awarded, to the following named officers:

JOHN W. O'DANIEL, 07382, Brigadier General (then Colonel, Inf), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as commandant, Junior Officers Training Center, Third Army. In carrying out this important assignment, General O'Daniel displayed exceptional organizational ability, a high order of leadership, great energy, outstanding initiative, and absorbing interest. With his wide knowledge of small unit combat training along with a dynamic force and drive which characterized all his instruction, he succeeded in imbuing the young officers under him with a definite offensive spirit. Entered service from Delaware.

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ERNEST N. HARMON, 05282, Major General, (then Brigadier General), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 from 12 July 1940 to 25 [illegible] 1942, and as Chief of Staff of Headquarters, Armored Force from 2 November 1941 to 15 June 1942, General Harmon made a most outstanding contribution toward the organization of that command. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, his ability and untiring efforts were of incalculable value in the initial organization and subsequent expansion of the Armored Force. As Chief of Staff, his innate qualities of leadership and sound judgment are reflected in the high morale and training of all armored force units. Entered United States Military Academy from Massachusetts.

III - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH A. BUTTLER, 6556223, Technical Sergeant, 606th Signal Aircraft Warning Plotting Company, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as wire chief of the San Francisco Information Center. He assisted materially in the training of personnel and the operation and smooth functioning of the information center, frequently performing duties normally assigned to commissioned officers. In addition to his duties as wire chief, Sergeant Buttler volunteered to take charge of the emergency power plant for this installation and actively supervised its installation, operation and maintenance. His performance of duty has at all times been superior.

RICHARD E. COOLEY, 15043556, First Sergeant, 9th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. He was appointed a First Sergeant, 11 March 1941, at the age of nineteen, after only six months' service. His leadership, intelligence, aggressiveness and rigorous application to duty have contributed largely to the fact that his company has been chosen honor company of the 9th Medical Battalion several times. In this work, Sergeant Cooley has rendered meritorious service.

RICHARD L. LETCHWORTH, 0350852, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service with a task force in Africa. When exigencies of the situation on 4 July 1942 required that the task force take over the operation and maintenance of lighters as part of its unloading mission, Lieutenant Letchworth as officer in charge of motor maintenance, rose to his added duties with energy and resourcefulness. The condition of lighters was such that long and arduous hours were required to repair equipment to meet the strenuous schedule of unloading. His example in personal skill and effort and his initiative and ingenuity were a constant inspiration to his maintenance crew. Under his management a chaotic and erratic condition of lighter maintenance was succeeded by orderly operation and increased capacity. He succeeded in doubling the average number of lighters available. His contribution was a material factor in a crisis of unloading 25,000 tons of cargo at sea and transporting it in unfavorable weather and surf to shore. Residence at appointment: Decatur, Georgia.

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PETER F. GLYNON, 0331277, Major, (then First Lieutenant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in the Construction Division, Operations Branch, Office of the Quartermaster General and Office of the Chief of Engineers. He was assigned duties and responsibilities in the supervision of the flow of construction supplies and materials to the Panama Canal Zone, which were greatly in excess of those normally considered appropriate to his grade. By the exceptional performance of his duties he contributed in large measure to the successful prosecution of the military construction program in the Canal Zone. Entered service from Albany, New York.

FRANK WESTON SMITH, 0328717, Major (then Captain), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Chief of the Warrant Officer and Enlisted Section, Office, Chief of Engineers, where he participated in the twelvefold expansion of the military personnel of the Corps of Engineers. This expansion, involving an increase in the number of Engineer troop units from 23 to 322 in officers from 810 to 9,500 in enlisted men from 11,000 to 115,000, and a sixfold increase in the construction activities of the Corps of Engineers, required corresponding reorganization of the Military Personnel Branch, Office, Chief of Engineers. Major Smith demonstrated marked initiative and administrative ability in reorganizing and supervising his section so as to procure, classify, administer and maintain records for the great numbers of additional warrant officers and enlisted men required for the war effort.

ROBERT HUGH CHRISTIE, 0249660, Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Machine Records Officer for the Second Corps Area, he organized machine records procedure for all military personnel within the geographical limits of that command. By virtue of his organizing ability and a willingness to work and study far beyond the normal requirements of duty, he was able to train adequate personnel and to service his own command and numerous others. His efficient performance and his far-sighted faith in machine records operation under field conditions have gained recognition in this field. By his tireless energy and sound judgment, he has met every demand made upon him. His services to the Eastern Defense Command and First Army have continued to increase in value as additional requests have been made of his organization. He has made a significant contribution to one of the newest procedures in the military service under the pressure and trying circumstances of a national emergency and a state of war. Entered service from New York.

CARROLL E. HUNTY, 017281, Lieutenant Colonel, Cavalry, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Commanding Officer of the Heliopolis Depot of the Delta Service Command, Egypt, he established, constructed and operated this important depot. His responsibilities and activities covered a wide range including the reception of troops disembarked at Suez and the instruction of personnel of the allied forces in tank and motor maintenance. His expert professional knowledge, sound judgment and soldierly deportment were of great value to the allied forces in North Africa and the Middle East. Entered United States Military Academy from Kansas.

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WALTER P. BURN, 0136417, Colonel, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Chief of the Training Division, Office of Civilian Defense, he rendered services of outstanding value to the nation in the development and preparation of instructional data in connection with the organization and operation of defense units within communities for the protection of persons and property from bombing attacks, sabotage and other war hazards within the United States. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

EDMUND K. ELLIS, 017295, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Assistant to the Chief of the Engineering Branch, Construction Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, during the period, 21 January 1941 to 27 November 1941 and later as Chief, Ground Troops Section Construction Division, Office Chief of Engineers. In these capacities he assisted in the reorganization of the Construction Division, and in the development, analysis, and coordination of the building needs of the Using Arms and Services, thus contributing in a marked degree to the successful execution of the Military Construction Program. Entered United States Military Academy from New York.

EMMELL W. REIM, 04702, Colonel, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Commanding Officer and Acting Construction Quartermaster of the Detroit Tank Arsenal, and as Commanding Officer of the Tank Engineering Office, also in Detroit, from 1 January 1942 to 7 August 1942, he distinguished himself by achievements beyond what had been reasonably expected or predicted. The months he gained beyond his schedule in building the Detroit Tank Arsenal and achieving quantity production of the M3 Medium Tank proved to be of immense importance in the strategy of the war when those tanks, produced with unexpected speed and largely to his outstanding forcefulness and ingenuity, played a prominent role in turning back the German threat against Alexandria in 1942. The engineering improvements and adaptations he guided so brilliantly at the Tank Engineering Office were of immeasurable benefit to speed of manufacture, and to the fighting power of American tanks, self-propelled gun mounts, and tank destroyers. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

ELBERT L. FORD, 05851, Brigadier General, (then Colonel), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Officer in Charge of Production Engineering and Planning from February 1938 to December 1940, and as Works Manager from December 1940 to June 1942, at Springfield Armory, General Ford formulated plans and supervised the selection and procurement of machines and equipment to increase enormously the production of the United States Rifle, caliber .30 M1 (Garand). With unusual sagacity, foresight, courage and willingness to try unknown yet possible methods, he selected and brought together an assembly of machines which were outstanding in the field of small arms manufacture. As Works Manager he put into successful effect a program of mass production. The services rendered by General Ford constitute an outstanding contribution to the war effort. Entered United States Military Academy from Connecticut.

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COLONEL P. SAVILLE, 017006, Brigadier General, United States Army. As Director of Air Defense, Headquarters Army Air Forces from 9 March 1942 to 29 March 1943, General Saville performed outstanding service. He was responsible for organizing and directing the efforts of all activities of the United States involving air defense. The varied phases of the Air Defense System required an intimate understanding and knowledge of the technical characteristics as well as the tactical employment of fighter aircraft and radar equipment, in the development of which he played an important part. In order to provide specialists peculiar to the Air Defense System, he established on his own initiative the Fighter Command School at Orlando, Florida. By successfully welding into a cohesive organization the varied phases of Air Defense, General Saville has made a substantial contribution to the war effort.

ALLEN W. GULLION, 012242, Major General (then Brigadier General), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as chief of staff, Third Army. In carrying out this important assignment he displayed outstanding organizational ability, keen and accurate judgment, superior knowledge of staff procedure and an unusual understanding of the problems confronting an army. By his untiring efforts, thoroughness, patient perseverance, absorbing attention to duty, and energetic control, he developed an efficient operating staff. Entered United States Military Academy from Nebraska.

GEORGE S. PATTON, JR, 02865, Lieutenant General, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct as commander of the ** Armored Division and subsequently as commander of the ** Armored Corps. By his leadership and ineffable efforts, General Patton welded the ** Armored Division into a seasoned and highly efficient combat unit, as evidenced by its success on the battlefields of Sicily. Entered United States Military Academy from California.

IV - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 5 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following enlisted men:

CHARLES E. LANGTON, 31107938, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "C", ** Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to July 1943. Technician Fifth Grade Langton throughout this period has constantly rendered inestimably valuable service to his organization. Due to his professional proficiency, he was able to instruct in subjects generally taught by commissioned officers and to assist the surgeons in the organization and supervision of surgical installations. His services have gained him high praise from his superior officers and have been an inspiration to his unit. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

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JOSEPH M. BRAUN, 19051368, Technical Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 15 March 1943 to 2 October 1943. Despite a lack of suitable tools and equipment, except that which he himself improvised, and working under trying field conditions, Sergeant Braun, by his ingenuity, developed innovations which have materially increased the efficiency of his group. Among his inventions are a life raft release, a sighting device and, in particular, an auxiliary rack for the B-25 airplane by which the bomb carrying capacity can be greatly increased. By these extraordinary achievements, accomplished during leisure hours and beyond the call of duty, Sergeant Braun has contributed greatly to the success of our Air Forces in this theater. Entered service from Columbia, South Carolina.

WILSON T. [illegible], 13017972, Technical Sergeant, Medical Department, Headquarters, Northwest African Strategic Air Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from February 1943 to August 1943. With untiring and highly efficient effort, he contributed immeasurably to the development and perfection of the Care of Fliers Report, which has been of vital importance to the Northwest African Air Force, both operationally and administratively. His willingness, knowledge, initiative and cooperation have been an inspiration to all personnel of the headquarters. Entered service from Roanoke, Virginia.

WARREN F. SPENCER, 20719825, Master Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), ** Quartermaster Detachment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 December 1942 to February 1943. As the senior noncommissioned officer of a small group sent to ** French Morocco, to establish a quartermaster depot, Sergeant Spencer rendered highly valuable services in the organization and development of the depot into an efficient operating unit. He was obliged to work with people who spoke a foreign language and to train inexperienced personnel in warehousing procedure, but by devoting long hours to his arduous task, displaying keen initiative and ability, he so supervised and inspired his group that exceedingly large amounts of supplies were processed. Entered service from Woodward, Iowa.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH J. ORLF, 6828243, Master Sergeant, Service Company, ** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Regimental Sergeant Major from 5 November 1942 to 17 August 1943, during the operations in North Africa and Sicily. In his performance of the duties of Regimental Sergeant Major, as in a lengthy prior period in the position of First Sergeant, Master Sergeant Orlf demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, efficiency and devotion to duty. Despite the vicissitudes and constant movements of battle, he continually maintained a smooth flow of the details of the administrative work of his office in an extremely responsible manner. He was at all times an example of the highest order to the other enlisted men working under him, and was instrumental in raising the level of efficiency and quality of performance of the cadre subject to his instruction. Through his willingness and ability to assume responsibilities beyond his rank, he rendered services in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Iowa. Illinois.

JOSEPH A. KOVACS, 6,002,300, Master Sergeant, Medical Section, Headquarters, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the period 26 December 1942 to 30 June 1943, Sergeant Kovacs organized and administered without adequate assistance, an efficient administrative system in the Office of the Surgeon, North African Theater of Operations, which was highly successful. With an infinite capacity for detail and with initiative, resourcefulness and leadership beyond all expectation, he gave fully to the complex administration necessary for theater medical service. Throughout this entire time, he maintained all register records, prepared necessary boards and gathered data utilized in plans and operations for the Division Commander. His outstanding devotion to duty and his superior performance materially contributed to the medical service in North Africa and set a high example for others. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN J. KEZMARSKY, 12,056,042, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Detachment, ** Port Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in connection with the loading and unloading of ships in North Africa and Sicily area 11 November 1942 to 10 August 1943. On the arrival of his battalion at Casablanca, French Morocco, Master Sergeant Kezmarsky, as battalion superintendent of labor, speedily and effectively

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systematized its operations in the unloading of convoys from the United States. Organizing and leading work gangs, he planned and carried into execution the innumerable operations entailed in longshore work. Working unceasingly to improve the functioning of the port, he initiated numerous innovations which were subsequently adopted by the port headquarters as standard procedure. He devoted considerable effort to teaching the men of his unit the safest and most expeditious manner of discharging cargo. This, together with his excellent judgment, sound technical knowledge and inspired leadership, enabled the battalion to establish an exceptional record. Entered service from New York, New York.

WILLIS F. BOWEN, 0331250, Major, CMP, ** Airborne Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 6 July 1943 to 18 August 1943. Major Bowden accomplished the complicated and manifold duties of division provost marshal during all the operations of the ** Airborne Division in Sicily. By soundly organizing his limited force of military police, vehicles and equipment, he perfected the arrangements for the collection, processing, and evacuation of more than 20,000 prisoners of war captured by the division. Major Bowden displayed outstanding initiative, energy, and devotion to duty, combined with the tact and appreciation of the responsibility entailed in his relations with the civil population and local authorities, in the maintenance of order and good will. His resourcefulness in surmounting the innumerable problems encountered was an invaluable contribution to the successful completion of the division's mission. Entered service from Mayfield, Kentucky.

CHARLES O. DUTTY, 0-[illegible], Major, TC, ** Railway Grand Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. In command of a detachment of three officers and eighteen enlisted men of the ** Railway Operating Battalion, Major Dutty arrived at Licata, Sicily early on the morning of 12 July 1943. He immediately made a reconnaissance of the railroad and equipment in the area, and within four hours had a locomotive in operation. He then directed the organization of port clearance service and the repair of the tracks, including the removal of enemy mines in tunnels, on the route to Campobello. Within twenty-four hours after landing, Major Dutty had sufficiently organized railroad operations so as to enable him to move more than four hundred tons of supplies. Each succeeding day thereafter, he assembled additional local personnel and equipment to meet the rapidly increasing demands for supplies. His ability to successfully transport these supplies was of vital importance to our rapidly moving forces. Entered service from Lakeland, Florida.

ROBERT E. WINECKE, 0-15052, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, ** Airborne Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 18 May 1943 to 24 August 1943. The foresighted planning of Lieutenant Colonel Winecke, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, ** Airborne Division, resulted in the movement of the division from French Morocco to area of operations in Tunisia, by rail and airplane, being accomplished with efficiency and dispatch. His technical ability enabled him to prepare detailed logistical plans which contributed in a great measure to the success of the airborne assault on Sicily. Lieutenant Colonel

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Wisnecka surmounted countless obstacles in coordinating the complicated problems of supply and transportation incident to utilization of the division, without benefit of previous airborne operations and only tentative Table of Equipment and Organization, in the largest airborne operation attempted by the United States. Entered service from Glencoe, Illinois.

MATTHEW C. PUGSLEY, 017974, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, ** Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from May 1942 to September 1943. During the six months preceding the invasion of North Africa, Lieutenant Colonel Pugsley was directly responsible for the specialized training and equipping of all medical units of Task Force Brushwood of the Western Task Force. With marked ingenuity, he devised special medical kits and bags for amphibious operations which proved highly valuable. As division surgeon of Joss Force in the Sicilian operations, a force more than three times the normal size of a division, and comprising more than fifty attached organizations, he trained, indoctrinated, and equipped all organic and attached medical troops, and fitted them into the complex loading plan. Lieutenant Colonel Pugsley, with brilliant skill, moved his medical organizations so as to give continual and close support to all troops, even during operations in mountains, miles from the nearest road. Although continually dealing with officers superior to him in rank, his superhuman task was tactfully and forcefully accomplished. Entered service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES F. MASON, JR, 013413, Lieutenant Colonel, TC, G-3 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 September 1942 to 23 July 1943. As senior American officer of the Organization and Equipment Sub-Section of the G-3 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, he was charged with supervision of all staff work relating to bringing into the North African Theater a balanced force, the provision of balanced task forces for specific operations, the allocation of equipment in short supply, changes in tables of organization and tables of basic allowances. By the highly efficient, outstanding manner in which he performed these duties, he contributed greatly to the success of the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. Entered service from Georgia.

HARRY V. STEEL, 017296, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 27 May 1942 to 27 September 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Steel, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, with great foresight, superb judgment, and shrewd organizational and executive ability, directed and maintained the supply of the ** Infantry Division continuously through garrison and field maneuvers, movement to an overseas station, and in the assault landing on the Salerno beaches. His performance of duty was of such a high standard that it inspired the service units of the division to perform their assignments so effectively that all divisional supply installations were functioning normally within twenty-four hours following the landing in Italy. The outstanding results achieved by Lieutenant Colonel Steel were of inestimable value in preparing the division for combat service and in completing successfully its mission of establishing the Salerno beachhead. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

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ROBERT H. KILROE, 0193603, Lieutenant Colonel, JAGD, Headquarters, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 8 July 1943 to 3 August 1943. As Staff Judge Advocate with the ** Division during the successful campaign in Sicily, Lieutenant Colonel Kilroe, in addition to the superior performance of the regular duties of his office, performed exceedingly notable services in connection with civilian control. Following directly behind the assault, he personally directed the occupation and re-organization of the civilian government of captured towns. By untiring effort, resourcefulness, and tactful but forceful handling of the civil populations he ensured democratic government and the peaceful cooperation of all civilians and officials in towns occupied by the division. Entered service from New York, New York.

JAMES H. WRIGHT, 0295378, Lieutenant Colonel, QMC, ** Quartermaster Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 18 May 1943 to 30 July 1943. During the preparations for the Sicilian campaign, Lieutenant Colonel Wright organized various attached quartermaster units into a unified command equivalent to the quartermaster troops of a corps. He supervised and directed the manifold quartermaster activities in the supply and re-equipment of a sub-task force in North Africa, and the establishment and operation of all supply points during the landings in Sicily, and the subsequent operations. The rapid extension of supply lines over inferior, traffic congested roads and the necessity of assembling great quantities of supplies on the beaches, made the maintenance of quartermaster services to the combat forces extremely difficult. By untiring devotion to duty and the exercise of outstanding executive ability and skill, Lieutenant Colonel Wright succeeded in keeping all elements of the sub-task force adequately supplied, thereby contributing greatly to the initial successes of the invasion. Entered service from Passaic, New Jersey.

OSCAR S. HEELER, 0200856, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 6 January to 30 June 1943. As Operations Officer in the Surgeon's Office, Headquarters North African Theater of Operations, Lieutenant Colonel Heeler planned the assignment of medical units with such marked foresight that medical facilities were provided at all times for the adequate care of the sick and wounded. He supervised in person the detailed arrangements for air transport of patients from the combat zone to base installations with such success that only one death occurred in the process of evacuating over 17,000 cases. Through this achievement much suffering was alleviated and many lives were saved. His energy, intelligence and executive ability enabled him to deal successfully with all problems that confronted him, and resulted in an outstanding contribution to the success of the Army medical service in North Africa. Entered service from Charleston, South Carolina.

BENJAMIN F. MERRITT, JR, 0244836, Lieutenant Colonel, G-3 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 September 1942 to 29 September 1943. As chief of the Administrative Sub-Section of the G-3 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, Lieutenant Colonel Merritt, by his exceptional ability, devotion to duty and tact, organized and perfected the

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system which permitted the G-3 Section to handle smoothly and efficiently the great volume of correspondence which was vital to the success of operations in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. His example has been an inspiration to the officers and enlisted men serving under him, who have worked long hours of the day and night without respite. Entered service from Georgia.

FREDERICK S. HAVION, 0254412, Lieutenant Colonel, G-3 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 7 March 1943 to 23 September 1943. As a member of the Training Sub-Section, Allied Force Headquarters, Lieutenant Colonel Havion was charged with visiting units in the combat zone and interviewing officers and enlisted men, then engaged in combat or recently having engaged in combat, with a view to recording and compiling the lessons of combat for the use of troops in training. He produced two volumes, one based on the Tunisian campaign, the other on the Sicilian campaign. The excellence of his work and its readable style make these two volumes notable contributions to the training literature available to American troops in training. Entered service from Maryland.

JAMES E. POOLE, JR, 015690, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel), QMC, Quartermaster Section, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 30 September 1943. As a staff officer with G-4 Section, Western Task Force and Atlantic Base Section, from 8 November 1942 to 20 April 1943, and subsequently as officer in charge of the Planning Branch, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, Colonel Poole performed services of an invaluable character in the supply functions incident to the operations in French Morocco, and the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. While serving with Western Task Force and Atlantic Base Section, he was of great assistance in the development of supply installations and vitally needed local resources, and in establishing and maintaining sound relations with our Moroccan and French allies. Later, throughout the period of planning for the campaigns in Sicily and Italy, and during the campaigns themselves, he worked with force, intelligence and executive ability of an exceptional order to efficiently accomplish the difficult and complex quartermaster supply missions. His outstanding superior performance of duty throughout these operations contributed immensurably to the success of the Allied cause, and reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Entered United States Military Academy from South Carolina.

STANHOPE B. MASON, 017295, Colonel, Inf, Headquarters ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 3 August 1943. Colonel Mason, after serving as G-3 of the ** Infantry Division during its movement overseas and participation in the operations at Oran, Algeria, became its Chief of Staff and served in that capacity throughout the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. Assuming his duties at a critical period, when the division was in battle in the Gusseltia Valley, Tunisia, despite the exceedingly trying conditions of continued combat, he welded the staff into a smoothly functioning team. In the consolidation of the many details incident to the planning and operations of the campaign in Sicily, he displayed organizing ability of an exceptionally

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high order. His sound leadership and administrative ability contributed notably to the success of the ** Infantry Division's various missions. Entered United States Military Academy from Alabama.

GEORGE A. TAYLOR, 014992, Colonel, Inf, Headquarters ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 March 1943 to 3 August 1943. As Commanding Officer of the ** Infantry Regiment during the successful Sicilian campaign, Colonel Taylor's activities brought great credit upon himself and his organization. His handling of the intricate details of supply and transportation incident to the landing operations were marked by foresight and planning of a high order. During the campaign itself, his tactical skill was demonstrated in his consistent employment of the troops of his command to the greatest strategical advantage. Always leading and encouraging his troops, unmindful of personal danger, Colonel Taylor, by his example of courage and fortitude, was an inspiration to the officers and men serving under him. Entered United States Military Academy from Oklahoma.

PATRICK J. delOHAN, 04485, Colonel, Inf, Commanding Officer, ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 March 1943 to 18 August 1943. As commander of the ** Infantry Regiment during the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns, Colonel delOhan demonstrated superior leadership and professional ability. Throughout these operations, he was confronted by terrain which was in many cases completely impassable by vehicles and which would have stopped a less determined leader or a less efficient organizer. In the Sicilian Hills, particularly in the vicinity of Santellano, the problem of communications presented a seemingly insurmountable obstacle, but by a marked demonstration of ingeniousness and resourcefulness Colonel delOhan maintained these essential services, thereby making possible the unimpeded advance of his troops and the successful accomplishment of the regiment's mission. Throughout this period, his services were marked by an extraordinary fidelity to duty and a measure of efficiency above and beyond the usual. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Silver Star to the following individual:

MICHAEL CHINIGO, Correspondent, International News Service, for gallantry in action. Mr. Chinigo, in his capacity as an accredited correspondent assigned to the ** Infantry Division, landed with the first group of assault troops on the shores of Sicily, 10 July 1943. Disregarding his personal safety, he moved forward with advance groups, under heavy enemy fire, interrogating prisoners as they were taken, and assisting the wounded. Later, he accompanied a patrol which entered Palermo in advance of the occupation by our troops, contacted the Chief of Police, and went with him to inform the Italian troops that the American forces had taken the city. Accompanying a patrol on another occasion, he entered Messina prior to its occupation, and returned with two truckloads of Italian prisoners. Mr. Chinigo's absolute disregard for personal safety, his voluntary actions and willingness to be of service above and beyond any call of duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and his profession.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

MARGARET MALONEY, A[illegible], Private, **Headquarters Company (WAC), for heroism on 11 September 1943, at ** Algeria. Private Maloney saw a soldier fall into a pool of flaming gasoline. Without hesitation or thought of the danger to herself, she waded into the flames and dragged the soldier from them. She then smothered most of his burning clothing with her body and had beaten out much of the rest with her bare hands when additional assistance arrived. The outstanding heroism and self-sacrifice of Private Maloney, who received severe burns herself, prevented an American soldier from being fatally burned. Enlisted service from Rochester, New York.

WILLIAM H. BARTLETT, W[illegible], Staff Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, ** Infantry Operating Battalion, for heroism on 23 September 1943 at Misterbianco, Sicily. A grain bin, fanned by a strong wind, ignited eight cars of ammunition in the railroad yards and enveloped the entire yard area containing [illegible] carloads of ammunition and TNT. Staff Sergeant Bartlett acted as ambulance

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and uncoupled and assisted in removing the sixteen cars of ammunition which were joined directly to those that were burning. He then assisted in removing all the remaining cars from the area. These acts of great heroism were performed with complete disregard for the great danger from exploding ammunition and flying shrapnel, and were entirely voluntary as Sergeant Bartlett, a telegraph operator, was off duty at the time. Entered service from Marion, North Carolina.

DAVID M. PERKINS, 0,440,179, First Lieutenant, TC, Company ---, 5th Railway Operating Battalion, for heroism on 23 September 1943, at Finnatorte, Sicily. A grass fire, fanned by a strong wind, ignited eight cars of ammunition in the railroad yards and endangered the entire yard area containing 110 carloads of ammunition and oil. Lieutenant Perkins, although in danger of injury or death from exploding ammunition, without hesitation organized a soldier train crew, and with himself acting as switchman, succeeded in removing 10 cars of ammunition coupled directly to the burning and exploding cars of ammunition. He then calmly and courageously supervised and assisted in the removal of the remaining cars of ammunition and oil; undoubtedly saving critically needed supplies. Entered service from Birmingham, Alabama.

III - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded, posthumously, in the name of the President to the following individual:

TOM P. FORMAN, JR., 0444710, Second Lieutenant, Ord, ---Ordnance Company (Mi) (M), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 15 April 1943 to 9 August 1943. Lieutenant Forman's efforts were a primary contributing factor in the successful development, manufacture and test firing of the 81mm Mortar Wire Entanglement Remover and the 4.2in Mortar Bangalore Torpedo Weapon, both of which materially assisted in the successful Sicilian Campaign. In addition, as maintenance officer, he displayed unusual ability, initiative, foresight and leadership which were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary M. Forman (Mother), Post Office Box 327, Beverly Hills, California.

IV - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following individuals:

GEORGE FERRARA, 11041765, Private First Class, Battery "A", --- Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 8 November 1942 to 4 April 1943. Private First Class Ferrara not only performed his routine duties as cannoneer in a superior manner, but throughout the operations voluntarily assumed and executed many other duties in order to improve the efficiency of his unit. He made many suggestions which were adopted as standard operating procedure by the battery. Often he would stand two

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consecutive tours of guard duty rather than ask a fellow cannoneer whom he knew to be badly in need of rest, although himself near exhaustion. His cheerful encouragement to his comrades, even when he was seriously wounded, was an important factor in building and sustaining the morale of his battery, and earned for him the admiration and affection of his officers and comrades. Entered service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

THOMAS F. SNYDER, 20411027, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "A", 3rd Engineer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Sicilian Campaign. Technician Fifth Grade Snyder performed outstanding achievements through the skillful manner in which he operated his bulldozer. After the enemy had destroyed roads and bridges and created impediments, he worked tirelessly and unceasingly in order that the necessary repairs be made to enable our forces to advance. Often he worked under enemy fire and to the point of physical exhaustion, but because of his intense devotion to duty and courage he persisted until the tasks assigned to him were completed. His actions are deserving of the highest praise. Entered service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

ROBERT H. YOUNG, 6150710, Corporal, Battery "A", 33d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As a lineman and radio operator of his battery's forward observer party, Corporal Young contributed greatly to the fire power of his unit during the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns. On several occasions when radio failure left his party without communication with the battalion, he reestablished it, regardless of personal danger, by laying wire from the observation post or by carrying messages. At all times he bore the responsibilities of his assignment cheerfully and tirelessly, frequently going without sleep for extended periods in order to insure the safety and comfort of the men and the proper functioning of the detail. Entered service from South Norwalk, Connecticut.

JOSEPH WASILYCZYK, 33023400, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 3rd Tank Battalion (1), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 20 December 1942 to 27 July 1943. As assigned aid man, Technician Fourth Grade Wasilyczyk has been conspicuous by his extraordinary courage and high devotion to duty throughout many engagements. On many occasions, heedless of personal danger, he assisted in the evacuation of the wounded while under intense enemy fire. His efforts have aided large numbers of his comrades and have unquestionably saved many lives. Entered military service from Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS H. FORD, 13109119, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Detachment, Headquarters Company, Medical Maintenance Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 December 1942 to 7 October 1943. As chief clerk of the Medical Maintenance Section, G-4 Section, he has been in a large measure responsible for developing effective controls and systematic records pertinent to the planning and procurement of items on troop basis, unit principles and technical basis. During his service, he has displayed a high degree of thoroughness, marked attention to duty, and has performed with superior efficiency many duties normally assigned to an officer. Entered service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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DANIEL G. BAILEY, 35331336, Sergeant, ** Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in North Africa from May 1943 to August 1943. Despite handicaps and limitations, Sergeant Bailey, as first cook of his organization, has always prepared and served adequate meals. He has exhibited an unusually high degree of personal interest, initiative and ingenuity in combining foods and ingredients to secure best results from allotted supplies. His has been a material contribution to the morale of the organization. Entered service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

FREDERICK H SEIB, 32130053, Sergeant, Company "B", ** Quartermaster Battalion (GS) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the month of August 1943. Given the responsibility of selecting the site and establishing a class III supply dump at Cesaro, Sicily, Sergeant Seib accomplished his task in record time. He supervised the movement, receipt and issue of all necessary petroleum supplies with an efficiency far beyond that expected of him by me. By evening of the second day, Sergeant Seib had 41,000 gallons of petroleum products stocked in a new dump and was supervising, in addition, the issues from a 250,000 gallon dump in the rear. All these operations were accomplished with a limited number of vehicles and personnel. Entered service from Buffalo, New York.

ROBERT E. TRAVIS, 7009233, Staff Sergeant, Company "G", ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns, both in action and in rear areas, Staff Sergeant Travis continually ascertained that his company was well supplied with rations and hot food. Often he voluntarily and personally carried rations on his back for miles over rugged terrain to deliver food to the men in the lines, frequently under heavy artillery barrages, mortar and small arms fire. His constant effort and strenuous work were invaluable in maintaining the morale and health of his company. Staff Sergeant Travis's outstanding devotion to duty and cheerful willingness to cooperate, won for him the admiration and gratitude of all his comrades. Entered service from Worchester, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH M. KARABINOS, 33245222, Staff Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 June 1943 to 30 July 1943 in North Africa. When his squadron was engaged in the modification of all newly assigned aircraft, he conceived and developed installations which resulted in highly increased offensive power and greater protection against enemy fire. Shielding installation of armor plating for the bombardier, pilot, and co-pilot, and the addition of twin waist guns and a supplementary tail gun, these important changes were successfully carried out under his skilled direction. Entered service from Linsford, Penn.

EMMEL C. HEINE, 6532936, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 20 March 1943 to 3 September 1943. With maintenance personnel newly assigned to care for sixteen planes, he maintained twenty-six planes at an exceptionally high degree of operating efficiency in combat under extremely difficult conditions. He displayed superior technical ability by improvising many mechanical systems from nothing. His leadership and unceasing attention to duty have set a high record. Entered service from Anaheim, California.

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PATRICK F. LOCKWOOD, 16065569, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron (H), ** Bombardment Group (H), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to September 1943. As line chief of his squadron, his mechanical skill and leadership contributed largely to the successful mass flight of the squadron across the Atlantic without the loss of a single plane. Working without the proper tools or equipment at a detached forward base, he labored enthusiastically and tirelessly to give his squadron an exceedingly high mechanical performance throughout the Tunisian Campaign. Entered service from Auburn, Indiana.

CHARLES MILTON, 6904604, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1943 to September 1943 in North Africa. As line chief during the Tunisian Campaign when a serious loss of planes threatened the group's continued operation, he devised methods of engineering and repair which permitted his squadron to furnish a consistently greater than usual proportion of planes for combat duty. His complete knowledge of B-26 type aircraft has been of incalculable value in keeping his unit prepared for combat at all times. Entered service from Amityville, Long Island, New York.

JOSEPH R. WARWICK, 6444155, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 January 1943 to 28 August 1943 in North Africa. As line chief, he accomplished an excellent maintenance record for the B-26 type aircraft operated by his squadron. Meeting the handicap of lack of adequate equipment and supplies with determination and foresight, he developed an engineering department so proficient that no known instance of loss of life or aircraft has occurred during 87 combat missions. He voluntarily participated in numerous combat missions in order to better understand maintenance problems. Entered service from Lombard, Illinois.

DONALD R. ROSS, 39380507, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from May 1943 to September 1943 in North Africa. As flight chief over personnel and crews charged with repair and maintenance of B-17 type aircraft, he exhibited great aptitude and ability in co-ordinating the activities of his several departments. Overcoming the handicaps of shortages of supplies and equipment, he deserves the highest praise for the outstanding mechanical condition of all the aircraft in his squadron and the high degree of co-ordination between all the enlisted men under his direction. Entered service from Seattle, Washington.

CHARLES R. COLLINS, R720937, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 5 August 1942 to 13 September 1943. He contributed materially to the high standards of the squadron's health and morale by maintaining an outstanding mess. He has set a splendid example of meritorious conduct by his perseverance to secure improvements, his painstaking and intelligent planning, and his strenuous endeavors, often under most difficult field conditions. His services were an example to all with whom he worked and are deserving of the highest praise. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

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ALBERT DeFRATT, 6401232, First Sergeant, Cottary ₦₦, 66th Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 May 1943 to 7 September 1943. First Sergeant DeFratt, applying with sound judgment and competency his comprehensive experience gained from many years in the Army, freed his company officers from detailed assignments and maintained his company at the peak of efficiency. When the landing boat on which he was aboard received a direct hand hit in the landing in Sicily, he showed commendable courage and initiative in caring for the wounded, and in assembling and regrouping the scattered men. During the subsequent combat activities, he constantly applied himself with diligence to all tasks which would benefit his company and add to the successful completion of its mission. Entered service from Columbus, Ohio.

ALVIN O. WOOD, W1117681, Warrant Officer (Junior Grade), Headquarters, 45th Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. As administrative officer of the Surgeon's office, Administrative Center, 45th Infantry Division, Warrant Officer Wood displayed exceptional initiative and efficiency in the gathering, compilation, and submission of reports pertinent to the Medical Department. Across the necessary facilities were set up, he worked successively long hours under adverse conditions, in order to insure that the proper records and reports were completed and forwarded. In addition to his normal duties, he set up an aid station and personally supervised its operation. By tireless devotion to duty and keen knowledge of the details of his work, Warrant Officer Wood succeeded in developing a well coordinated, efficient and accurate administrative section. Entered service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ROBIN B. CHILDS, 0-424016, First Lieutenant, Ord, Headquarters, Maintenance Battalion, Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. By pressing acute shortages of personnel and tools by carefully timed transfers and expert supervision, Lieutenant Childs distinguished himself as maintenance liaison officer during the Sicilian campaign. By applying his outstanding technical ability and working indefatigably, he supervised the operation of eight maintenance detachments, often more located at widely separated points, with signal success. Entered service from Waterbury, Vermont.

JOE F. SATTLES, 0-390725, First Lieutenant, Inf, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services with the 45th Army Leadership and Battle Indoctrination Center from 24 May 1943 to 29 July 1943, in the preparation of manuals, and in the training of instructors. Handicapped by the total absence of instructional materials, working with limited means, always mindful of time factor, and usually under trying conditions, Lieutenant Sattles, through his determination, dedication, devotion to duty and ingenuity, successfully accomplished the seemingly insurmountable task of organizing his session, training assistant instructors, and preparing instructional materials and programs. His inspiring leadership gained the respect and cooperation of all with whom he came in contact. Entered service from Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

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CLIFTON C. CARTER, 0415800, Captain, QMC, ** Quartermaster Company, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 February 1942 to 17 July 1943. As Commanding Officer of Company "A" ** Quartermaster Regiment, and subsequently as Commander of the ** Quartermaster Company, he demonstrated outstanding organizational ability and leadership. Due primarily to his efforts his company has maintained a high standard of discipline and has consistently been rated superior. His conspicuous devotion to duty and efficiency were especially apparent in the conduct of a 2400-mile convoy movement over hazardous mountain roads, successfully completed in seven days. Entered service from Smithville, Texas.

DONALD V. BURNETT, 023001, Major, FA, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 January 1943 to 17 August 1943. Major Burnett performed his varied duties as supply officer, operations officer, and, subsequently, as civil administrator in a consistently superior manner. His sound ideas of organization, his keen foresight in planning and anticipating tactical requirements, and his tactical acuity in combat are evidenced by the thorough equipping of his unit, its movement to a combat area, and the high success it attained in combat. Entered service from Fort Clinton, Ohio.

VINCENT S. BENNETT, 0908407, Major, CE, ** Port Headquarters, Transportation Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 November 1942 to 26 September 1943. The services of Major Bennett, as Port Engineer, Port of **, Algeria, have been outstanding throughout this period and a major factor in the development of the Port of Oran from its original chaotic condition to its present high standard of efficiency. With a minimum of personnel, and confronted with many disadvantages, he has combined cheerful resourcefulness, great technical skill, and unswerving determination in overcoming one seemingly unsurmountable obstacle after another. Entered military service from New York.

HAL L. BEMIS, 0329279, Major, Inf, Headquarters Detachment Special Troops, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 17 August 1942 to 1 August 1943. Major Bemis participated in the initial planning, setting up the tables of organization and tables of equipment of Headquarters and Headquarters Command, Allied Force. As supply officer, Headquarters Command, he was responsible for the procurement of all supplies for Allied Force, Headquarters and Headquarters Command. This responsibility involved dealing through both American and British sources of supply in order to obtain equipment for the integrated British and American sections of this headquarters. His clear understanding of organization and supply channels and unfailing spirit of cooperation have been the frequent subject of favorable comment by our Allies. Major Bemis' outstanding initiative, attention to detail, and keen foresight, under constant pressure of ever increasing demands, were a marked contribution to the successful operation of Allied Force Headquarters. Entered service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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THOMAS R. HILLARD, 0371060, Major, Inf, Headquarters Company, Allied Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 17 September 1942 to 1 August 1943, as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, Allied Force. Due to the rapid expansion of Allied Force Headquarters, Major Hillard with only the normal company staff was required to administer an organization which was expanded in a short period of time to approximately a regiment in size. The many administrative difficulties, naturally attendant in such an exigency, were met and overcome in a most efficient manner. Through his own initiative and with personnel which he trained and organized for the purpose, he set up facilities such as bakeries, laundries and other services which contributed greatly to the comfort, morale and efficiency of Allied Force Headquarters and Headquarters Command. His leadership, outstanding performances of assigned duties, and successful undertaking of tasks beyond his normal responsibilities, have been an inspiration to those with whom he served and a credit to the Army of the United States. Entered service from Ford City, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM H. ARSTACKER, 022703, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, Headquarters ** Corps for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 21 January 1943 to 18 August 1943 during the Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns. Through his untiring efforts and often against almost insurmountable difficulties, as Corps Hospitalization and Evacuation officer, he so ably coordinated the hospitalization and evacuation over a wide and swiftly changing front, that at no time, in spite of large numbers of casualties, did this service falter. Entered service from Norman, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM E. BARNES, 017198, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, Headquarters, ** Infantry Division Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to May 1943. He commanded the ** Field Artillery Battalion in a superior manner and participated in the planning and actual fighting in each of its engagements. During the operations of the ** Combat Team in Tunisia, he organized and commanded large groups of mixed American, British, and French Artillery Troops in a manner that clearly demonstrated his outstanding qualities of leadership and technical skill. Entered United States Military Academy from Arizona.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Brigadier General, GSC,
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I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Distinguished Service Medal to the following named officer:

LEWIS H. BRERETON, 010338, Brigadier General, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility as Chief of Staff of the Desert Air Task Force, Ninth United States Air Force, from the Battle of El Alamein to the expulsion of the Axis forces from Africa. Assuming the responsibilities of Chief of Staff and later those of Commanding General of the Desert Air Task Force of the Ninth United States Air Force at a most critical time in the Middle East campaign he rendered invaluable assistance to the Commanding General prior to his own assumption of command in the completion of the training and later the operations of the fighter and medium bombardment units which constituted the Desert Air Task Force. Living constantly in the desert and under conditions of great personal hardship and danger, he acquired vital information, maintained liaison with our allies and rendered other invaluable service, in the conduct of operations. By his brilliant leadership, keen foresight, tactical ability, dynamic energy and untiring devotion to duty General Brereton contributed immeasurably to the superb direct support rendered by the fighter and medium bombardment units of the Ninth United States Air Force to the British Eighth Army in its successful advance across North Africa from El Alamein to the capitulation of the enemy forces in Tunisia. Entered service from Alabama.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, in addition to the Legion of Merit Medal previously awarded, to the following named officers:

JOHN W. O'DANIEL, 07342, Brigadier General (then Colonel, Inf), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as commandant, Junior Officers Training Center, Third Army. In carrying out this important assignment, General O'Daniel displayed exceptional organizational ability, a high order of leadership, great energy, outstanding initiative, and unceasing interest. With his wide knowledge of small unit combat training along with a dynamic force and drive which characterized all his instruction, he succeeded in infusing the young officers under him with a definite offensive spirit. Entered service from Delaware.

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ERNEST N. HARMON, 05282, Major General, (then Brigadier General), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 from 12 July 1940 to 25 May 1941, and as Chief of Staff of Headquarters, Armored Force from 2 November 1941 to 15 June 1942, General Harmon made a most outstanding contribution toward the organization of that command. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, his ability and untiring efforts were of inculculable value in the initial organization and subsequent expansion of the Armored Force. As Chief of Staff, his innate qualities of leadership and sound judgment are reflected in the high morale and training of all armored force units. Entered United States Military Academy from Massachusetts.

PH - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH A. BUTLER, 6558223, Technical Sergeant, 606th Signal Aircraft Warning Plotting Company, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as wire chief of the San Francisco Information Center. He assisted materially in the training of personnel and the operation and smooth functioning of the information center, frequently performing duties normally assigned to commissioned officers. In addition to his duties as wire chief, Sergeant Butler volunteered to take charge of the emergency power plant for its installation and actively supervised its installation, operation and maintenance. His performance of duty has at all times been superior.

NICHOLAS E. COOLEY, 19043596, First Sergeant, 9th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. He was appointed a First Sergeant, 11 March 1941, at the age of nineteen, after only six months' service. His leadership, intelligence, aggressiveness and rigorous application to duty have contributed largely to the fact that his company has been chosen honor company of the 9th Medical Battalion several times. In this work, Sergeant Cooley has rendered meritorious service.

NICHOLAS L. LEFOUNOUN, 0750852, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service with a task force in Africa. When exigencies of the situation of 4 July 1942 required that the task force take over the operation and maintenance of lighters as part of its unloading mission, Lieutenant LeFounoun as officer in charge of motor maintenance, rose to his added duties with energy and resourcefulness. The condition of lighters was such that long and arduous hours were required to repair equipment to meet the strenuous schedule of unloading. His example in personal skill and effort and his initiative and ingenuity were a constant inspiration to his maintenance crew. Under his management a chaotic and erratic condition of lighter maintenance was succeeded by orderly operation and increased capacity. He succeeded in doubling the average number of lighters available. His contribution was a material factor in a crisis of unloading 25,000 tons of cargo at sea and transporting it in unfavorable weather and surf to shore. Residence at appointment: Tocoa, Georgia.

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PETER F. GAYNOR, 0301277, Major, (then First Lieutenant), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in the Construction Division, Operations Branch, Office of the Quartermaster General and Office of the Chief of Engineers. He was assigned duties and responsibilities in the supervision of the flow of construction supplies and materials to the Panama Canal Zone, which were greatly in excess of those normally considered appropriate to his grade. By the exceptional performance of his duties he contributed in large measure to the successful prosecution of the military construction program in the Canal Zone. Entered service from Albany, New York.

FRANK WESTON SMITH, 0328717, Major (then Captain), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Chief of the Warrant Officer and Enlisted Section, Office, Chief of Engineers, where he participated in the twelvefold expansion of the military personnel of the Corps of Engineers. This expansion, involving an increase in the number of Engineer troop units from 23 to 322 in officers from 310 to 9,500 in enlisted men from 11,000 to 115,000, and a sixfold increase in the construction activities of the Corps of Engineers, required compl te reorganization of the Military Personnel Branch, Office, Chief of Engineers. Major Smith demonstrated marked initiative and administrative ability in reorganizing and supervising his section so as to procure, classify, administer and maintain records for the great numbers of additional warrant officers and enlisted men required for the war effort.

ROBERT HUGH CHRISTIE, 0249660, Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Machine Records Officer for the Second Corps Area, he organized machine records procedure for all military personnel within the geographical limits of that command. By virtue of his organizing ability and a willingness to work and study far beyond the normal requirements of duty, he was able to train adequate personnel and to service his own command and numerous others. His efficient performance and his far-sighted skill in machine records operation under field conditions have gained recognition in this field. By his tireless energy and sound judgment, he has met every demand made upon him. His services to the Eastern Defense Command and First Army have continued to increase in value as additional requests have been made of his organization. He has made a significant contribution to one of the newest procedures in the military service under the pressure and trying circumstances of a national emergency and a state of war. Entered service from New York.

CARROLL H. IRWIN, 017281, Lieutenant Colonel, Cavalry, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Commanding Officer of the Heliopolis Depot of the Delta Service Command, Egypt, he established, constructed and operated this important depot. His responsibilities and activities covered a wide range including the reception of troops disembarked at Suez and the instruction of personnel of the allied forces in tank and motor maintenance. His expert professional knowledge, sound judgment and soldierly deportment were of great value to the allied forces in North Africa and the Middle East. Entered United States Military Academy from Kansas.

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WALTER P. EGAN, 0136417, Colonel, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Chief of the Training Division, Office of Civilian Defense, he rendered services of outstanding value to the nation in the development and preparation of instructional data in connection with the organization and operation of defense units within communities for the protection of persons and property from bombing attacks, sabotage and other war hazards within the United States. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

EDMUND K. DALEY, 017099, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Assistant to the Chief of the Engineering Branch, Construction Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, during the period, 21 January 1941 to 27 November 1941 and later as Chief, Ground Troops Section Construction Division, Office Chief of Engineers. In these capacities he assisted in the reorganization of the Construction Division, and in the development, analysis, and coordination of the building needs of the Using Arms and Services, thus contributing in a marked degree to the successful execution of the Military Construction Program. Entered United States Military Academy from New York.

ELROY T. FORM, 04702, Colonel, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Commanding Officer and Acting Construction Quartermaster of the Detroit Tank Arsenal, and as Commanding Officer of the Tank Engineering Office, also in Detroit, from 1 January 1942 to 7 August 1942, he distinguished himself by achievements beyond what had been reasonably expected or predicted. The months he gained beyond his schedule in building the Detroit Tank Arsenal and achieving quantity production of the M3 Medium Tank proved to be of immense importance in the strategy of the war when those tanks, produced with unexpected speed and largely to his outstanding forcefulness and ingenuity, played a prominent role in turning back the German threat against Alexandria in 1942. The engineering improvements and adaptations he guided so brilliantly at the Tank Engineering Office were of immeasurable benefit to speed of manufacture, and to the fighting power of American tanks, self-propelled gun mounts, and tank destroyers. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

ELBERT L. FORD, 05251, Brigadier General, (then Colonel), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Officer in Charge of Production Engineering and Planning from February 1938 to December 1940, and as Works Manager from December 1940 to June 1942, at Springfield Armory, General Ford formulated plans and supervised the selection and procurement of machines and equipment to increase enormously the production of the United States Rifle, Caliber .30 M1 (Garand). With unusual sagacity, foresight, courage and willingness to try unknown yet possible methods, he selected and brought together an assembly of machines which were outstanding in the field of small arms manufacture. As Works Manager he put into successful effect a program of mass production. The services rendered by General Ford constitute an outstanding contribution to the war effort. Entered United States Military Academy from Connecticut.

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GORDON P. SAVILLE, 017096, Brigadier General, United States Army. As Director of Air Defense, Headquarters Army Air Forces from 9 March 1942 to 29 March 1943, General Saville performed outstanding service. He was responsible for organizing and directing the efforts of all activities of the United States involving air defense. The varied phases of the Air Defense System required an intimate understanding and knowledge of the technical characteristics as well as the tactical employment of fighter aircraft and radar equipment, in the development of which he played an important part. In order to provide specialists peculiar to the Air Defense System, he established on his own initiative the Fighter Command School at Orlando, Florida. By successfully welding into a cohesive organization the varied phases of Air Defense, General Saville has made a substantial contribution to the war effort.

ALFRED M. GRUENTHER, 012242, Major General (then Brigadier General), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as chief of staff, Third Army. In carrying out this important assignment he displayed outstanding organizational ability, keen and accurate judgment, superior knowledge of staff procedure, and an unusual understanding of the problems confronting an army. By his untiring efforts, thoroughness, patient persistence, absorbing attention to duty, and energetic control, he developed an efficient operating staff. Entered United States Military Academy from Nebraska.

GEORGE S. PATTON, JR, 02605, Lieutenant General, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct as commander of the ** Armored Division and subsequently as commander of the ** Armored Corps. By his leadership and indefatigable efforts, General Patton welded the ** Armored Division into a seasoned and highly efficient combat unit, as evidenced by its success on the battlefields of Sicily. Entered United States Military Academy from California.

IV - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following enlisted men:

CHARLES E. LANGTON, 31107938, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "C", ** Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to July 1943. Technician Fifth Grade Langton throughout this period has constantly rendered inestimable valuable service to his organization. Due to his professional proficiency, he was able to instruct in subjects generally taught by commissioned officers and to assist the surgeons in the organization and supervision of surgical installations. His services have gained him high praise from his superior officers and have been an inspiration to his unit. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

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JOSEPH M. BRAUN, 19051368, Technical Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa from 15 March 1943 to 2 October 1943. Despite a lack of suitable tools and equipment, except that which he himself improvised, and working under trying field conditions, Sergeant Braun, by his ingenuity, developed innovations which have materially increased the efficiency of his group. Among his inventions are a life raft release, a sighting device and, in particular, an auxiliary rack for the B-25 airplane by which the bomb carrying capacity can be greatly increased. By these extraordinary achievements, accomplished during leisure hours and beyond the call of duty, Sergeant Braun has contributed greatly to the success of our Air Forces in this theater. Entered service from Columbia, South Carolina.

WILSON W. GRAM, 13017972, Technical Sergeant, Medical Department, Headquarters, Northwest African Strategic Air Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from February 1943 to August 1943. With untiring and highly efficient effort, he contributed immeasurably to the development and perfection of the Care of Fliers Report, which has been of vital importance to the Northwest African Air Force, both operationally and administratively. His willingness, knowledge, initiative and cooperation have been an inspiration to all personnel of the headquarters. Entered service from Roanoke, Virginia.

WARREN L. SPENCER, 20719825, Master Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), ** Quartermaster Detachment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 December 1942 to February 1943. As the senior noncommissioned officer of a small group sent to ** French Morocco, to establish a quartermaster depot, Sergeant Spencer rendered highly valuably services in the organization and development of the depot into an efficient operating unit. He was obliged to work with people who spoke a foreign language and to train inexperienced personnel in warehousing procedure, but by devoting long hours to his arduous task, displaying keen initiative and ability, he so supervised and inspired his group that exceedingly large amounts of supplies were processed. Entered service from Woodward, Iowa.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 132, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following named individuals:

MAURICE S. KAHN, 16235323, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Company, Service of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 November 1942 to 7 March 1943. As a private in the Office of the Quartermaster, ** Corps, and later as a technician fifth grade in the near Echelon of United Nations forces serving with the British First Army, this enlisted man was to a considerable degree responsible for proper supervision service in the areas of Oran and Algiers, Algeria, during the early phase of the Allied occupation. After the assault landing at Oran, Technician Third Grade Kahn supervised in a most efficient manner the collection of the bodies of American military personnel killed in action, disinterment of those buried in temporary plots at widely separated points in the Oran area, and re-interment in the American Cemetery of Oran. Later in the Algiers vicinity, he supervised the improvement and maintenance of the El-Alia Cemetery for the burial of deceased British and American personnel, and the re-interment of those buried in isolated plots within a wide radius. Throughout his performance of these duties, he displayed unusual supervisory and coordinating abilities and rendered services of outstanding value. Entered service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BENJAMIN J. CHIECHIO, 6973896, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, **Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. During a period when the ammunition and pioneer platoon of the 2d Battalion had no officer in command, Staff Sergeant Chiechio led the platoon and personally supervised and directed the repair of damaged roads and bridges. Several roads were built to the front lines over long distances of rocky terrain when no other supply routes were available. He worked long hours under the most adverse conditions, assisting in the removal and neutralizing of large numbers of enemy mines and booby traps. His constant devotion to duty and his tireless efforts in maintaining a high standard of operational efficiency were an inspiration to all those with whom he worked and reflect the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from New York, New York.

ALLEN C. METZGER, 20304391, Staff Sergeant, "B" Company, ** Railway Operating Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the initial stages of the Sicilian Campaign, Staff Sergeant Metzger, a member of a small advanced party of his battalion, was assigned the task of repairing locomotives, organizing and repairing a roundhouse, clearing damaged cars from the lines, and rebuilding the rolling stock

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and equipment into condition for immediate operations of trains at Caltanissetta, Sicily. With very little assistance, and few facilities, he worked long hours and successfully performed his duties in an outstanding manner. His loyalty, devotion to duty, and inderentability to accomplish vital tasks without supervision were a credit to the Military Railway Service. Entered service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

GERALD V. ARNOLD, 34077093, Staff Sergeant, Company "C", ** Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. In charge of a wire team assigned the important responsibility of installing and maintaining wire communications between Headquarters, ** Corps and the rapidly advancing ** Infantry Division, Staff Sergeant Arnold repeatedly led his men through uncleared mine fields and intense artillery fire to keep these vital lines in operation. Operating in advance of leading elements of the division, by close personal supervision and unsparing effort, he continually effected the repair of the lines in the area assigned to him, despite their frequent destruction during battle. By maintaining wire communications with a minimum of interruptions, he contributed materially to the success of the divisions mission. Entered service from Clyattville, Georgia.

MIKE MABRY, 35267120, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 March to 10 May 1943, during the Tunisian Campaign. Staff Sergeant Mabry led his Motor Maintenance section in its arduous task of keeping the battery vehicles in working order while they made numerous forced night marches over some of the most difficult terrain in central and northern Tunisia. His untiring efforts in repairing disabled vehicles, and his constant checking of all vehicular equipment to insure a mechanical condition contributed in large measure to the ability of the battery to perform successfully its vital services. Entered service from Kings Junction, Ohio.

HENRY SHADDOCK, 33092944, Staff Sergeant, Battery "B", ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as a reconnaissance sergeant from 20 March to 9 May 1943, during the campaign in Tunisia. Staff Sergeant Shaddock's continuous performance of difficult tasks under extremely hazardous conditions contributed greatly to the success of this unit. That his section was able to function efficiently by bringing accurate and immediate artillery fire to bear on enemy targets, thereby taking heavy toll of enemy materiel and personnel, was due to his excellent leadership and devotion to duty. His ability to assume the duties of the reconnaissance officer in directing artillery fire, many times unaware an unobstructed flow of fire commands to engage enemy targets. Entered service from Wilson, Long Island, New York.

KENNETH W. [illegible], 6655736, Staff Sergeant, Company "D", ** Armored Engineer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 16 February 1943 to 10 May 1943. As mess sergeant, Staff Sergeant Brown, through great resourcefulness and disregard of personal safety or convenience, succeeded in getting food to the men of his company in combat under all conditions. He has often driven over considerable distances to the

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front line positions of the platoons, unfailingly reaching all elements of the company despite their rapidly changing locations. Even while the bivouac areas of the company were under fire, he kept his kitchen up with the armored elements in order to serve them more effectively. On one occasion, during an enemy thrust in the vicinity of Sidi-Bou-Zid, Tunisia, he performed services of a signally meritorious nature in the successful evacuation of his equipment and many members of the company, after evading capture who had ordered his mess truck and personnel to the rear. His consistently superior performance of these services was an outstanding example. Entered service from Dayton, Ohio.

CHARLES P. HITER, 7004084, Staff Sergeant, Battery "B", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 February 1943 to 15 May 1943. Staff Sergeant Hiter's services as a motor sergeant were invaluable to his organization. When, during February 1943, his battery was reorganized and equipped with new vehicles prior to resuming combat operations, he personally conducted training for drivers and mechanics in the operation and maintenance of the new equipment. Carefully checking all the vehicles, and working tirelessly and unsparingly, he placed them in such excellent mechanical readiness that during subsequent operations of the unit, mechanical failures were negligible. On one occasion, while he was voluntarily assisting in digging gun positions, his group was attacked by a strong enemy patrol. Cut off from the rest of the men, he attacked the patrol with hand grenades and caused its withdrawal. The courage, energy and ability consistently displayed by Sergeant Hiter were a constant inspiration. Entered service from Benton, Kentucky.

HERBERT G. MCDONALD, 35013101, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Detachment, ** Ordnance Maintenance and Supply Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 22 February 1943 to 31 May 1943, during the Tunisian Campaign. Throughout this period, because of an acute shortage of commissioned officers, Technical Sergeant McDonald assumed and successfully discharged the duties of battalion supply officer, and for one week, in addition to his supply duties, he performed with a high degree of efficiency the duties of the battalion maintenance officer. His extraordinary efforts and resourcefulness were of great importance in permitting the battalion to effectively accomplish its difficult mission of supplying combat units and furnishing maintenance services during the initial preparatory stages and later in actual combat. Sergeant McDonald's willingness to assume responsibilities far above his rank and his ability to perform these added duties efficiently, have set a high example for the command. Entered service from Akron, Ohio.

DONALD W. NORTH, 20230078, Technical Sergeant, G-2 Section, AFHQ, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As chief draftsman of Operational Intelligence since its activation, he performed the tasks assigned to him in a manner that far exceeded that which was expected of him. He applied all of his ability, drafting skill, and extensive experience to swift, efficient production of maps and drawings of unusually high quality. His responsibility, his technical knowledge and his own excellent organizational ability were a source of great assistance to his officers, while his devotion to duty inspired those working under him to increase their own

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efforts. Sergeant Norman's services were to an important degree responsible for the high quality of intelligence summaries, terrain appreciations, beach diagrams and other intelligence reports, and thus contributed materially to Allied successes in North Africa, Pantelleria, Sicily and Italy. Residence at time of enlistment: Niagara Falls, New York.

EDWARD SNOOK, 15011986, Technical Sergeant, Maintenance Company, 2d Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service; from 3 December 1942 to 9 April 1943. As a maintenance sergeant, he volunteered many times in situations of great danger, to assist in the recovery and repair of vital combat vehicles which were far in front of our own lines and in danger of being lost to the enemy. Despite a lack of equipment and tools with which to work, he continually returned the largest possible number of vehicles to combat at a time when they were greatly needed. The initiative and coolness under fire of Technical Sergeant Snook set a commendable example. Entered service from Tiffin, Ohio.

HARRY STAHOFF, 36072699, Master Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, 2d Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 25 May 1943, during the French Moroccan and Tunisian Campaigns. On becoming Sergeant Major of the regiment in the fall of 1942, Master Sergeant Stahoff brought to the position a broad background of clerical experience of army administrative methods which enabled him speedily to establish for the Regimental Headquarters a most efficient administration. Through diligent study and unflagging attention to the proper performance of duty, he succeeded in training an administrative group which, despite a large turnover in personnel, frequent changes of station, and a multitude of perplexing problems incident to combat conditions, attained and maintained a consistently high level of performance. By relieving his commanding officer of a great burden of administrative detail, he contributed significantly to the success of the regiment's mission in the North African Theater. Entered service from New York City, New York.

WILFRED O. JENKINS, 14010937, Master Sergeant, 2d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as battalion motor sergeant from 8 November 1942 to 9 May 1943. Many times while the battalion was taking part in the Tunisian Campaign, he worked continuously day and night to keep the motor vehicles of his unit in perfect operating condition. He followed the battalion closely, repairing damaged vehicles at a speed many experienced mechanics considered impossible. When parts could not be procured, he contrived ingenious repairs, and always in time for the units to be used in combat. Master Sergeant Jenkins' initiative, technical ability, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty played an important part in the success of his unit. Entered service from Kenova, West Virginia.

RUDOLF E. CLARK, 15043245, Master Sergeant, Service Battery, 2d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 February 1943 to 25 April 1943. As motors inspector and chief of battalion maintenance, Master Sergeant Clark, by superior

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performance of duty and untiring personal effort, with complete disregard of danger and hardship, maintained the vehicles of his unit in noteworthy condition. Through his diligence and ingenuity, vitally needed vehicles that had been damaged in battle were returned to combat within a minimum of time. His unceasingly capable work contributed greatly to the successful performance of the battalion's missions, and his devotion to duty reflects the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from Shadwright, Kentucky.

MYRON E. HILLS, 0433467, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Inf., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, ** Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 9 May 1943, during the operations in North Africa. Lieutenant Hills acted as communications officer for one of the task forces during the operation at Oran, Algeria, and later as assistant communications officer for Combat Command #3 in Tunisia. Displaying great skill, untiring effort and faithful devotion to duty, he established and maintained communications under adverse conditions with a minimum of trained personnel. With exceptional ingenuity and practical ability, Lieutenant Hills established methods of communication by the use of captured material, and equipment salvaged from crashed aircraft. His efforts contributed greatly to the success of all missions in which he was employed. Entered service from Peru, Indiana.

PAUL A. DeWITT, 0407734, First Lieutenant, FA, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as an air observation pilot from 15 February 1943 to 9 May 1943. Lieutenant DeWitt exhibited untiring energy, initiative, actual ac ere, and an exceptionally high degree of professional skill while performing numerous observation flights along the Tunisian front. In more than one observation could be attributed, on part of the flights, his plane was subjected to enemy fire of all types, as well as being in the trajectory of our own artillery. The successful performance of these missions under most unfavorable conditions reflects a high level of performance. The devotion to duty and disregard for personal welfare displayed by Lieutenant DeWitt in these artillery observation missions is typical of the finest traditions of the armed forces. Entered service from Warren, Ohio.

FRANK J. SQUILLACE, 0117309, First Lieutenant, FA, ** Replacement Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During 1 May 1943 to 30 July 1943, Company "B", ** Replacement Battalion, of which Lieutenant Squillace was troop movement officer, was designated to receive discharged hospital patients and to return them to their units. Without adequate facilities or assistance he developed a system with such high efficiency that his small group was able to receive and return large groups of men, often exceeding one thousand in number, to their units. The highly successful results obtained were due directly to the initiative, organizational ability and devotion to duty of Lieutenant Squillace. Entered service from Kinney, Minnesota.

WILLIAM C. WITHERS, 0392772, First Lieutenant, Inf., Service Company, ** Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 14 February 1943 to 11 May 1943. Throughout the

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Tunisian Campaign his service, as a military police officer, has been exceptional. In command of detachments of military police working in conjunction with and in support of a combat team at the front of the division at Kasserine Pass, he constantly disregarded heavy artillery fire and the close proximity of the enemy in order to personally reconnoiter the route to be travelled by supply and combat vehicles. Based upon the information he obtained in this reconnaissance, his direction and supervision of the flow of traffic was an important factor in bringing the enemy back from Kasserine. On 8 May 1943, in charge of an over-crowded prisoner of war collecting point at Bruno, Tunisia, which came under enemy artillery fire, his highly commendable conduct was such an example that a morale effect with the prisoners was averted. His excellent leadership, and his unusual ability to plan and supervise, reflect credit upon both himself and his organization. Entered service from Staten Island, New York.

JOHN F. SULLIVAN, JR., 0430034, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Inf., Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 26 Armored Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the campaign in North Africa from 8 November 1942 to 10 May 1943. As a platoon leader and company maintenance officer during his period 8 November to 12 December 1942, Lt Sullivan so ably organized his unit and maintained the vehicles and equipment that the company was able to make the 750 mile trip over the snow swept Atlas Mountains and go directly into combat without a single mechanical failure. Appointed battalion adjutant and communications and liaison officer on 12 December, he performed the combined duties of these important offices with outstanding skill and efficiency. Through the periods of movement and during combat activities of the battalion in Tunisia, he maintained complete and accurate personal data, and excellent records of operations, supply, commendations, and reports. His untiring devotion to duty and superior performance in these various assignments, mark him as a most capable administrator and a superior leader. Entered service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR G. LEVINE, 0-428[illegible], Chaplain (First Lieutenant), 26th Armored Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period 8 April 1943 to 8 May 1943, in Tunisia, North Africa. Chaplain Levine was assigned to duty with the regiment while it was engaged in combat near Maknassy, Tunisia. Informed that the Catholic men of the regiment had been without mass for a considerable period, he proceeded at once, with disregard of personal safety, to the most advanced positions, in order to administer to the spiritual needs of these men. In the battle preceding the fall of Mateur, when the fighting was intense and the casualties numerous, before visits to the front lines, he was of great assistance to the regimental chaplain in the work of checking the wounded and burial of the dead, continuing at these tasks despite constant enemy artillery fire. Repeatedly, Chaplain Levine demonstrated his outstanding courage and devotion to duty that his example was an inspiration to all the men of the regiment. Entered service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

ROSS A. [illegible], 0382924, Captain, Cav., Headquarters, 2d Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period 2 February 1943 to 11 May 1943. Throughout the Tunisian Campaign,

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 2 June 1943, a Legion of Merit is awarded in the name of the President to the following named individuals:

MAURICE S. KAZEN, 20236323, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Company, Service of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 November 1942 to 7 March 1943. As a private in the Office of the Quartermaster, [illegible] Corps, and later as a technician fifth grade in the Rear Echelon of United States forces serving with the British First Army, this enlisted man was to a remarkable degree responsible for proper supervision service in the areas of Oran and Algiers, Algeria, during the early phase of the Allied occupation. After the assault landing at Oran, Technician Third Grade Kazen supervised in a most efficient manner the collection of the bodies of American military personnel killed in action, disinterment of those buried in temporary plots at widely separated points in the Oran area, and re-interment in the American Cemetery of Oran. Later in the Algiers vicinity, he supervised the improvement and maintenance of the El-Alia Cemetery for the burial of deceased British and American personnel, and the re-interment of those buried in isolated plots within a wide radius. Throughout his performance of these duties, he displayed unusual supervisory and coordinating abilities and rendered services of outstanding value. Entered service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BENJAMIN J. GELBWACH, 6973896, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, [illegible] Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. During a period when the ammunition and pioneer platoon of the 2d Battalion had no officer in command, Staff Sergeant Gelbwach led the platoon and personally supervised and directed the repair of damaged roads and bridges. Several roads were built to the front lines over long distances of rocky terrain when no other supply routes were available. He worked long hours under the most adverse conditions, assisting in the removal and neutralizing of large numbers of enemy mines and booby traps. His constant devotion to duty and his tireless efforts in maintaining a high standard of operational efficiency were an inspiration to all those with whom he worked and reflect the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from New York, New York.

MIKE G. MITZGER, 20304391, Staff Sergeant, "B" Company, [illegible] Railway Operating Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the initial phase of the Sicilian Campaign, Staff Sergeant Mitzger, a member of a small advanced party of his battalion, was assigned the task of repairing locomotives, overhauling and repairing a round-house, clearing engaged cars from the lines, and repairing the rolling stock

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and equipment into condition for immediate operations of troops at Gallinisetta, Sicily. With very little assistance, and few facilities, he worked long hours and successfully performed his duties in an outstanding manner. His loyalty, devotion to duty, and inherent ability to accomplish vital tasks without supervision were a credit to the Military Railway Service. Entered service from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

GERALD V. ARNOLD, 34087053, Staff Sergeant, Company "C", ** Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian Campaign. In charge of a wire team assigned the important responsibility of installing and maintaining wire communications between Headquarters, ** Corps and the rapidly advancing ** Infantry Division, Staff Sergeant Arnold repeatedly led his men through uncleared mine fields and intense artillery fire to keep these vital lines in operation. Operating in advance of leading elements of the division, by close personal supervision and unsparing effort, he continually effected the repair of the lines in the area assigned to him, despite their frequent destruction during battle. By maintaining wire communications with a minimum of interruptions, he contributed materially to the success of the division mission. Entered service from Olmstville, Georgia.

MIKE BEHANY, 35027120, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 March to 10 May 1943, during the Tunisian Campaign. Staff Sergeant Behany led his later Maintenance section in its arduous task of keeping the battery vehicles in working order while they made numerous forced night marches over some of the most difficult terrain in central and northern Tunisia. His untiring efforts in repairing disabled vehicles, and his constant checking of all vehicular equipment to insure sound mechanical condition contributed in a large measure to the ability of the battery to perform successfully its vital services. Entered service from Mingo Junction, Ohio.

HENRY SHADECK, 32092944, Staff Sergeant, Battery "B", ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as a reconnaissance sergeant from 20 March to 9 May 1943, during the campaign in Tunisia. Staff Sergeant Shadeck's continuous performance of difficult duties under extremely hazardous conditions contributed mostly to the success of this unit. That his section was able to function efficiently by bringing accurate and effective artillery fire to bear on enemy targets, thereby inflicting heavy toll of enemy materiel and personnel, was due to his excellent leadership and devotion to duty. His ability to assume the duties of the reconnaissance officer in directing artillery fire, many times caused an uninterrupted flow of fire commands to engage enemy targets. Entered service from Brooklyn, Long Island, New York.

KENNETH W. HAHN, 6655736, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", ** Armored Engineer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 February 1943 to 10 May 1943. As mess sergeant, Staff Sergeant Hahn, through great resourcefulness and disregard of personal safety or convenience, succeeded in getting food to the men of his company in combat under all conditions. He made nightly trips over considerable distances to the

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a legion of merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

JOE G. WELLS, 6042328, First Sergeant, ** Quartermaster Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the landing in North Africa, First Sergeant Wells, displaying marked leadership and a thorough knowledge of his duties accomplished the rapid unloading from transports of all supply vehicles of his unit in condition to transport vital materials quickly to the front. Later, in North Africa, confronted with tasks of administration, mess and supply, made difficult by the wide separation of detachments, he coordinated the activities of the company so effectively that these difficulties were overcome. When his company was assigned the operation of truck convoys between supply dumps and the front, Sergeant Wells so placed his men that the best possible results were obtained, and by exercising close personal supervision over the convoys, ensured that vital war materials were furnished uninterruptedly to the troops in combat. His outstanding services were important contributions to the victory in Tunisia. Entered service from New York, New York.

DONALD P. WHITE, 0855213, First Lieutenant, AC, ** Navigational Aids Squadron, ** Bomber Command, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 March 1943 to 28 August 1943. Lieutenant White conceived, organized, trained and commanded the VHF triangulation system, known in the North African Theater of Operations as "Big Fence". A critical need existed for a method to bring fighter aircraft returning from combat safely to their bases. Supplied with a minimum of personnel, equipment, and transportation, Lieutenant White selected station sites, installed interpretation communications, and through his indefatigable efforts, welded an efficient organization in a remarkably short time. The services rendered by Lieutenant White were of the utmost importance to the Air Corps, and his initiative, zeal and untiring energy are worthy of the highest praise. Entered service from Tucson, Arizona.

LEROY C. STEVENS, JR, 0497331, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Headquarters ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 October 1942 to 9 May 1943. As Battalion Observer during this period, Lieutenant Stevens performed services of a truly exceptional character, both in the preparation of his section for combat and in its leadership during the Tunisian campaign. Personally selecting the men for the various positions of the section, he trained them to such good effect that when the battalion entered combat in March 1943 each man was an efficient member of a well coordinated unit. During battle, he frequently established his observation posts in highly exposed positions in order to furnish the battalion with the most effective fire direction possible. His unfailing good judgment and personal bravery earned for him the complete trust and devotion of his men. Entered service from Johnstown, New York.

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TIMOTHY L. ANDRIOLAK, 0402283, Chaplain (Captain), ** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 8 November 1942 to 17 August 1943. As Regimental Chaplain, ** Infantry, and Battalion Chaplain, 1st Battalion, ** Infantry, he landed in French Morocco with the initial assault forces and has served in all the engagements participated in by his organization. On every occasion he acquitted himself in a most commendable manner, exceeding the normal requirements of his position. Frequently he was to be found at the scene of the heaviest action, regardless of personal danger, where he could better aid and encourage the wounded, and assist in the removal of those killed in action. His cool efficiency under fire, and cheerful acceptance of danger and hardship have been an inspiration to all who served with him. Entered service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WALTER E. KIRBY, 0903215, Captain, CE, ** Engineer Company (**) (**), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from September 1942 to September 1943. Throughout the operations in North Africa, Captain Kirby, in command of the newly activated ** Engineer Company, so ably directed the inexperienced personnel of the unit that it accomplished tasks of unusual magnitude in the construction and operation of water supply installations. These accomplishments were achieved despite the loss of all of the company's organizational equipment during the movement overseas, the inherent difficulties of the arid North African climate, and the innumerable emergency demands for water service. As a result of his great initiative, cheerful perseverance, and unfailing leadership, the amount of water hauled and the number of water points operated by his company were equivalent to the mission of an average water supply battalion. By his unswerving devotion to duty, energy and resourcefulness, Captain Kirby contributed materially to the success of the Allied effort in North Africa. Entered service from Omaha, Nebraska.

ROBERT W. PORTER, JR, 0-3024, Lieutenant Colonel, Inf, Headquarters, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 3 August 1943. Serving as G-2 of the ** Infantry Division, Lieutenant Colonel Porter on his own initiative, organized and trained intelligence elements of the command for the speedy and accurate gathering and dissemination of vital information. Under his personal supervision, the system established by him continually furnished the division in battle with accurate estimates of the enemy's capabilities and intentions, thereby enabling it to make its battle plans with confidence and effectiveness. The brilliancy and thoroughness of Lieutenant Colonel Porter's work contributed materially to the successes achieved by the division during its operations in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. Entered United States Military Academy from Nebraska.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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Award of the Silver Star.....I
Award of Soldier's Medal.....II
Amendment to General Orders Number 90 - Award of Legion of Merit.....III
Award of Legion of Merit.....IV

I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

ALBERT J. LANEY, 38380151, Private, ** Engineer Petroleum Distribution Company, formerly ** Engineer Pipeline Company (Sep) (Prov), for gallantry in action at ** Tunisia, on the morning of 6 July 1943 during an enemy air attack. Without regard for enemy bombs or heavy anti-aircraft artillery fire which were endangering his life at that time, Private Laney combatted the flames of a storage tank containing 1300 barrels of 100 octane gasoline which was set on fire by enemy flares. Knowing that an explosion would mean certain death, Private Laney proceeded to the top of the hot burning tank and assisted in smothering the flames with foamite extinguishers thereby saving badly needed gasoline, the only 100 octane storage facilities at **, as well as lives and valuable government property in a vital saturation area. Entered service from Algiers, Louisiana.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

FLOYD T. COLLINS, 32424732, Private First Class, Company "B", ** Port Battalion, TC, for heroism at Oran, Algeria, on 20 April 1943. An enlisted man working on a pier became suddenly ill, lost his balance, and fell into the water, where he quickly lost consciousness and was being rapidly carried seaward by the current. After two attempts to save the soldier by throwing a life line to him had failed, Private First Class Collins jumped into the debris-strewn waters in complete darkness, at great risk to his own life, overtook the soldier, and swam with him to a nearby fishing boat. He then revived him by artificial respiration. His prompt action and courage saved the soldier's life. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.

III - AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 90 - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

So much of General Orders Number 90, this headquarters, as, as pertains to Charles S. Kilpatrick, 017615, Lieutenant Colonel, is rescinded. Corrected citation is published in General Orders Number 95, this headquarters, cc.

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IV - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 9 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named enlisted men:

CLIFFORD A. COBB, 37077378, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Radio Electrician from 8 November 1942 to 10 May 1945. Throughout this period, prior to and during the Sicilian campaign, Technician Fourth Grade Cobb's continuous and unselfish performance of duties in a highly superior and efficient manner was a prime factor in making it possible for the battalion to have excellent radio communication and successfully carry out its fire missions at all times while in combat. Technician Fourth Grade Cobb aided in the installation and maintenance of all radios in the vehicles of the battalion. A lack of proper tools and equipment necessitated his improvising needed missing parts, a task which required a wide technical knowledge and considerable ingenuity. In his performance of these duties, often under adverse conditions and enemy fire, his initiative and untiring effort were an inspiring example to the radio section and of major importance to the success of the battalion. Entered service from Hannibal, Missouri.

ADAM D. SOKOLOV, 35262541, Sergeant (then Private), Headquarters Battery Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 March 1943 to 30 September 1944. Upon the activation of the Ordnance Section, Headquarters, Services of Supply, Sergeant Sokolov established and maintained singlehandedly and without benefit of previous training, exceptionally accurate and reliable stock records of all Ordnance Class V supplies in this theater. Completely disregarding his own health and well-being he served tirelessly and cheerfully throughout exceedingly long hours of exacting work, frequently being specially assigned to several clerks, and earning the complete and confident dependence of his superior officers. By accurate and expeditious service provided by his section was of invaluable assistance in planning adequate supply for the Sicilian and Italian operations. His steady devotion to duty and painstaking conscientiousness inspired those who worked with him to greater effort and a higher standard of proficiency. Entered service from Hollywood, California.

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Award of Air Medal.....I
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I - AWARD OF AIR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named personnel for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European and North African Theaters of Operations from 20 September 1942 to 15 September 1943. Many of these flights were made under especially hazardous conditions and with missions of extreme urgence. Their highly creditable performance reflects the highest credit upon themselves and the Army Air Forces.

FRANCIS L. FLACCS, 16041788, Staff Sergeant, AC, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, gunner. Entered service from Detroit, Michigan.

DONALD L. PERRY, 6904333, Technical Sergeant, AC, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, gunner. Entered service from Cohoes, New York.

ROBERT L. PEFFOR, 34188626, Technical Sergeant, AC, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, gunner. Entered service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

ARTHUR J. WILLIAM, 14029463, Master Sergeant, AC, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, crew chief. Entered service from Atlanta, Georgia.

HORACE C. NIXON, 0/894,93, Captain, AC, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, navigator. Entered service from Macon, Georgia.

LAURENCE J. RASER, 0442946, Captain, AC, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, co-pilot. Entered service from Lakewood, Ohio.

JACK A. REEDY, 0421311, Major, AC, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, pilot. Entered service from Paso Robles, California.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following enlisted men:

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FLOYD J. CARR, 15054027, Sergeant, Service Battery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 December 1942 to 9 May 1943. As section chief in charge of the battalion maintenance wrecker crew, Sergeant Carr was responsible for the recovery of many damaged combat vehicles of the unit. He operated frequently under enemy shell fire and in areas sown with mines. He and his crew, many times, worked unhesitatingly for long hours removing disabled vehicles to rear areas. His successful accomplishment of these tasks enabled the battalion to continue to function through five months of strenuous combat. His technical skill, endurance, and continual effort to recover vehicles in the face of great difficulties are deserving of much credit. Entered service from Julip, Kentucky.

WALLACE S. ODA, 39675562, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", ** Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as a communications sergeant from 1 January 1943 to 15 May 1943. By his constant and untiring efforts, Staff Sergeant Oda so efficiently maintained the radios and interphones of the tanks of his company, that they were always dependable in battle. He was always on hand to check and service the radio equipment, deliver water, and be of other valuable assistance to the company. Near Makaney, Tunisia, about 30 March 1943, he assisted in setting up an observation post despite heavy enemy fire. He often voluntarily accompanied the tanks to the actual battle positions, in utter disregard for his own personal safety, in order to better maintain and service their equipment. Staff Sergeant Oda's high efficiency and courageous performance of duty during the operations in Tunisia are worthy of the highest praise. Entered service from Kaysville, Utah.

GEORGE [illegible], 15057757, Staff Sergeant, Service Battery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the operations in North Africa from 8 November 1942 to 9 May 1943. In charge of the battalion's ammunition train of tractor and trailer type vehicles, Staff Sergeant Durham kept the battalion fully supplied with ammunition during all its combat activities. Working frequently from dumps located at great distances from the scene of operations, over slippery mountainous roads and during a considerable portion of the time under cover of darkness, the unit under his efficient leadership, brought record quantities of ammunition to the front lines. Sergeant Durham's continued devotion to duty, his willingness to perform service above and beyond that required, and his absolute dependability are deserving of emulation. Entered service from Vincennes, Indiana.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Award, Posthumous, of Legion of Merit.....I
Award of Legion of Merit.....II

I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded, posthumously, in the name of the President to the following officer:

ROY T. TACKETT, 01610620, First Lieutenant, Inf., Headquarters, ** Tank Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 13 March 1943 to 9 May 1943. As communications officer, ** Tank Group, Lieutenant Tackett conducted a school to instruct officers and enlisted men of the French army in American radio procedure, operation, and maintenance. Faced with the difficulties of instructing through an interpreter, working with inadequate equipment under field conditions, often in disagreeable weather, he overcame all obstacles by diligent application to his task, and made the school an outstanding success. Lieutenant Tackett displayed a high degree of tact and diplomacy, and demonstrated capabilities far beyond those expected of an officer of his grade and experience. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary H. Tackett, 1842 Bonny Castle Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following officers:

EMIL RADKOVICH, 0337817, Captain, CE, ** Engineer Depot Headquarters Detachment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from September 1942 to May 1943. In September and October 1942, Captain Radkovich, then a First Lieutenant and platoon leader of the ** Engineer Company (depot), was in charge of field operations at the Thatcham Engineer Depot, England, pertaining to the preparation and shipment of engineer supplies for the Center Task Force, North African invasion. During this period, by sheer hard work over extremely long hours, he overcame almost insurmountable handicaps of shortage of personnel and time. By his unstinting devotion to duty and constant application, he brought order into a situation which threatened to become chaotic. Early in December 1942, shortly after his arrival in North Africa, he was given the multiple task of expanding, organizing, and training the newly activated ** Engineer Company (depot) and establishing and operating Engineer Depot **, which handled the bulk of the engineer supplies shipped east in the support of the Tunisian campaign. Under his command, this depot grew to

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be the largest engineer depot in North Africa. Throughout the entire period, his responsibilities were far above those commensurate with his rank, and his work was a constant example of unceasing effort to all those who worked with him. By his unswerving devotion to duty, his energy and resourcefulness, he has contributed materially to the success of the Allied war effort. Entered service from Hudson, Illinois.

CARL C. SHYTLE, 0267536, Major, Cav, Engineer Detachment (Utilities) Headquarters Command, Allied Force, for especially meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 17 September 1942 to 1 August 1943. Major Shytle promptly, efficiently and cheerfully performed many tasks, seemingly impossible with the limited facilities available, in an outstanding manner. He was given the responsibility for the repair and construction of facilities utilized by Allied Force Headquarters in and about a major portion of a large city. His skill, initiative, and determination made possible the accomplishment of each and every assignment regardless of difficulty. Major Shytle's leadership, devotion to duty, and untiring effort contributed in a large measure to the efficient operation of Allied Force Headquarters and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Asheville, North Carolina.

ALLEN S. JOHNSON, 0350878, Major, Ord, Ordnance Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 July 1942 to 15 August 1943. As Chief of Weapons Sub-Section, Ordnance Section, Services of Supplies, European Theater of Operations, and in the same capacity in Ordnance Section, Allied Force Headquarters, he has rendered outstanding service as an expert authority on standard armament of United States forces, of our allies and of the enemy. This involved extensive research requiring work far beyond normal hours which he has always carried out on his own initiative. He has been chiefly responsible for the instigation and effective operation of an Ordnance Major Items Report system in the North African theater which not only kept the General Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, accurately informed as to completeness and state of repair of ordnance equipment in the hands of troops but also was the basis upon which all replacements of major items of equipment were shipped from the United States. His performance of duty has been above and beyond that of his assignment and reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Waukesha, Wisconsin.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. ROOP,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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Colonel, AGD,
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Paragraph 5, General Orders Number 105, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"5. The area under control of the Island Base Section is designated as follows:

a. An area around PALERMO and TRAPANI bounded by, all inclusive:

CASTELLAMARE (E-5033) - CALATAFIMI (E-4125) - SALEMI (E-0132)
ALCAMO (E-5233) - ALTOFANTE (E-3859) - CORLEONE (E-2912)

MONTE ERICE (E-2714) - CAPE RAISI (E-1749).

b. Ports around AGRIGENTO, PORTO EMPEDOCLE and LICATA, and to the West of CASTELTERMINI, in which United States ships and depots are located. "

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. ENNIS
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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Colonel, AGD,
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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY

1. I have received the following message from General GEORGE C. MARSHALL, Chief of Staff, United States Army:

"I send to you and the troops under your command on the anniversary of the initial landing of United States Troops on the shores of Africa the congratulations of the officers of the War Department, upon the great achievements of the past year. From that first slender foothold, they have moved from Africa to Sicily and on to Italy, and their airmen have covered the entire Mediterranean and penetrated deep into the European Continent.

"Together with an expression of profound admiration for your accomplishments and with confidence in the victory to come, I send my personal congratulations and thanks to you, the officers, and men of our Army under your command."

2. I desire that this message be brought to the attention of all personnel of this command.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
General, United States Army,
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GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 127)

7 November 1943

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named enlisted men:

JOHN E. MURPHY, 12004061, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, ** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. As assistant to the Regimental Graves Registration Officer, Technician Fifth Grade Dempsey performed his duties in an exceptionally efficient manner. In the work of preparing the dead for burial, and keeping accurate and complete records of both friendly and enemy troops and their places of burial, he worked with a high consciousness of the importance of his task. Realizing the importance to morale of the fitting burial of soldier dead, he frequently exposed himself to enemy fire to recover the bodies of his fallen comrades. Entered service from Clinton, New York.

J.Y C. BUCHHALTER, 33154157, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery "B", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. Technician Fifth Grade Buchhalter, serving as a member of the Fire Control Group of his armored howitzer battery, distinguished himself with such skill, faithful devotion, and knowledge of his duty that he was an inspiration to all who served with him. Regardless of personal fatigue, enemy shelling, and both day and night bombing, he consistently sent accurate firing data to the guns. The steadfast loyalty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Buchhalter, and his accomplishments under exceptionally difficult circumstances, were in keeping with the best traditions of the military service. Entered service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

JOHN S. [illegible], 33154469, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery "[illegible]", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Tunisian campaign from 25 March to 13 May 1943, and from 14 July to 14 August 1943 during the operations in Sicily. As a recorder in his armored howitzer battery, Technician Fifth Grade Britton distinguished himself by his tireless energy and meticulous performance of extremely exacting duties. His cool and efficient manner, especially under enemy shelling and bombing, was an outstanding example to his organization. In addition to his regular duties, with great ingenuity he supervised the installation and maintenance of telephone communications between the battery command post and the various howitzer sections and revised the battery's ammunition report procedure into a system more applicable to combat conditions. His remarkable skill and initiative in the performance of all of his duties added greatly to the efficiency of his battery. Entered service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

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JOHN J. SEMEKI, 38141946, Technician Fifth Grade, Detachment Medical Department, ** Evacuation Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 July 1943 to 31 August 1943. As operator of the Unit Mobile Disinfector and co-designer of an ingenious plan for the use of a disinfector to sterilize dishes and kitchen utensils of the hospital, thereby practically eliminating dysentery and diarrhea in the organization, he contributed much to the efficient operation of the hospital and to the well-being of its patients and personnel. His initiative and devotion to duty are worthy of emulation. Entered service from Haverhill, Massachusetts.

CHARLES V. KARLMAN, 32229714, Corporal, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the operations in North Africa in February 1943. When the main electrical system of the top turret of a B-26 type aircraft was damaged by enemy fire and put out of commission, Corporal Karlman, an armorer, inspected the damage and determined that at least one auxiliary electrical system was necessary for the protection of these planes. He drew plans and recommended the installation of the auxiliary electrical lines running from the plane's generator unit or the batteries in the wings. Because of this innovation, subsequently adopted in later production, the turret gunners need no longer fear the results of a chance enemy hit on the main electrical system. By his ingenuity and effort above and beyond the call of duty, Corporal Karlman increased the efficiency of the top turret and gave greater defensive effectiveness to all planes of this type. Entered service from Whitestone, New York.

EARL V. LYONS, 13020397, Technician Fourth Grade, ** Ordnance HM Company (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods 15 December 1942 to 19 January 1943 and 30 March to 9 April 1943, while his company was taking part in the Tunisian campaign. During the former period, in the vicinity of Feriana and Gafsa, Tunisia, Technician Fourth Grade Lyons on several occasions performed the duties of a mechanic through the daylight hours, and at night drove a wrecker to outlying patrols for the purpose of repairing or retrieving disabled vehicles. From 30 March to 9 April, following the Battle of El Guettar, despite hazardous mine fields and attacks of Stuka bombers, he performed valuable services in the recovery of disabled vehicles, artillery pieces, and prime movers, until seriously injured by the explosion of a land mine. His persistent and fearless devotion to duty in the performance of these arduous tasks is worthy of highest praise. Entered service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

By command of General [illegible]:

E. L. [illegible],
Brigadier General, U.S.
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
: 4 December 1943
NUMBER 326)

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 138, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit Medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

WILLIAM K. HELLER, 37026, First Sergeant, 5th Evacuation Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 April to 27 August 1943 during the Sardinian and Italian phases of the Tunisian campaign and Italy during the operations in Sicily. Lacking regard for his personal comforts and desires, frequently going without sleep for extended periods, First Sergeant Heller at all times sought to provide the greatest possible care for the sick and wounded. Charged with the responsibility of effecting the assignment of the medical detachments or assignments which would render the most efficient service, both administrative and professional, he performed his duties in such an effective manner that the services of all his men were utilized with the greatest efficiency, thereby contributing greatly to the expeditious and systematic care of patients. His devotion to duty and constant efforts in behalf of the sick and wounded, over and above that required or expected of him, have been an inspiration to all ranks. Enlisted service from Arkansas, Missouri.

FRANK T. HOSMER, 0-20[illegible], Lieutenant Colonel, SC, 5th Airborne Signal Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 9 July to 17 August 1943. As Signal Officer, 5th Airborne Division, during the Sicilian campaign, Lieutenant Colonel Hosmer, demonstrated superior technical skill to overcome the complete problem of maintaining clear and confidential channels of radio communication from advance headquarters to division already in closely contested areas in the field, and at the same time maintain constant contact with numerous headquarters in rear. He devised a network of radio and wire communications which maintained successful contact with all elements of the division, without the assistance of liaison officers, in the largest airborne operation yet accomplished by our forces, contributing by those services, to the rapid collapse of the opposition in Sicily. Enlisted service from Washington, D. C.

FREDERICK H. SCHWARTZ, 0-20[illegible], Lieutenant Colonel, SC, Headquarters 5th Airborne Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 9 July 1943 to 17 August 1943. As G-6, 5th Airborne Division, Lieutenant Colonel Schwartz displayed superior ability and initiative, handling foreign and radio nets over to accomplish the coordination of divers and complicated personnel activities peculiar to an Airborne division in preparation for and execution from permanent station to station area, through administration and reception overseas, the establishment of a Sicilian base, and the successful participation in the

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Sicilian campaign. The enthusiasm, initiative and perseverance of Lieutenant Colonel Schellhammer were a material contribution to the success of the airborne operations in Sicily. Entered service from New York, New York.

CHARLES C. PETERSON, 0309542, Lieutenant Colonel, 13C, Headquarters ** Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 23 October 1942 to 14 August 1943. As Division Quartermaster, he was highly successful in supplying the combat troops with the necessary items of equipment for the North African and Sicilian invasions. Immediately after the landing in Sicily, the Division made an advance of approximately 160 miles in four days to seize the city of Palermo. During this advance through hostile territory, the supplying of the Division was extremely difficult because of poor and badly congested roads and an acute shortage of vehicles. Through the tireless efforts and extraordinary fidelity to duty of Lieutenant Colonel Peterson, these difficulties were effectively overcome, and the necessary supplies furnished to the troops at all times. Entered service from Fort Worth, Texas.

JOSEPH C. KILLIAN, 019370, Lieutenant Colonel, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 22 July to 13 August 1943 during the Sicilian campaign. In order to furnish maximum support to the division engineers, Lieutenant Colonel Killian without thought of himself, made personal reconnaissances of roads which had not been cleared of mines, frequently while under enemy observation and fire. On one occasion, to facilitate close support between his unit and a combat team, he preceded the division engineers in the advance. Throughout the campaign, under his skilled leadership, the work of his regiment in clearing mines, constructing bridges, building by-passes and improving those already started by the division engineers, enabled the division and corps artillery to advance close behind the infantry, and made possible the supply of forward elements in spite of the length of the supply line. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington.

THOMAS C. GREEN, 0411922, Colonel, CE, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian campaign from 14 July to 18 August 1943. In the early stages of the campaign, the regiment commanded by Colonel Green was required to support two divisions of the ** Corps. Although the regiment was widely separated and was operating over a large area, close contact with all units was maintained as a direct result of his extensive personal reconnaissances, frequently conducted over areas not cleared of mines and often under enemy artillery and small arms fire. By marked foresight, Colonel Green kept his battalions employed so effectively that he was able to repair quickly the damages caused by enemy demolition, and to assume assignments normally performed by the division engineers, thereby making possible the advance of corps and division artillery to positions in close support of the infantry. By his devotion to duty, courage, and foresight, he gave invaluable support to the continuous and successful advance of the ** Corps. Entered service from Austin, Texas.

By command of General ISAACSON:

E. I. FOOD,
Brigadier General, GSC,
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GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 125)

5 November 1943

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number [illegible], dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

ELMER S. [illegible], 0[illegible], First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), [illegible], [illegible], for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 January 1943 to 6 August 1943. During the operations in North Africa and Sicily, Lieutenant [illegible], in the capacity of battalion ordnance officer, made valuable contributions to the care of battle casualties under combat conditions. By his ingenuity in developing improved techniques of communication and liaison, thus shortening materially the time required for evacuation of patients from field treatment stations to rear areas. Lieutenant [illegible]'s superior qualities of leadership and combat under fire while directing the work of subordinates were on all occasions such as to inspire the greatest confidence and effectiveness of action by those serving under him. Entered service from East Orange, New Jersey.

WALTER K. [illegible], [illegible], First Lieutenant, Ord, Supply Battalion, [illegible] Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 June 1943 to 6 August 1943. As division ammunition officer, he was responsible for the loading of ammunition on ships and trucks at docks during both the North Africa and Sicilian invasions. Overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles by working exceedingly long hours, Lieutenant [illegible] effectually supplied vitally needed ammunition to the combat troops at all times during these operations. Following the landing in Sicily, he located, examined and inventoried large stocks of captured enemy ammunition and mortars. While performing this hazardous duty, he was seriously injured by an explosion of captured ammunition. His outstanding loyalty to duty, efficiency and ability were an inspiration to his fellow officers and his men. Entered service from Laurens, South Carolina.

ROBERT P. [illegible], Jr., 0[illegible], First Lieutenant, Inf, Headquarters, [illegible] Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 July to 9 August 1943 during the Sicilian campaign. As regimental ammunition officer, Lieutenant Potter worked tirelessly and unceasingly under perilous combat conditions to ensure availability of adequate supplies of ammunition to his regiment for all engagements with the enemy. His rapid change, resulting in continual shifting of routes and supply depots, frequently found Lieutenant Potter operating by his ceaseless efforts and tireless devotion to duty. His successful and prompt assistance to regiment materially in its rapid advance. Entered service from Hartford, Connecticut.

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[illegible] S. SLAGLE, JR, 0351265, First Lieutenant, Inf, Headquarters, ** Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services for the period 9 July to 9 August 1943. As transportation officer during the Sicilian campaign, he worked tirelessly and under difficult or trying conditions to provide the regiment with adequate fuel and subsistence during all its engagements with the enemy. The long supply routes from command echelon to supply dumps due to the rapid advances created problems that lieutenant Slagle overcame by his ceaseless efforts and superior executive ability. His achievements in the face of many handicaps were a material contribution to the success of the regiment during the Sicilian campaign. Entered service from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

[illegible] M. [illegible], 0431413, Captain, Cav, Headquarters, ** Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 22 April 1943 to 1 August 1943. As assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 Section, Captain Muller prepared and executed the plans for the loading of vehicles, equipment and supplies for the Sicilian invasion. The nature of the operations required the loading of many different types of vehicles, including tanks and other tractor type vehicles, on various ships for landing craft. Through the diligence and extraordinary fidelity to duty of Captain Muller, the difficult task of combat loading was accomplished expeditiously and efficiently. Following the landing, he assisted in maintaining supply functions of the Division during its rapid advance over poor roads and mountainous terrain. His work contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered service from Decatur, Illinois.

[illegible] F. [illegible], 0429946, Chaplain, (Major), Headquarters, ** Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 29 July to 22 August 1943 during the Sicilian campaign. With improvised equipment and limited assistance, Chaplain [illegible] accompanied the Division in all its operations, frequently traveling through heavily mined areas and moving under intense fire in order to accomplish his mission as Division Reconstruction Officer. Through his courageous and untiring efforts, hundreds of killed and many dead were identified and given fitting burial in established cemeteries. The efficient performance of these duties under extremely adverse conditions reflects credit upon Chaplain [illegible] and the Chaplains' Service of the American Military Forces. Entered service from Findlay, Ohio.

By command of General [illegible]:

E. I. [illegible],
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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H. V. [illegible],
Colonel, AGD,
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GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 124)

4 November 1943

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit Award is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

[redacted] EYERS, [redacted], Staff Sergeant, Company "B", [redacted] Armored Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 January 1943 to 8 August 1943. In his capacity as Motor and Maintenance Sergeant during the North African and Sicilian operations, Sergeant Eyers did much to reduce mechanical failure. Through exemplary devotion to duty and mechanical ingenuity, he devised improved procedures for the transportation of fuel and tools, which enabled ambulances to operate effectively at long distances from the patient evacuation, thus contributing materially to the efficiency of medical evacuation. His performance of duties was at all times marked by high qualities of initiative, resourcefulness, and technical ability which reflects credit upon both himself and his organization. Entered service from Laurel, Mississippi.

CHARLES W. [redacted], [redacted], Master Sergeant, Headquarters [redacted] Airborne Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 5 May to 17 August 1943. As chief clerk of the G-1 Section, Division Headquarters, Master Sergeant [redacted], performing functions normally assigned to a commissioned officer, demonstrated marked administrative capabilities in the preparation and execution of plans for the movement of the Division from its permanent station to an overseas base, culminating in combat against the enemy. He applied a wide background of knowledge with an eager willingness to assume greater responsibilities and, by performing these services with outstanding efficiency, he has contributed signally to the success of the division. Entered service from Tarrytown, New York.

GEORGE O. [redacted], [redacted], Master Sergeant, Service Company, [redacted] Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services for the period 9 July to 9 August 1943, during the Sicilian campaign. Prior to hostilities in Sicily, Sergeant [redacted] sustained a fractured spine and was forced to wear a body cast. However, in order to accompany his unit into combat, he refused hospitalization. As regimental supply sergeant, he worked tirelessly throughout this phase of operations, and succeeded in maintaining supplies for the regiment at an exceedingly high level. His ability, marked by extraordinary fidelity, contributed largely to the success and well-being of his unit, and earned for him the highest consideration and respect. Entered service from Cusseta, Georgia.

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JOSEPH S. POTVIN, 6326741, First Sergeant, Company A, [illegible] (Truck), Supply Battalion, [illegible] Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 8 November 1942 to 29 July 1943. In charge of a detachment landing at Safi, French Morocco, on November 8, Sergeant Potvin displayed superior leadership in the control of his men while under hostile fire. His ingenuity aided in the speedy reorganization of the widely separated company after landing. That his organization was able to meet the numerous urgent demands for transportation made during the nine following months of arduous duty, was due in great measure to the efficiency and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Potvin. His unflagging and considerate efforts in behalf of the enlisted men under him maintained a high level of morale at all times. His conduct and activities have been a constant inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Entered service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

CHARLES R. BLACK, [illegible]63, Warrant Officer, Junior Grade (then Staff Sergeant), 3d Battalion, [illegible] Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services for the period 8 November 1942 to 7 August 1943. During the preparation for the landing in North [illegible]rica, Warrant Officer Black was responsible for water-proofing and preparing over 200 vehicles and tanks for shipment. Upon arrival on the beach in French Morocco, he supervised their de-proofing and repair. He so efficiently performed these functions that they were able to proceed approximately 100 miles with only one mechanical failure. Prior to and during the operations in Sicily, he was again instrumental in the successful preparation, shipment and landing of tanks and vehicles. He worked tirelessly, following the landing, to recover and repair vehicles, frequently while under enemy fire. His valuable services have kept the maximum number of vehicles ready for combat. Entered service from Baltimore, Maryland.

HURTON S. STROUSE, [illegible]0404, Chief Warrant Officer, [illegible] Battery, [illegible] Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Sicilian campaign from 10 to 22 July 1943. From the time of the landing in Sicily until after the fall of the city of Palermo, Chief Warrant Officer Strouse, in charge of supply for the forward elements, performed his duties in an outstandingly superior manner, under enemy fire and repeated air attacks, with utter disregard for his own safety, convenience, or normal endurance. His inspiring devotion to duty kept the [illegible] Armored Field Artillery Battalion and the attached [illegible] Armored Field Artillery Battalion and two batteries of the [illegible] Field Artillery Battalion and two batteries of the [illegible] Armored Field Artillery (Antiaircraft) Battalion fully supplied with all types of materiel and equipment at all times. His actions throughout the whole campaign have been a [illegible] to his comrades. Entered service from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. L. TOMB,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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H. V. PORTER,
Colonel, AGD,
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GENERAL ORDERS)
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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following enlisted men:

HARVEY K. McCALLUM, 36103660, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "H", ** Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As a driver of a tank recovery unit, Technician Fifth Grade McCallum worked with little food or sleep at his duties of recovering combat vehicles from the beach during the Regiment's landing at Gela, Sicily on 10 July 1943, and throughout the following night. Then, on 11 July 1943, a tank struck a mine during combat operations at a nearby airport, he drove his repair tank through the minefield to the stranded tank and worked tirelessly and beyond normal endurance, in range of enemy fire, to repair the tank in time for it to take part in an attack on the enemy on the following day. Performances equally praiseworthy were performed by Technician Fifth Grade McCallum on numerous occasions during the campaign in Sicily. Entered service from North Street, Michigan.

EARL E. MAYNARD, 39154490, Technician Fourth Grade, Company "H", ** Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As a mechanic of a tank recovery unit, Technician Fourth Grade Maynard worked with little food or sleep at his duties of recovering combat vehicles from the beach during the Regiment's landing at Gela, Sicily on 10 July 1943, and throughout the following night. When, on 11 July 1943, a tank struck a mine during combat operations at a nearby airport, he rode his repair tank through the minefield to the stranded tank and worked tirelessly and beyond normal endurance, in range of enemy gun fire, to repair the tank in time for it to take part in an attack on the enemy on the following day. Technician Fourth Grade Maynard continued to perform in this manner throughout the Sicilian campaign. Entered service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

WILLARD FOURT, 1[illegible], Sergeant, Headquarters ** Airborne Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 May 1943 to 17 August 1943. During the ** Airborne Division's preparation for operations in Sicily, Sergeant Fourt, assigned to the G-2 Section, after careful study determined that the reproduction of intelligence material needed during combat activities could be considerably improved and expedited. With great initiative, he organized and supervised a drafting and situation map team, and a system for its employment in the field whereby the services of each individual were used to the greatest advantage. This system, when used under great pressure in combat, reduced considerably the normal time required for the preparation of accurate and reliable reproductions. The foresight and planning of Sergeant Fourt contributed notably to the effectiveness of his section throughout the operations in Sicily. Entered service from Kirkville, Missouri.

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DAVID ENQUIST, 6932319, Sergeant, Maintenance Company, ** Armored Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 to 21 July 1943. As a maintenance mechanic during the landing operations of the Third Battalion, ** Armored Regiment in Sicily on 11 July 1943, and in the subsequent activities of the organization on shore, Sergeant Enquist performed maintenance on all disabled combat vehicles of the battalion, often under enemy shell fire, and at all times under conditions of extreme difficulty. Despite these handicaps, tank maintenance was kept on a superior level during the entire action, contributing greatly to the success of the battalion's mission. The skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Enquist in the performance of these tasks was exemplary. Entered service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

LEON J. HAVARD, 6272436, Staff Sergeant, Battery "B", ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 28 March to 8 May 1943, as Reconnaissance Sergeant. During this period of the Tunisian campaign, Staff Sergeant Havard established communication to his organization, under decidedly adverse conditions, from artillery and infantry observation posts. Often subjected to enemy mortar and rifle fire, and on several occasions the direct fire of enemy tanks, he completely disregarded his own safety and continued to assist in the adjustment of artillery fire upon the enemy. His conduct and unselfish devotion to duty throughout this entire period exemplified the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from Cavalla, Texas.

ORVILLE CROSS, 6985435, Staff Sergeant, Company "A" (Truck), Supply Battalion, ** Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 29 July 1943. The motor vehicles and other equipment of the section of which he, as company motor sergeant, was in charge were constantly maintained in a superior condition. As a result of his attention to duty, initiative, and ability, the vehicles in his care, notwithstanding long usage and operation of many miles over the most difficult types of roads, were constantly ready for operation, and set new standards within the Armored Division for miles operated without need of repairs. Staff Sergeant Cross' performance of duty with such commendable results has set a splendid example for his fellow soldiers. Entered service from Greeley, Kentucky.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Upon the victorious conclusion of the initial phases of the campaign on the Italian mainland, and under the authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

CHARLES S. SHADLE, 010910, Colonel, Chemical Warfare Service for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 September 1942 to 1 October 1943 as Chief Chemical Officer Allied Force Headquarters and concurrently, since its activation, as Chemical Officer, Headquarters, North African Theater of Operations. Through unusual foresight in anticipating the numerous operational demands, through tireless devotion to duty in planning the requirements of supply and distribution, and through application of superior professional attainments, Colonel Shadle has performed services of inestimable value to the Allied Forces. In addition, his friendly cooperative spirit has been an inspiration to all personnel of both headquarters. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

FREDERICK A. BLESSE, 06265, Brigadier General, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 March to 1 October 1943. As Surgeon, North African Theater of Operations and Deputy Chief Surgeon and Chief Medical Inspector of Allied Force Headquarters, Brigadier General Blesse has contributed notably to the unbelievably high medical standards which have been thus far attained. The fact that the mortality rate of our forces has been much less than in any campaign of any army is due, in a high degree, to the ability, judgment and leadership of Brigadier General Blesse. Entered service from Illinois.

CARL R. GRAY, JR., 012452, Brigadier General, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 9 February 1940 to 1 October 1943. As Director General of Military Railways, Brigadier General Gray has had the responsibility of the development and operation of all railways within the theater. That this colossal task has been successfully accomplished in North Africa, Sicily and lately in southern Italy is a tribute to his tireless energy, keen judgment and inspiring leadership. He has surmounted countless obstacles to effect the movement of tremendous quantities of supplies and equipment, and numbers of personnel, and thus has made a great contribution to the past successes. Entered service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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THOMAS H. RAMSEY, 09728, Brigadier General, United States Army, (then Colonel, QMC), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 September 1942 to 1 October 1943. Brigadier General Ramsey has been Chief Quartermaster of both Allied Force and North African Theater of Operations since their inception. His has been the responsibility of the exacting and detailed planning for the procurement, distribution and issue of quartermaster supplies for operations of unprecedented complexity. His calm determination and zealous devotion to duty have inspired his staff to constantly greater attainments. Entered service from Nevada.

ALBERT KICHMOND, 06024, Brigadier General, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 October 1942 to 1 October 1943. Brigadier General Richmond has served as Judge Advocate General of Allied Force Headquarters since 26 October 1942, and in the same capacity since 4 February 1943 with Headquarters North African Theater of Operations, except for the period 14 March to 29 July 1943 when he was detailed as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army in charge of the Theater Branch Office. Brigadier General Richmond established each of these offices in turn and developed them to a superior state of efficiency. His diplomacy, sound judgment, and advice on international as well as administrative matters has aided in the solution of many grave problems and in promoting the cause of military justice. His common sense, professional ability and devotion to duty have been a source of inspiration to those who work for him and of invaluable aid to those seeking his advice. Entered service from Iowa.

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Announcement of Commanding General, United States Army Air Forces, NATOUSA . I
Activation Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Fifteenth Air Force . . . II

I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMANDING GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES, NATOUSA

Lieutenant General CARL SPAATZ, 03706, United States Army, in addition to his other duties, is announced as Commanding General, United States Army Air Forces in the North African Theater of Operations, effective at 0001 hours this date.

II - ACTIVATION HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE

1. Pursuant to authority contained in cable number 698, War Department, 23 October 1943 and cable number 1550, War Department, 31 October 1943, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Fifteenth Air Force is activated this date and assigned to this headquarters, with location at the present headquarters of the XII Bomber Command.

2. The Commanding General of the Fifteenth Air Force will be announced at a later date.

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Award of Medal of Honor.....I
Award of Legion of Merit.....II

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I - AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Medal of Honor, to the following officer:

DAVID C. MAYER, 0552653, First Lieutenant, ** Reconnaissance Troop, ** Infantry Division, United States Army. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action involving actual conflict with the enemy on 17 July 1943, near Agrigento, Sicily. Commander of a reconnaissance platoon, Lieutenant Mayer volunteered to lead a three vehicle patrol into enemy held territory to locate an isolated Ranger unit. Proceeding under cover of darkness, over roads known to be heavily mined, and strongly defended by road blocks and machine gun positions, the patrol's progress was halted at a bridge which had been destroyed by enemy troops and was suddenly cut off from its supporting vehicles by four enemy tanks. Although hopelessly outnumbered and out-gunned, and himself and his men completely exposed, he quickly dispersed his vehicles and ordered his gunners to open fire with their .30 and .50 calibre machine guns. Then with ammunition exhausted, three of his men hit and himself seriously wounded, he seized his .45 calibre Thompson machine gun, and standing in the bright moonlight directly in the line of fire, alone engaged the leading tank at 30 yards and succeeded in killing the crew members, causing the tank to run onto the bridge and crash into the stream bed. After dispatching one of the men for aid, he rallied the rest to cover and withstood the continued fire of the tanks until the arrival of aid the following morning.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

JOHN BARKLEY, 0285546, Lieutenant Colonel, ** Separate Coast Artillery Battalion. (MA) (AF), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 6 November 1942 to 17 August 1943. As executive officer and later commanding officer of the ** Separate Coast Artillery Battalion (MA) (AF), he consistently displayed exceptional leadership qualities and marked organizational ability. By sound planning and untiring efforts, he further developed the tactical doctrines of employment of anti-aircraft artillery in connection with infantry divisions, thus making

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possible a more effective support for assault troops. His organization destroyed a large number of enemy aircraft during the North African, Tunisian, and Sicilian operations. The highly successful record of the ** Separate Const Artillery Battalion is in a great measure due to the foresight, ability, and cooperative spirit so well demonstrated by Lieutenant Colonel Barkley. Entered service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

PERCY W. THOMPSON, 016315, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 18 May 1943. Due primarily to the superior planning and leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, the ** Field Artillery Battalion has made an enviable combat record during the fighting in North Africa. As Artillery Commander of the ** Combat Team when detached from the ** U. S. Infantry Division, he organized and led, on two occasions, large independent units of mixed American, British and French troops in such a successful manner as to clearly demonstrate leadership, technical skill and ability to an outstanding degree. His manipulation of the fire of his own and supporting battalions, was on several occasions, the decisive factor in the defeat of strong enemy attacks. His example has been a splendid inspiration to all with whom he served. Entered service from Richmond, Indiana.

CHANEY P. EASTBURN, 013203, Lieutenant Colonel, Inf., ** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the advance from Sedjenane to Bizerte, 23 April to 8 May 1943, Lieutenant Colonel Eastburn performed his duties in an exceptionally meritorious manner. Through his courage, initiative, tactical ability and outstanding leadership, he was able to advance his troops consistently against the enemy. On the afternoon of 7 May 1943, while leading a reconnaissance mission with a detachment from his battalion, supported by a tank company, he perceived that enemy resistance had shown a decided weakness. After transmitting this information to the division headquarters and securing permission to advance, he moved forward with great rapidity and boldness, captured the city of Bizerte, and held it despite brisk enemy resistance until reinforcements arrived the following day. By taking this city, he played a large part in speeding the Tunisian campaign to a victorious conclusion. Entered United States Military Academy from Mississippi.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 151, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

ORAN F. LAIRD, 35121000, Private, Company "H", ** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 8 to 11 November 1942. On a long march during the Fedala-Casablanca operation, when members of the platoon had apparently reached the limit of their physical endurance and were tempted to drop their equipment, he would assist and encourage them to continue the advance. Even after suffering a severe injury, he shouldered his combat load and continued to perform his duties. Through his rare physical endurance and resolute spirit, he definitely raised and sustained the morale of the unit and thus contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission. Entered service from Ericsola, Iowa.

HENRY I. MEANS, 17000205, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Through his exceptional technical ability in the operating of a D-7 angledozer, Technician Fifth Grade Means contributed in a large degree to the rapid advance of our forces from ** to **, Sicily. In a campaign where advance depended almost entirely on the rapid by-passing of enemy demolitions, Technician Fifth Grade Means was outstanding for his great efficiency in the operation of his D-7 angledozer and for his tenacity in remaining at his task, often under artillery fire. The example set by Technician Fifth Grade Means in the performance of this duty is a great credit to the armed forces. Entered service from Carrizozo, New Mexico.

JAMES P. MORRIS, 35504761, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, ** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in April 1943. Assigned to the Engineer Section, Headquarters, ** Corps, during the Tunisian campaign, Technician Fourth Grade Morris made invaluable contributions to the success of the Corps' mission. Voluntarily, after enemy air raids, he searched out unexploded enemy bombs in order to study their mechanism. As a result of his studies, which were performed at great risk to his life, he was able to solve the delayed action mechanism of a new type enemy bomb, and to develop an effective method for rendering them harmless. This information was disseminated to other units and doubtlessly saved many lives during subsequent raids. The courage and skill of Technician Fourth Grade Morris in this hazardous work was exemplary. Entered service from Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

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PAUL J. EVANS, 19060754, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, ** Corps Artillery Battalion (**), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services for the period 11 July to 2 August 1943, during the Sicilian campaign. With outstanding efficiency and tireless efforts, and with total disregard for his own well being, he supervised, arranged, and corrected the administration of many and varied demands made upon his medical detachment of which he suddenly became the commander on 11 July 1943 when the medical officer became a casualty. In spite of the wide dispersal of the members of his organization, he maintained contact with each of them and is responsible for the high degree of administrative and operational efficiency that his unit attained. His loyalty, his constant devotion to duty and his superior performance of many varied duties have been an inspiration to all members of his detachment. Entered service from San Pedro, California.

ROBERT R. SEMAN, 20319044, Technical Sergeant, Company "C", ** Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 July 1943 to 10 August 1943. Throughout the Sicilian campaign, Technical Sergeant Seman was in charge of a wire team assigned the important responsibility of installing and maintaining wire communications between Headquarters ** Corps, and the rapidly moving ** and ** Infantry Divisions. In his endeavors to maintain uninterrupted communications, he repeatedly led his men through uncleared mined areas, amidst artillery fire, and often in advance of the leading elements of the infantry. Although the lines were frequently damaged, he caused them to be repaired, and manned by close personal supervision of the area assigned him, to maintain communications with a minimum of interruptions. By his initiative, unusual devotion to duty and demonstration of superior technical knowledge, he performed services which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered service from Huntsdale, Pennsylvania.

CECIL L. PROFIT, 0730438, Chaplain (Captain), Headquarters, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services for the period 28 March to 8 May 1943. During the battle of El Guettar and in the advance from Sedjenane to Bizerte, Tunisia, Chaplain Profit performed his duties as Division Graves Registration Officer in an exceptionally meritorious manner. He worked untiringly night and day in the performance of his arduous duties. On many occasions, he led searching parties into combat areas subjected to enemy fire and mines, in order to remove the bodies of men killed in action. In addition to his outstanding service to this Division, he likewise assisted other Divisions in their burial work. Entered service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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Organization of the Peninsular Base Section I
Designation of Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section II

I -- ORGANIZATION OF THE PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

Effective 1 November 1943, the Peninsular Base Section is organized.

II - DESIGNATION OF COMMANDING GENERAL, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

Brigadier General ARTHUR W. PENCE, 012042, USA, is designated as Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Award, Posthumous, of Soldier's Medal.....I
Award of Soldier's Medal.....II

I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded posthumously to each of the following named enlisted men:

ROBERT K. GUNNOE, 15071440, Private, ** Repair Squadron, for heroism on 25 July 1943, at Cap Falcon, Algeria. Although he could not swim, and without thought of his own safety, Private Gunnoe and three fellow soldiers launched a small boat through heavy surf, and went to the aid of five distressed swimmers. After one of the swimmers had been rescued, and while the boat was returning to shore, it capsized, and Private Gunnoe was carried under and never seen again. His sacrifice of his own life in an effort to save others was exemplary of the highest heroism. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarepta Gunnoe, 629 Greenbrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

LEROY HEIGHTS, 38132451, Private, Company **, ** Engineer Battalion (Separate), for heroism on 25 July 1943, at Cap Falcon, Algeria. Realizing the danger of five distressed swimmers, Private Heights and three fellow soldiers launched a small boat through extremely heavy surf. Disregarding the great danger to himself because of his limited ability to swim, Private Heights accompanied the others into the boat on the attempted rescue. After one of the swimmers had been rescued, and while it was returning to shore, the boat capsized. Private Heights went down immediately and was carried away by the strong current. The self-sacrificing heroism displayed by Private Heights was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Leroy Heights, Waggoner Building, Wichita Falls, Texas.

ANTONIE PERODIN, 34233373, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, ** Engineer Battalion (Separate), for heroism on 25 July 1943, at Cap Falcon, Algeria. When four fellow soldiers were carried out to sea by a strong undercurrent, Technician Fifth Grade Perodin, although a poor swimmer, with another enlisted man, obtained a rope and went to their rescue. When they had reached a point about seventy-five yards from shore, the rope parted, and Technician Fifth Grade Perodin, continuing his gallant efforts to reach the distressed swimmers, was himself carried away by the undertow and was never seen again. The great courage and selflessness displayed by this soldier are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Alice Lee Perodin, Route 2, Box 139, St. Martinsville, Louisiana.

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II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named enlisted men:

JAMES L. HAWKINS, 34252263, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, ** Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, for heroism on 31 August 1943, at ** Algeria. While a group of enlisted men were in swimming, one of them was caught in a dangerous undertow. Technician Fifth Grade Hawkins, realizing the man was in grave danger of drowning, and with utter disregard of his own safety, immediately swam to his rescue. Upon reaching the distressed soldier, he found him unconscious and about to be carried under the water. Himself in great peril from the undertow, and unable to bring the drowning man to shore, he remained with him until additional help arrived. Technician Fifth Grade Hawkins' heroism and courageousness, undoubtedly saving the life of his comrade, reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

WILLIAM A. KEITH, 31125053, Corporal, ** Repair Squadron, for heroism on 25 July 1943, at Cap Falcon, Algeria. Disregarding a pounding surf and high waves, Corporal Keith swam to the aid of five fellow soldiers who had been thrown into the sea when their boat capsized. Despite the powerful undertow he succeeded in assisting three of the struggling men to reach the over-turned boat and to cling to it until it reached shore. Corporal Keith's great heroism and selfless courage in saving the lives of three persons at the risk of his own are deserving of the highest praise. Entered service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

RAYMOND J. B [illegible], 36001[illegible], Sergeant, ** Railway Operating Battalion, for heroism on 22 July 1943 at **, near ** Algeria. A train consisting of ten cars of gasoline, five cars of ammunition, and twenty-eight cars of grain and cattle was standing in the station when one of the cars containing gasoline caught fire. On observing the blaze, Sergeant Bergman, conductor in charge of the train, with great presence of mind and complete disregard of his own safety, personally uncoupled the forward portion of the train containing the burning car and had the train crew move it to a point away from the station. Then, while exploding gasoline drums in the blazing car made further activity increasingly dangerous, he separated it from the remaining cars attached to it, himself being burned in the operation. By his courageous conduct, this soldier averted a serious explosion, thus probably saving loss of life and great damage to government property. Entered service from Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

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Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

LEWIS F. BREEN, 0473908, Major, AC, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, ** Air Depot Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from January 1943 to 2 May 1943. As Engineering Officer for the ** Air Group during this period, he rendered valuable service in connection with an important maintenance problem relating to P-39 type aircraft. While the ** Fighter Group was operating from Major Breen's station at ** French Morocco, the cracking and breaking of rudder hinge brackets, long a troublesome factor, resulted in the grounding of fourteen of the planes. With prompt initiative and resourcefulness, Major Breen undertook the correction of this difficulty, designing a new bracket fashioned from an improved alloy which more effectively met the tension, torsion and compression requirements. The first castings, completed in five days, were so successful that all of the planes were equipped with them, and became standard equipment in the future production of P-39 type aircraft. By the application of his sound technical knowledge and inventive ability, Major Breen was directly responsible for the prevention of loss of much valuable flying time, at a period when all planes were vitally needed. His efficient and successful efforts are worthy of the highest commendation. Entered service from Ypsilanti, Michigan.

HOWARD C. HILL, 0193001, Lieutenant Colonel, CE, ** Engineer Special Brigade, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 August 1943 to 10 August 1943, during the campaign in Sicily. As the campaign entered its final phase and the rapid advancement of supplies became of increased importance, Lieutenant Colonel Hill was placed in charge of the single track railway from the southwest to ***, at a time when it was about to fail in operation. By the application of sound professional knowledge, with great zeal and energy, he brought about the rehabilitation of the line and was primarily responsible for the increase in its rate of operating capacity by more than three fold. His efforts thereby were deciding factors in the successful operation of the lines of communication of the Seventh Army in southern Sicily. Entered service from Fort Arthur, Texas.

EUGENE S. COLM, 0477826, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, Headquarters, ** Air Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to July 1943. As Staff Surgeon for the ** Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel Colm initiated the Medical Operational Status Report which was later incorporated as the Care of Fliers Report adopted by the ** Air Force. Unique in the theater, this report was of great importance through

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furnishing a clear and concise picture of replacement and attrition rates in the air services. The special report to the Air Surgeon prepared by Lieutenant Colonel Coler, covering activities from the beginning of operations in the theater to June 1943, was of inestimable value in determining future policies for the Air Forces. Pertinent data resulting from his pioneer work in statistical control made possible markedly increased operational efficiency in the command which he served. In addition, his many practical suggestions in problems peculiar to flying personnel were an important factor in raising the health and morale of combat crews throughout the entire air arm. Entered service from New York, New York.

MARIUS S. CHATAIGNON, 0150157, Colonel, Ch, Headquarters, XX Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Corps Chaplain during the period 8 November 1942 to 20 August 1943, throughout the operations in North Africa and Sicily. Realizing its importance as a morale factor, he saw to it that the solace of religious worship was made accessible to as many individuals as possible by arranging services for units under the most difficult battle conditions. Serving as Graves Registration Officer in addition to his other duties, he often led searching parties into mine-infested areas for the purpose of recovering bodies of men who died on the battlefield. He exerted himself to the utmost to insure a fitting burial for the dead of both our own and enemy forces. Chaplain Chataignon's devotion to duty, resourcefulness, and zeal reflect great credit upon himself, his corps, and the Army of the United States. Entered service from Galveston, Texas.

EDWARD F. CAFFEY, 04925, Brigadier General, United States Army, Headquarters, XX Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from September 1942 to September 1943. As Commander of the XX Combat Team, a component of the Eastern Assault Force during the initial landing at Algiers, such was his foresight, careful planning and energy that in spite of the loss by enemy action of two of the five vessels carrying his command, all of the assault objectives were taken on schedule. As Assistant Division Commander from 4 January 1943 to 10 September 1943, his constant presence with combat elements in contact with the enemy, enabling the Division Commander to keep himself constantly informed of the situation, and his energetic supervision of training during lulls in combat, to correct deficiencies discovered in battle, contributed greatly to the success of the Division in the Sicilian Campaign. His high professional skill, devotion to duty and wholehearted cooperation under all circumstances reflect great credit to the Armed Forces. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington, D. C.

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December 1943

Under authority contained in Section IV, [illegible] Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, the Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

HENRY E. NEAL, 0845194, First Lieutenant, AC, ** Bombardment Squadron (H), ** Bombardment Group (-), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 23 January 1943 to 17 August 1943, while his unit was taking part in the successful operations in North Africa and Sicily. Lieutenant Neal used his professional skill and talent for organization to the fullest extent to assist in the creation of one of the most efficient communication sections in the Wing. Displaying great initiative and a keen desire to improve Air Force radio communications, he utilized the research and information obtained from daily work records on high-frequency operation and maintenance in B-26 type aircraft, to devise methods of eliminating static interference and radio failure. So successful were his efforts that modulation and signal strength were greatly improved and radio failures on combat missions reduced to less than ten percent. Such exemplary service and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Neal and the military service. Entered service from Augusta, Georgia.

ROSCOE J. MARTIN, 0561646, First Lieutenant, AC, ** Bomber Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 April 1942 to 26 August 1943. The first administrative officer to arrive at the headquarters, Lieutenant Martin was charged with the establishment of an administrative section for the processing of a large volume of official matters devolving upon the headquarters by reason of the transfer to it of subordinate units formerly assigned to another command. Despite a great pressure of administrative work requiring his prompt attention, Lieutenant Martin was confronted with such problems as obtaining supplies to work with, insufficient and untrained personnel, and the establishment of a system of communication between the headquarters and subordinate units. By means of untiring efforts and intelligent leadership, he overcame these difficulties and created an efficient and smoothly operating section. Lieutenant Martin's able discharge of responsibilities and functions usually assigned to officers several grades senior to him, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered service from Colora, Michigan.

JACK S. HENRY, 0418937, Captain, CE, ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 9 March to 13 March 1943. As commander of an engineer company, with the mission of constructing a vital road from Thelepte to Sbiba, Tunisia, Captain Berry

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displayed a high degree of professional knowledge, sound judgment and unusual energy. The terrain was mountainous and difficult and much of the route was in advance of our forward-most positions. By careful selection of the route, by organization of working parties and equipment so that work could be carried on twenty-four hours a day, and by excellent leadership and fortitude, Captain Berry completed his mission despite enemy interference, in a manner far superior to that expected or considered possible under existing conditions. Entered service from New York, New York.

BRUNO J. VIRGILI, 0430958, Captain, ** Fighter Squadron, ** Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 March 1943 to 10 April 1943. While stationed in Algeria, Captain Virgili with great ingenuity designed and constructed two devices in P-38 type aircraft which greatly increased the tactical scope of these fighter-bomber planes. A new type of auxiliary bomb rack which he invented enables the planes to carry an additional number of bombs without exceeding existing weight limits and permits their being released individually or in train. The manual bomb and fuel tank release developed by him eliminated the danger to pilots caused by failure of the electrical release mechanism while over enemy territory, and ensured positive bomb release over the target. By these valuable contributions resulting from his resourcefulness and ingenuity, Captain Virgili rendered services to the Army Air Forces and to his country worthy of high commendation. Entered service from Oak Park, Illinois.

HENRY A. BRUMFIELD, 047942, Captain, AC, ** Air Force Service Command, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 December 1942 to 4 August 1943. As Engineering Officer of the ** Service Group, and later with Air Force Depot **, Captain Brumfield performed feats of an unsurpassable character in the maintenance of combat aircraft under difficult field conditions. On assuming his duties at ** Air Base, Algeria, he found the base almost completely lacking in facilities and equipment for the repair of aircraft, although combat operations were proceeding daily. Setting up engineering activities in a granary, he and his crew improvised essential equipment from scrap lumber and metal salvaged from wrecked planes. In the absence of hangars and with a shortage of personnel, it was necessary to work outside day and night under all conditions of weather. Working an eighteen hour shift day after day and employing his skill as an aircraft mechanic not only in supervision but by repairing aircraft and equipment himself, Captain Brumfield kept up third echelon maintenance on five combat groups. His performance of service of a high degree of merit is a credit to himself and the Armed Forces. Entered service from Chatham, Virginia.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following enlisted men:

JOHN J. MASON, 36234614, Technical Sergeant, (then Technician Fourth Grade), ** Army Postal Unit, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 29 November 1942 to 4 July 1943. With extraordinary diligence and knowledge of his work, Technical Sergeant Mason worked long hours to facilitate the establishment of the first Air Force Army Post Office in the North African Theater, and subsequently in the forward areas in Tunisia. During the period 11 June to 5 July 1943, on the Island of Pantelleria, he devised from captured scrap materials, the equipment necessary to operate the Army Post Office for the entire island. He dispatched mail by every conceivable means at all hours of day and night regardless of frequent enemy bombing raids. During a ten day absence of the postal officer, he was responsible for operation of all postal services on the island with less than half the authorized personnel. His devotion to duty and excellent leadership inspired the men under him to maintain postal service with a high degree of efficiency under most difficult and hazardous conditions. Entered service from Rapin, Wisconsin.

LEONARD R. DUNN, 6821008, Technical Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from December 1942 to August 1943. In his capacity as Mess Sergeant, throughout the operations in North Africa, Technical Sergeant Dunn provided for his unit a quality of mess which the entire squadron, from the commanding officer to the newest recruit, held to be unexcelled in the field. Cheerfully, and with no thought of personal reward or advancement, he spent virtually all of his time and his best efforts in providing the finest service of which he was capable. This service, performed often under the most trying circumstances, was an important factor in the high level of morale obtained in the squadron. His initiative, ability and interest in all of his comrades mark Sergeant Dunn as a fine example of a soldier to his organization and the military service. Entered service from Redlands, California.

JOSEPH T. DISNEY, 19017142, Technical Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 28 November 1942 to 18 August 1943. Throughout this period, while serving with his unit in the North African theater, Sergeant Disney rendered invaluable service as an armament inspector and turret specialist on B-26 type aircraft. His designs and resulting mechanisms increased the efficiency and fire power of the B-26 and simplified the maintenance of guns and turrets. In the absence of a satisfactory device for bore sighting machine guns, he designed and constructed such a device, as well as a collapsible bore

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sight stand which facilitates the process. A method of ammunition feed which he developed and perfected eliminated frequent malfunctions in the tail turret, and greatly increased its effectiveness in combat. His high sense of responsibility, tireless initiative and unceasing efforts to improve the operational equipment of the unit were an inspiration to all those serving with him. Entered service from Cary, Kentucky.

HARRY TURNER, 6332689, Master Sergeant, ** Fighter Squadron, ** Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 18 December 1942 to 18 August 1943. As Line Chief in charge of repairs and maintenance, Master Sergeant Turner was responsible for a definite increase in efficiency of the Engineer Department and a marked improvement in the squadron's performance record. Though associated with the organization only from the time of its alerting for overseas service, by working long and diligently he succeeded within a minimum of time in mastering the many problems incident to the duties of his assignment. Through his unceasing efforts, inspiring leadership and superior technical ability, the operational record of the unit rose to one of exceptional excellence. In thus contributing to the smooth functioning of the squadron in its combat missions, Master Sergeant Turner rendered services worthy of high commendation. Entered service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

HAL L. OSTEEN, 6489576, Master Sergeant, ** Fighter Squadron, ** Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 April 1943 to 18 August 1943. During this period while his squadron was active in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns, Sergeant Osteen showed exceptional ability as section head of the Engineering Department. Responsible for all major repairs and inspections, he saw that every plane was given excellent care, and maintained an efficient and highly productive department. Under his direction, engine changes were completed in a single day. Frequently he worked from early in the morning until the following midnight in order that the squadron would have a maximum number of planes available for its assignments. Master Sergeant Osteen at all times showed himself to be an outstanding soldier, efficient, understanding and ready to assist in any capacity in which he might be needed. His achievements and position of high regard among both officers and enlisted men reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered service from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named enlisted men:

AVERY WALDRON, 32050746, Technician Fourth Grade, Company "C", 7th Engineer Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 21 January 1943 to 7 February 1943. With only a limited amount of material and with inferior captured equipment, Technician Fourth Grade Waldron planned and supervised the repair, in record time, of an essential bridge partially destroyed by enemy action at Port Lyautey, French Morocco. Faced with difficult engineering problems in restoring the bridge to usefulness, he solved them through persevering effort and the employment of great ingenuity. With exemplary devotion to duty, he exposed himself repeatedly to possible serious injury or death in handling personally, pieces of the work made hazardous by such factors as unsteady foundations and bridge members, deep water, and the necessity of working at great heights. Aware of the tactical urgency of the project, he worked with an energy and enthusiasm which were in turn infectious to those working with him, with the result that the restoration of the bridge was completed well in advance of schedule. Entered service from Slonesburg, New York.

MILLARD E. SMITH, 31[illegible], Staff Sergeant, Company "A", 7th Engineer Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period 1 November 1942 to 1 August 1943. As a platoon leader, Staff Sergeant Smith's performances have at all times been an example to his men, and he has been responsible for raising to a high standard of performance the record of his men in matters of appearance and military courtesy. Just prior to the landing in French Morocco, he volunteered for an extremely hazardous mission into the city of Casablanca and was of inestimable assistance in the success of this mission. He later supervised in a highly efficient manner the unloading of sorely needed supplies and equipment under the difficult conditions of bivouac, and succeeded admirably in this assignment despite the handicap of working with inexperienced personnel. His distinguished work was again in evidence during the landing operations in Sicily, where he labored under the imminent conditions of air attack to unload vehicles essential to the success of the operation. Staff Sergeant Smith's application to duty and unceasing efforts are worthy of the highest praise. Entered service from Jakin, Georgia.

JULIE C. B[illegible]S, 3[illegible], Staff Sergeant, Company "C", 7th Quartermaster Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 July 1942 to 1 August 1943. The superior qualities which distinguished Sergeant B[illegible]s' performance since the activation of his

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unit were especially prominent during the operation of the Amphibious Vehicle Operators' School of the ** Engineer Special Brigade, at ** Algeria. The manifold responsibilities he assumed in the supervision, organization, equipment, and training of the personnel attending the courses, were dispatched with superior intelligence and high efficiency, and contributed materially to the successful operation of amphibious vehicles in the Sicilian campaign. Entered service from Nashville, Tennessee.

JOEL B. MARTIN, 32311207, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters, ** Air Force Service Command, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from September 1942 to 13 August 1943. As chief postal clerk of the message center since organization of the headquarters in **, and subsequently in North Africa, Staff Sergeant Martin was largely responsible for the efficient operations of its postal functions during this period. For a considerable part of this period the entire duties of receiving, sorting and expediting the delivery of personal mail to members of the headquarters were borne by him. These duties normally require the full time of several men. In addition to processing the mail, he maintained all records of the section, and discharged all of its other duties. His conscientious devotion to the job, cheerful attitude despite long hours of work, and his efficiency in expediting delivery of the mail, contributed greatly to the morale of the entire command. Entered service from New York, New York.

HERMAN FIELDMAN, 35007447, Staff Sergeant, ** Service Squadron, ** Service Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 March 1943 to 8 May 1943. Due to the lack of equipment with which to test reconditioned spark plugs, urgently needed for replacements on combat aircraft, it was impossible to make use of a large stock of spark plugs currently on hand. Staff Sergeant Fieldman, with great resourcefulness and ingenuity, designed and built from scrap materials a spark plug testing machine which proved highly successful. More simply constructed than machines previously used for this purpose, and affording direct observation of the plug while being tested, the device made it possible to test plugs at the rate of more than one thousand in eight hours. Reconditioned plugs tested by it have performed very satisfactorily under all flight conditions. Sergeant Fieldman's initiative, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered service from Boston, Ohio.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit Medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

RALLEY E. LYERS, 6373596, Master Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 December 1942 to 1 June 1943. As Line Chief, responsible for repairs and maintenance, Master Sergeant Lyers by great ingenuity, resourcefulness and devotion to duty overcame many obstacles to keep the aircraft of the squadron properly serviced and able to fly their missions daily. In the absence of a sufficient number of mechanics, he utilized the services of members of the combat crews, and by excellent leadership and organizing ability, obtained a maximum of results from the limited personnel at his disposal. A serious shortage of tools, parts and equipment, climatic conditions which made frequent engine changes mandatory, and the handicap of blackout conditions and heavy enemy bombings, did not prevent him from achieving results which would have been commendable even under favorable conditions. In maintaining a high percentage of aircraft available for operations at a period when their fullest use was vital, Sergeant Lyers contributed greatly to the successful performance record of his unit in the North African theater. Entered service from Pineville, Louisiana.

ROBERT L. LANG, 6/33616, Master Sergeant, ** Fighter Squadron, ** Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period May 1942 to August 1943. As line chief in charge of aircraft maintenance during his squadron's movements to overseas stations, Master Sergeant Lang efficiently organized his crews under difficult operational conditions and kept maintenance at a very high level with a minimum number of tools and frequently without sufficient spare parts. Acting the first to service P-38 type aircraft, when their air-worthiness had not been fully proven, he was responsible for detecting numerous engineering flaws and suggested corrective measures which were adopted in future production. His field-improvised corrections and replacement devices proved highly successful in keeping aircraft on an operational basis. A shield which he installed in P-38 type aircraft has enabled many pilots to fly their damaged planes safely out of combat areas. His dependable and unselfish devotion to duty and the remarkable results of his inventive genius contributed greatly to the success enjoyed by his unit in the North African Theater. Entered service from Ft. Clemens, Michigan.

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LELVIN CAUDILL, 6483818, Master Sergeant, ** Fighter Squadron, ** Fighter Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 27 June 1942 to 18 August 1943. As Line Chief in charge of aircraft repair and maintenance, his leadership, training and mechanical ability contributed materially to the high ratio of availability of aircraft for combat operations. In the preparatory phases of the squadron's movement from the United States to overseas stations, he selected and trained the crews to such good effect that all of the P-38 type aircraft comprising the squadron were flown from ** ** to ** ** and ** safely, without mechanical failure. During the trip itself, and consistently while the squadron was in the North African Theater, despite frequent critical shortages of supplies, Sergeant Caudill, by indefatigable efforts and his exceptional ingenuity in building needed equipment, made the performance record of the squadron's engineering and maintenance department outstanding. His ceaseless application of sound technical knowledge to the needs of the section, his unfailing exercise of good judgment and untiring devotion to duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of our Armed Forces. Entered service from Blackey, Kentucky.

JOHN O. JOHNSTONE, 01103241, Second Lieutenant, CE, ** Quartermaster (Truck) Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 14 March 1943 to 4 August 1943. As acting Battalion supply officer and platoon leader of Company "B", Lieutenant Johnstone's resourcefulness, unflagging efforts and ceaseless application to his duties made it possible for his unit to draw all organizational equipment and vehicles in less than forty-eight hours after its activation, and to depart for the Tunisian sector fully and thoroughly equipped. In the later activities of the company, whenever it was necessary to take fuel and ammunition to advance units in the combat zone, he made personal reconnaissance of the area to assure the safety of the road for his vehicles. Unsparing of himself, and working long hours, Lieutenant Johnstone's devotion to duty was truly exceptional and in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

ERNEST W. WILSON, 0451959, First Lieutenant, CE, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 23 March 1943 to 12 May 1943. As supply officer of his regiment during the campaign in Tunisia, Lieutenant Wilson displayed exceptional zeal and resourcefulness under difficult conditions. The companies of the regiment were frequently dispersed over wide areas, and constantly shifting their positions with the progress of operations. The roads connecting their various locations were of the poorest kind, in some instances being little more than cart trails. In addition to their impassability, many stretches of road were heavily mined, and subjected to frequent enemy bombing, strafing, and artillery fire. Throughout this time, there was never any failure in meeting all requirements of combat or bivouac, and for this fine accomplishment, Lieutenant Wilson deserves the highest praise. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 128 dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named enlisted men:

JOHN SEBESTAN, 33317154, Corporal (then Private), Company "D", ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods 4 March 1943 to 14 April 1943 and 2 August 1943 to 20 August 1943. In March and April 1943, Corporal Sebesian was attached to the ** Signal Battalion to remove numerous mines and booby traps left by the retreating enemy along the routes of signal communications in the Kasba-Mckenney area, Tunisia. Again from 2 to 20 August 1943, he was in charge of a detail in the line to Randazzo area in Sicily, charged with the destruction of enemy duds and ammunition, and clearing the shoulders of the main supply route of enemy mines and booby traps. In spite of the greatest concentration of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines yet encountered, and the presence of volcanic lava which made mine detectors unusable, Corporal Sebesian, with great skill and courage, completed his important mission on time. Entered service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

UNNIK P. SHAFFER, 37231264, Corporal (then Pfc or Private First Class), Company "D", ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the periods 4 March 1943 to 14 April 1943, and 2 August 1943 to 20 August 1943. Attached to the ** Signal Battalion during March and April 1943, Corporal Shaffer was charged to remove numerous mines and booby traps left by the retreating enemy along the routes of signal communications in the Kasba-Mckenney area, Tunisia. Again from 2 to 20 August 1943, in the move to Randazzo area in Sicily, he was assigned the task of destroying enemy duds and ammunition, and of clearing the shoulders of the main supply route of enemy mines and booby traps. Although the greatest concentration of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines yet encountered and the mission extremely hazardous, Corporal Shaffer, with great skill and courage, completed it in time to permit the speedy establishment of lines of supply. Entered service from Lawrenceville, Missouri.

GRADY W. KNOX, 19051311, Sergeant, Company "D", ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in March 1943 during the Tunisian campaign. On 16 March 1943, Sergeant Knox was given a small detail and assigned the emergency task of searching for and removing enemy mines from the airport at Thelepte and the area around it. Without adequate training on enemy mines and their removal, he accepted this responsibility and accomplished it in a most commendable manner. He went ahead on his own initiative and finished the task with no

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accidents to his detail of men. Sergeant Kresser's resourcefulness and initiative in accomplishing this task rendered important service during a critical period.

CHARLES R. FORD, 39070077, Sergeant, Company "B", ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 April to 15 April 1943 in Sofax, Tunisia. Having been assigned the task of instructing his company in all phases of mine and booby trap warfare, Sergeant Ford organized his work and planned and executed the instruction in a most outstanding manner. By the intelligence and imagination which Sergeant Ford brought to this job, he made his company a more effective unit and undoubtedly saved many men from becoming casualties. Entered service from Monterey, California.

DONALD W. SMITH, 36045437, Sergeant, Company "B", ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 15 January to 15 February 1943, in the vicinity of Sofax, Tunisia. Given the assignment of instructing a group of men from all companies in his battalion in the subject of minefield sketching and recording, without assistance he organized, outlined, and taught two separate courses. His pupils became expert and their work, as a result, has been outstanding. The subject was relatively new to all troops at the time, and many of Sergeant Smith's ideas went to make up what is now a standard practice for this work. His intelligence, imagination, and rare ability as an instructor have set a high example. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT L. KRESSER, 19056239, Sergeant, Company "C", ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 30 March to 17 April 1943. Sergeant Kershner performed outstanding services in instructing members of his platoon in the technique of removing all types of mines. He later demonstrated great skill and ability in supervising the clearing of large enemy mine fields at Sened Station and Sidi Bou Zid, Tunisia. Under his leadership these fields were cleared in record time and without loss of life. The methods and techniques which he developed have enabled others to perform this dangerous work with greater security. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following individuals:

ARNOLD NYE, 32098912, Technician Fourth Grade, Artillery Section, Headquarters ** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Sicily from 22 March 1943 to 20 August 1943. As chief clerk and draftsman, Counter-Battery Section, ** Corps, Technician Fourth Grade Nye spent long hours in collecting, filing, and disseminating information of enemy artillery. Often this work was performed under the most difficult battlefield conditions. The fact that through his efforts information was always readily available for use contributed materially to the ease and speed with which the ** Corps brought fire to bear on enemy artillery positions and installations. By his unselfish devotion to duty and his perseverance, Technician Fourth Grade Nye set an outstanding example, deserving of the highest tribute. Entered service from Bronxville, New York.

JOHN L. DENSON, 34147303, Technician Fourth Grade, Company "A", ** Railway Operating Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 July 1943 to 27 August 1943. During the initial operations in Sicily, Technician Fourth Grade Denson was placed in charge of the railway water service and was personally responsible for the repair of service functions at **, ** and **. Working long hours and under the most difficult conditions, he organized crews and made repairs to water supply lines and installations at all stations, and developed new sources. His initiative, perseverance, and willingness to do any and all types of work in order to insure the flow of supplies to the United States forces was outstanding and above the normal call of duty. His actions reflect a high degree of credit to himself and to the Military Railway Service. Entered service from Austell, Georgia.

ANTHONY J. REGINELAWICZ, 31021116, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 1st Battalion, ** Field Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 April 1943 to 15 May 1943. Technician Fourth Grade Reginelawicz has continuously, and under most difficult conditions, demonstrated great skill in the performance of his duties as a medical technician. His superior knowledge and ability to facilitate the work of the Battalion Surgeon, as well as his special aptitude in performing minor surgical work, proved especially important. The welfare of the sick and wounded was his paramount concern, and his devotion to duty and unceasing efforts in rendering first aid on the battlefield were a constant source of inspiration and cheer to the entire battalion. Entered service from Ansonia, Connecticut.

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STEVE HARVATH, 36126754, Technician Fourth Grade, ** Engineer Topographical Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 March 1943 to 15 May 1943. During this period Technician Fourth Grade Harvath made invaluable contributions to the operation of the Camera Section by overcoming many technical difficulties, due to the lack of specialized equipment. He improvised the motors and scales essential for copy work, which enabled the production of urgently needed maps to continue without delay. With complete disregard for personal conveniences he spend exceedingly long hours instructing others in the highly specialized photographic procedures particular to camera copy methods in the making of maps. In this work he has shown unusual talent, untiring energy and devoted loyalty to the war effort. Entered service from Clio, Michigan.

WILMER E. GORDON, 39235419, Sergeant, ** Engineer Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 15 November 1942. During the landing at Medhia Plage, French Morocco, Sergeant Gordon displayed unusual energy, initiative and devotion to duty in performing the manifold tasks assigned to him, which involved difficult grading of beach exit roads, salvage, repair and maintenance of equipment. Particularly invaluable were his services in the salvaging and repair of motor vehicles, to the end that there were available at all times a maximum number of vehicles for the vital task of removing supplies and ammunition from the beach. His unremitting efforts under adverse conditions and the manner in which he performed his duty despite lack of sleep and food, earned for him the respect and admiration of both officers and men, and reflected great credit to the military service. Entered service from Los Angeles, California.

JAMES J. FITZGERALD, 33001275, Staff Sergeant, ** Engineer Topographical Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Under most difficult conditions during the period 1 March 1943 to 15 May 1943, Staff Sergeant Fitzgerald kept presses in operation which were engaged in the production of vital and essential maps. When breakdowns necessitated substitution and reconstruction of intricate parts of machinery, his exceptional knowledge and inventive ability made possible improvisations that were easily accomplished. In addition, he spend generously of his free time in instructing newly assigned men in the operation and handling of the presses. By his persistent energy, unusual technical ability and outstanding devotion to duty, the vitally important map making functions of his section were pursued at an unusually high degree of efficiency. Entered service from Baltimore, Maryland.

J. C. BROWNING, 20822517, Staff Sergeant, "B" Company, ** Railway Operating Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 July 1943 to 27 August 1943. During the initial operations in Sicily, Staff Sergeant Browning, as a member of a small advance party, was assigned to duty repairing locomotives, organizing and repairing roundhouses, clearing damaged and destroyed cars from the right-of-way, and otherwise restoring railway facilities for immediate operation of trains at Licata. By working long hours with what little assistance and facilities were available, and through an intelligent ability to accomplish results in the face of difficulties,

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he achieved considerable progress in fulfillment of this task until such time as the main body of the battalion arrived to continue the work. His ability to shoulder duties of such great responsibility and discharge them successfully, reflects credit on himself and the Military Railway Service. Entered service from Fort Worth, Texas.

Nollaid H. GOLDBERG, 12122993, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, ** Engineer Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in July 1943. During and subsequent to the invasion of the ** section of Sicily, Staff Sergeant Goldberg, although suffering from the effects of being nearly drowned during the landing operations, and exposed continually to enemy fire, courageously directed the volume of traffic flowing from the beach with such a high degree of efficiency as to minimize the confusion of an operation of such magnitude. By his wide knowledge of material and organizational equipment he contributed immeasurably to the successful establishment of the beach dumps. By refusal to be relieved from duty, despite the severe physical pain resulting from his exposure, he earned the high respect of his comrades. Entered service from New York, New York.

Earl D. SMITH, 32319743, Staff Sergeant, Company "A", ** Engineer Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the vicinity of Lechia Plage, French Morocco, from 7 November 1942 to 15 November 1942. During the debarkation of American troops and supplies at that point, Staff Sergeant Smith displayed exceptional intelligence and marked fine judgment in coordinating the loading of personnel and equipment for each wave of the assault, and continued to show outstanding initiative in supervising the follow-up of supplies to the beaches. The great spirit and vigor he brought to these tasks, while working under the continual threat of air attack and the hazards of blackout conditions, and his unceasing efforts during the following days until all of the supplies had been unloaded, earned for him the high tribute of all personnel taking part in the operation. Entered service from Rossbank, Staten Island, New York.

ANDREW LOSSKY, 31049055, Staff Sergeant, G-2 Section, Headquarters, ** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Sicily from January to August 1943. Staff Sergeant Lossky, in charge of the Battle Order subsection in the G-2 Section, Headquarters, ** Corps, fulfilled duties normally assigned to an officer. He brought to this assignment a knowledge of five foreign languages and exceptional scholarship. These talents were applied with unflagging zeal and painstaking research with the result that the battle order of Italian and German forces opposing the ** Corps throughout the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns was accurate and comprehensive. Staff Sergeant Lossky exercised great discrimination in studies of prisoner of war interrogation reports and captured documents, and the information which he compiled from them was a major contribution to the success of both campaigns. Entered service from New Haven, Connecticut.

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ERNEST D. MARTIN, 33075930, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in April 1943. As a member of the operations subsection of ** Corps' Engineer Services during the Tunisian campaign, Technical Sergeant Martin made invaluable contributions to the success of the Corps' mission. After many bombings in the vicinity of Gafsa, Tunisia, he voluntarily reconnoitered the bombed areas for unexploded bombs. Upon finding these bombs, at great risk to himself, he rendered them harmless, and by careful study of their mechanisms, determined their type, timing and how best to render them inactive. Dissemination to all units of the Corps, the valuable information thus obtained concerning new-type anti-personnel bombs, undoubtedly resulted in the saving of many lives in subsequent raids. The courage and skill displayed by Sergeant Martin in this hazardous duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered service from Delaney, Pennsylvania.

FRANK A. SHUM, 36307450, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 16 July to 26 July 1943. In addition to performing, in an outstanding manner, his duties as clerk for the Chief of Staff of the heavily assembled and greatly understaffed ** Corps Headquarters, Technical Sergeant Shum assisted other sections in clerical work and in the publication of combat orders. Working rapidly and accurately, often under conditions of extreme fatigue, Technical Sergeant Shum, through his initiative, perseverance and extreme devotion to duty aided materially in the successful operation of the Headquarters ** Corps in the rapid advance on Palermo, Sicily. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL L. ARPIN, 32106707, Master Sergeant, ** Engineer Depot Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 12 November 1942 to 9 March 1943. Master Sergeant Arpin organized and administered a force of fourteen hundred native civilian laborers utilized in numerous engineer tasks. His fluent understanding and keen perception maintained this force of labor at working efficiency at all hours of the day and night, despite innumerable frictions of race, creed and temperament. His administrative detail, organized without benefit of guiding precedent, formulated to a great extent the labor policies currently in use by the Armed Forces in North Africa. This achievement contributed immensurably not only to the fulfillment of the unit's mission but also to the successful functioning of the engineer progrm in the theater. Entered service from New York, New York.

WALTER C. JAMES, 01636687, Second Lieutenant, Company ***, ** Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 July 1943 to 12 August 1943. Lieutenant James was charged with the seemingly impossible task of installing and maintaining wire communications between Headquarters, ** Corps, and the rapidly advancing ** and ** Divisions during the Sicilian campaign. With dogged determination and outstanding initiative he led his men through unswept mine areas, often in the face of hostile artillery fire, and on several occasions, in advance of the leading infantry elements. His lines were frequently destroyed by enemy action, but his conduct under severe conditions, leadership, and high degree of technical skill inspired

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the men under his command to perform far beyond their normal capabilities with the result that his vital mission was successfully accomplished. Entered service from Bellingham, Washington.

KENNETH A. BRYANT, 0367229, First Lieutenant, FA, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 March 1943 to 10 May 1943. During the Tunisian campaign, Lieutenant Bryant contributed materially to the marked efficiency of his unit in combat by his outstanding performance in air observation, adjustment of counter-battery fire and photographic activities. In addition, and on his own initiative, he made many daring flights over enemy positions in order to perfect more accurate methods of adjustment of counter-battery fire, and from these efforts more efficient procedures have been developed which are a valuable contribution in this field. He further contributed to the efficiency of his unit by voluntarily assisting other staff officers whenever their burden of work was extremely heavy or individuals were ill or incapacitated from extreme fatigue. During the entire period his inspirational devotion to duty and enthusiasm were important factors in the morale of the unit. Entered service from Gainesville, Florida.

WILLIAM H. JUDSON, 0391307, First Lieutenant, MAD, Headquarters, ** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Postal Officer in North Africa and Sicily from 3 November 1942 to 20 August 1943. Through his tenacity, determination, and zeal, First Lieutenant Judson continually ensured the quick dispatch of mail and money orders to and from all ** Corps units. By his initiative and resourcefulness, he overcame the many difficulties incident to frequent moves in the field, and contributed immeasurably toward maintaining the high morale of ** Corps personnel. During the latter stages of the Tunisian campaign, with a postal section authorized for a corps, he distributed mail for troops equivalent to an army. In addition to rendering services to his own units, he assisted other postal authorities in maintaining contact with units under their jurisdiction. The willingness to do more than his normal duties and the conscientious efforts displayed by Lieutenant Judson are deserving of the highest praise. Entered service from Hendersonville, North Carolina.

HOWARD P. BURGER, 0516572, Major, CE, ** Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from February 1943 to 10 August 1943. As Chief of Construction for the Engineer Services, Major Burger was charged with the simultaneous construction programs of headquarters, general depots, hospitals, and roads, the demand for which was immediate and upon which was dependent the progress of operations in North Africa. The signally competent manner in which these numerous and varied assignments were completed did much to insure the success of the Tunisian campaign. In the subsequent preparations for the campaign against Sicily, the responsibility for the reconstruction of the ports of Ferryville and Bizerte was given to Major Burger. Exceptional foresight, planning and attention to every detail resulted in the repair and construction of oil and water facilities, landing ramps and embarkation areas, in record time, in order that the Sicilian Expeditionary Force could be launched on schedule. Such continuous expenditure of important tasks and untiring effort in their successful accomplishment is an asset to the service and in keeping with its most valued traditions. Entered service from Rhett Ridge, Colorado.

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WILLIAM F. POWERS, 016672, Lieutenant Colonel, CE, Engineer Section, ** Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 23 February 1943 to 23 August 1943. As executive Engineer for the base section, Lieutenant Colonel Powers' assistance in the organization of the Engineer Section during a difficult and trying period was invaluable, and subsequently, in the execution of many of its most difficult and complicated planning jobs the responsibility was chiefly his. The most outstanding of these was the debarkation of troops and supplies from the ** area for the Sicilian invasion. Appointed Commanding Officer of the First Debarkation Group on 18 June 1943, he was charged with the planning, organization and execution of this entire operation. Notwithstanding the unprecedented nature of the conditions encountered, and the exacting problems of coordination with the Task Force elements and the Navy, all deadlines were met and the debarkation accomplished in a smooth and orderly fashion. In no small degree, the achievement of this result was attributable to the resourcefulness, unsparing devotion to duty and superb leadership which characterized all of Lieutenant Colonel Powers' efforts throughout the entire period. Entered United States Military Academy from Massachusetts.

ERNEST H. CLARKE, 01913, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period August 1942 to 19 July 1943. As Chief of Supply Division, G-4 Section, ** Task Force, and later ** Corps and ** Army, Lieutenant Colonel Clarke made invaluable contributions to the supply phases of American military operations throughout this period. Largely responsible for the accomplishment of feasible supply plans for the initial invasion of North Africa, he executed his ably developed plans by personally directing the loading of supplies and equipment at the ports of embarkation, and accompanying the assault troops in the landing in French Morocco in November 1942. During the initial ten-day period, under extremely adverse conditions, he directed all G-4 functions until normal and efficient supply routines were established. Throughout the following months his untiring energy, resourcefulness and superior leadership, together with his exceptional technical and professional knowledge were important factors in the success of Allied arms in the North African theater. Entered United States Military Academy from South Carolina.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

HENRY J. BONURA, 34078499, Corporal, Special Service Section, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period March 1943 to August 1943. Corporal Bonura organized and managed to a successful completion a baseball program in the Mediterranean Base Section. By his resourcefulness, enthusiasm, and leadership he was able to overcome many shortages of needed assistance and construction materials, and established 20 baseball fields in the area through use of volunteer assistants and salvaged materials. He then organized baseball leagues, totalling 44 teams, and conducted a schedule through to a successful championship series. Through his efforts in providing desirable recreation, Corporal Bonura made a substantial contribution to the morale and efficiency of troops in the theater. Entered service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

EDDIE S. HENSON, 35001491, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ** Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 July to 26 July 1943. When the Stockade was established at ** Sicily, Sergeant Henson, with a small detachment of enlisted men, was responsible for the feeding and sanitary conditions of more than ten thousand unorganized and undisciplined prisoners of war. During the critical period he undertook, upon his own initiative, with the assistance of only five enlisted men, the tremendous task of feeding six thousand additional prisoners who had arrived unexpectedly. He accomplished these tasks in an orderly and efficient manner, constantly inspiring others by his prodigious capacity and will to work, until his detachment was relieved by a battalion of infantry. Entered service from San Jose, California.

MICHAEL J. SMITH, 32191751, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services between 7 June and 15 July 1943. More than 300 Spanish refugees were released from internment camps for work under individual contract with the United States Army in the Mediterranean Base Section, North African Theater of Operations. When these refugees arrived in advance of schedule, and in greater numbers than expected, Technician Third Grade Santiago, through his tact, initiative, and knowledge of the Spanish language and temperament and by working very long hours, was largely responsible for the successful completion of the multitudinous task involving feeding, clothing, housing, classification and assignment to work. His tireless efforts, initiative and sympathetic understanding reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered service from New York, New York.

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CHARLES W. H. MEYER, JR., 6689033, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, ** Infantry Division Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period February 1943 to April 1943. During the Tunisian campaign, Sergeant Meyer, as wire chief, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, ** Infantry Division, was responsible for the installation and maintenance of vital lines of communication. By a splendid display of endurance, tenacity of purpose, and superior leadership, he frequently led his men through areas under hostile fire and encouraged them to overcome the normally discouraging difficulties incident to foul weather, working long hours without relief, enemy artillery fire and bombing attacks. The leadership, technical skill, and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Meyer inspired the members of his crew to an exceptionally high state of efficiency and thus made possible the installation and maintenance of long, vital lines of communication. Entered service from Watertown, New York.

RAHI C. RAMSELL, 37115361, Master Sergeant, ** Signal Intelligence Service for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. From 19 November 1942 to 17 August 1943, Master Sergeant Ramsell showed outstanding initiative and ability in maintaining cipher equipment vital to the communications of the military services throughout this theater. Displaying remarkable inventive qualities, he made possible the continued efficient operation of cipher machines when materials for repairs and replacements were extremely limited. Scarcely less valuable to this phase of military communications was a school which Master Sergeant Ramsell conducted for officers and enlisted men in the repair and maintenance of these machines. In furnishing trained personnel for other units engaged in this work, his usefulness to his organization was greatly multiplied. Entered service from Huron, South Dakota.

FELIX M. LABIOLLE, 31071896, Master Sergeant, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services between 1/ January and 31 March 1943, incidental to the organization and initial operations of radio intelligence activities in the North African Theater. Sergeant Labiolle, while a member of the ** Signal Intelligence Service, demonstrated outstanding technical knowledge in the training of personnel to perform intelligence duties of a highly specialized nature. He successfully directed the activities which led to the publication of the first information from United States radio intelligence units in an overseas theater. When qualified officer personnel arrived to assume responsibility for these operations, Sergeant Labiolle continued to act in the capacity of leader and assisted the officer personnel in a manner far beyond that expected of his position. His participation was one of the important factors which led to the successful completion of a highly technical Signal Corps mission and to the ultimate success of further endeavors in the same field. Entered service from Louisiana.

ROY F. DENT, JR., 0301903, First Lieutenant, MC, ** General Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa during the period 26 December 1942 to 7 May 1943. In addition to performing his normal assigned duties in a superior manner, Lieutenant Dent assembled and installed all of the X-ray equipment in his hospital and adapted this equipment to operate on electrical current available locally.

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later he adapted, adjusted, and corrected the installation of all X-ray equipment within the Mediterranean Base Section. Thus he made possible the use of valuable and much needed equipment which otherwise would have remained idle. Also, Lieutenant Dent, by his ingenuity and technical skill improvised helpful mechanical equipment and has kept in repair and operation many items of electrical equipment which have been of material assistance in the operation of the hospital. By his resourcefulness, technical knowledge, and untiring efforts, he has greatly facilitated and expedited treatment and recovery of the sick and wounded. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

ALVIN T. NETTERBLAD, 0385241, Captain, Cavalry, ** Reconnaissance Troop, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 July 1943 to 18 August 1943. During the campaign in Sicily, the mountainous, rocky terrain, the virtual absence of a road net, the extensive enemy mine fields and road demolitions, and the speed of the advance, presented problems of reconnaissance that were almost impossible to solve. Captain Netterblad, however, conceived and executed complete and vital reconnaissance, overcoming by sheer courage, endurance and leadership the formidable obstacles that barred his way. By his example, he inspired the officers and men of his troop to feats of daring and bravery which at times bordered upon recklessness, but which were executed with such skill and tactical proficiency that his casualties were amazingly light. The accomplishments of the ** Reconnaissance Troop, attributable directly to Captain Netterblad's extraordinary abilities, were an important factor in the success of the campaign. Residence at appointment: Miami, Arizona.

LEONARD L. BINGHAM, 01553[illegible], Lieutenant Colonel, CE, ** Engineer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 10 July 1943 to 18 August 1943. When the Third Infantry Division was engaged in operations along the northern coast of Sicily, the great numbers of enemy mines encountered and the demolition of roads and bridges placed the division in a situation where it was dependent upon his command for its successful advance. His troops, inspired by the drive and force of his personal supervision, made these barriers passable within a minimum of time. In addition, he directed the construction, over rugged terrain, of many miles of new roads required for the movement of troops and material. His personal leadership of trained and capable men was an outstanding contribution to the success of the Sicilian campaign. Entered United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

LAWRENCE M. MUIHALL, 0178421, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, ** Convalescent Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period of May 1943 to August 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Mulhall formulated the plans for and supervised the organization of a combat reconditioning battalion, and later, as its commanding officer, developed the battalion into a successful operating unit under the ** Convalescent Hospital. Through his pioneering work, unswerving devotion to duty, cheerful cooperation, and good judgment, he has greatly facilitated the reconditioning and preparation of personnel, both mentally and physically, for return to duty upon completion of their hospitalization. The high degree of success attained by the Combat Reconditioning Battalion of the ** Convalescent Hospital is attributable largely to the abilities and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Mulhall. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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WILLIAM B. LATTA, 021119, Lieutenant Colonel, SC, ** Armored Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the period 1 April 1943 to 18 August 1943, he was in charge of the installation, operation and maintenance of vital communications for the ** Armored Corps (Reinforced), and later for the ** Army, during the planning phase of the active operations in Sicily. Through his ceaseless and untiring efforts, he made possible the effective use of a greater number of radio channels than the ** Army had been organized and equipped to operate. He supervised the construction and rehabilitation of hundreds of miles of wire lines over a vast area during an exceptionally rapid advance of combat units, and on one occasion, having been ambushed by the enemy, he escaped through enemy lines and through his own artillery barrage, and brought back valuable information which enabled early wire communications to be established between the ** Division and the ** Corps. His tireless energy, wise planning, and technical knowledge displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Latta resulted in the successful accomplishment of an extremely difficult task. Entered service from El Paso, Texas.

RUBY C. STRICKLAND, 010336, Brigadier General, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 17 June 1943 to 26 August 1943. As Military Governor and Garrison Commander of the Island of Pantelleria, he displayed outstanding resourcefulness and judgment in bringing this important post to a high state of operating efficiency within a minimum of time. The island, which had suffered bombardment of historic magnitude, was successfully reorganized and prepared in a comparatively short time as a highly strategic position for future operations. As Military Governor, General Strickland demonstrated marked organizing ability, comprehensive military knowledge and energy in establishing an efficient and benevolent administration which set a worthy precedent for the governing of occupied territories. Entered service from Alabama.

EDWIN J. HOUSE, 03659, Major General, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from June 1943 to August 1943. As Commanding General of the ** Air Support Command, he was responsible for the planning and conduct of the air operations in support of the ** Army in Sicily. By close and efficient collaboration with the Army Commander and by effective control of the air forces, General House did, for the first time, establish the application of a tactical air force according in support of an American Army. His fearlessness and professional ability were an inspiration to his officers and men, and contributed largely to the successful operations against the enemy forces during the Sicilian campaign. Entered United States Military Academy from New York, New York.

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Organization of Allied Military Mission Detachment, U.S. Contingent (Prov)..I
Designation of Commander, Allied Military Mission Detachment, U.S. Contingent (Prov).....II

I - ORGANIZATION OF ALLIED MILITARY MISSION DETACHMENT, U.S. CONTINGENT (Prov)

Effective this date, the Allied Military Mission Detachment, U.S. Contingent (Prov) is organized and attached to Headquarters Command, Allied Force, for administration and supply.

II - DESIGNATION OF COMMANDER, ALLIED MILITARY MISSION DETACHMENT, U.S. CONTINGENT (PROV)

Brigadier General MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, 014898, United States Army, is designated as Commander, Allied Military Mission Detachment, U.S. Contingent (Prov).

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
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I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

FREDERICK H. WILSON, 16039109, Staff Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group, for extraordinary heroism in action over Bizerte, Tunisia, on 18 December 1942. Sergeant Wilson was tail gunner in a B-17 type aircraft which was severely damaged by antiaircraft fire over Bizerte. Although warned to prepare for a crash landing, as his crippled plane headed earthward, he steadfastly remained at his guns, shooting down one ME-109 and breaking up repeated fighter attacks. When the bomber struck the ground, he was thrown clear and momentarily stunned. Regaining consciousness, he made two trips into the blazing wreckage to rescue two wounded comrades. Then, noting that a third man was still unaccounted for, Sergeant Wilson courageously re-entered the plane to search for him. He was painfully burned while performing these heroic acts. His conspicuous gallantry and selfless devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered service from Lakewood, Ohio.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded, in addition to the Legion of Merit medal previously awarded in the name of the President to the following officer:

JOHN L. LEIDENHEIMER, 0320979, Major, SC, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 11 April 1943 to 15 August 1943. As Signal Supply Officer for ** Corps (Reinforced) and ** Army, Major Leidenheimer was responsible for the entire signal supply plan for the ** Army during its participation in the Sicilian campaign. Although severely hampered by a shortage of trained personnel, and called upon by subordinate units of the ground, air and naval forces to meet many difficult and unusual demands, he discharged the undertaking so ably that all component units were fully equipped to the limit of available stocks on embarkation. In the subsequent period of the campaign itself, he took charge of and personally administered the successful delivery of signal supplies to forward units. At all times, he carried out his duties with such

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energy and capability as to inspire the greatest cooperation among the men under his command, and from all units served by him. The effectiveness of his work was a great contributing factor in successfully providing communications throughout the campaign. Entered service from Marion, Illinois.

III - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

So much of General Orders Number 99, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to William R. Luthy, 3610597", is amended to read "Willard R. Luthy, 3610597".

IV - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

..DAM F. KENDRICK, 32193592, Private First Class, Battery B, ** Separate Coast Artillery Battalion (...) for heroism on 9 September 1943, at ** Sicily. While swimming in a rough sea, a fellow soldier was seized with cramps and after others had failed, Private First Class Kendrick, at the risk of his life, swam out against the strong undertow to the helpless soldier and held him afloat until a rope was thrown out. His heroism and selflessness saved the soldier's life. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT S. LEWIS, 0442083, First Lieutenant, TC, ** Port Battalion, for heroism at ** Algeria, on 8 August 1943. An explosion, caused by ignition of carbide gas, occurred in a lower hold of a vessel berthed at the pier where Lieutenant Lewis was then working. As a result several stevedores were killed; several other persons seriously injured, and the safety of the vessel was threatened by fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Lewis boarded the vessel and descended into the smoke and gas filled hold, where, with great presence of mind he averted the danger of further explosions by preventing the spraying of water onto the carbide. After extinguishing the fire, he rendered first aid to the injured, removed them to a place of safety, and aided in removing the dead. The great heroism displayed by Lieutenant Lewis and his rare judgment in the handling of a most critical situation, reflect high credit upon him and the military service. Entered service from California.

JAMES H. SPEARS, 0410221, First Lieutenant, Tank Lighter Company, ** Engineer Boat Regiment, for heroism on 9 September 1943, at ** Algeria. Lieutenant Spears, while supervising the unloading of a cargo ship, was advised that a civilian laborer had fallen into the water between the boat the the pier. Without hesitation and heedless of the danger of being crushed between the boat and the quay, he dived into the water, rescued the drowning man and revived him by artificial respiration. The heroism and selflessness displayed by Lieutenant Spears are worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from McGehee, ..Kansas.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT REQUIREMENT COMMITTEE

Announcement is made of the designation of Brigadier General HAROLD F. LOOMIS, 03702, United States Army, as Chairman of the Joint Requirement Committee, Vice Brigadier General SIDNEY F. SPALDING, 03366, United States Army, transferred.

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BASE SECTION BOUNDARIES

1. So much of GO Number 5, this headquarters, as, as pertains to the eastern boundary of the Eastern Base Section is rescinded.

2. The eastern boundary of the Atlantic Base Section and the western boundary of the Mediterranean Base Section is redesignated to coincide with the eastern boundary of Morocco.

3. The eastern boundary of the Mediterranean Base Section, the western boundary of the Eastern Base Section, and the definition of area of the Center District of the Mediterranean Base Section remain as designated in GO Number 36, this headquarters, cs.

4. The eastern boundary of the Eastern Base Section coincides with the eastern boundary of Tunisia. The Bizerte Area of the Eastern Base Section is bounded as follows:

All inclusive AIN DJAHAM H-7542 - KEF ES SALAH H-9535 - KEF EL BLED H-9844 - all exclusive AIN SELEM J-1346 - KSAR MEZOUAR J-3446 - DJ, EL AIG J-5543 - CHOUIGUI J-7362 - SIDI AHMED J-87 thence road to road junction J-9477 thence River MEDJERDA to sea.

5. The area under control of the Island Base Section is so much of the Island of Sicily as is bounded on the east by the eastern boundary of the Seventh Army.

6. Each base section will serve all units of this command within its area and such additional units as may be designated by this headquarters.

7. All intelligence and counter intelligence matters pertaining to base sections will be governed by instructions issued by this headquarters.

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ORGANIZATION OF 3725TH BASE AREA GROUP (PROVISIONAL)

General Order Number 101, this headquarters, cs, is hereby rescinded.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following officers:

WILLIAM W. DICK, 05072, Colonel, AGD, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period September 1942 to May 1943. His reorganization of the administrative procedures of the *** Air Force under stress of its own development, while monitoring that of the newly created *** Air Force, was outstanding. As the Adjutant General of the Allied Air Force in Africa, he served with marked distinction and it was upon his basic general orders that the air forces in this theater were combined to form the Northwest African Air Forces. With exceptional executive ability he rapidly adjusted the many intricate administrative functions to meet the needs of modern aerial warfare. Colonel Dick's tact, cool judgment, and extensive knowledge of air corps administration made possible the blending of the finest principles of the American and British systems into one compact, highly efficient organization. Entered service from South Carolina.

GEORGE W. McDONALD, 010976, Colonel, AC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period September 1942 to May 1943. His outstanding ability to interpret and translate valuable lessons learned by the Royal Air Force in the early days of the war, contributed materially to the successful preparation and development of vital aircraft equipment and aerial tactics for the United States Army Air Forces. As assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, *** Air Force, he applied his extensive knowledge of the operation of the Royal Air Force Intelligence Section into our own organization. Later, in the reorganization of the Allied Air Forces in North Africa, he became Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, of the Northwest African Air Forces and very effectively combined operational intelligence and keen judgment in the selection of targets and objectives. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

CHARLES I. BOOTH, 015806, Colonel, GSC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period September 1941 to May 1943. As Assistant Chief of Staff, A-4, Northwest African Air Forces, he quickly grasped the supply situation as it applied to battle conditions. His exceptional organizing ability and his clear judgment in utilizing and combining the best features of both the British and American air corps supply plans contributed immeasurably to the smooth and efficient flow of air corps materiel and supplies. In establishing policies, making plans, and furnishing accurate and detailed supply requirements to higher commands, Colonel Booth's superior ability was an invaluable asset and an inspiration to all. Entered United States Military Academy from New York.

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EVERETT H. COOK, 0483652, Colonel, AC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period December 1942 to May 1943. Colonel Cook served with distinction as Deputy Chief of Staff of the *** Air Force in the United Kingdom. When the American and British Forces were combined in North Africa, he served as both Assistant Chief of Staff, A-1, and Deputy Chief of Staff of the Northwest African Air Forces. His impartial cooperation was of great assistance in coordinating the efforts of the American and British components of the Staff. His first hand knowledge of combat conditions, gained by distinguished flying service in 1918, enabled him to design policies which greatly contributed toward maintaining the morale of combat personnel at the highest level throughout the Tunisian Campaign. His unusual foresight, excellent judgment, devotion to duty, and high professional skill exemplify the fine traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered service from Memphis, Tennessee.

WALLACE H. BRUCKER, 018793, Colonel (then Lt Colonel) CAC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 November 1942 to 23 July 1943. As Battalion Commander of the *** Separate Coast Artillery Battalion (AA) Automatic Weapons, he brilliantly led his forces in the landing in the vicinity of Arzew, Tunisia, and throughout the Tunisian Campaign. He planned and established the initial United States Antiaircraft defenses in the extreme forward area near Souk el Arba, Tunisia, and provided the best possible protection for corps troops during the battles at Medjez el Bab, Ousseltia Valley, Fichon, Sbeitla and Gafsa. His was one of the best led and most efficient antiaircraft battalions in the forward area. Later as Chief of the Planning Subsection, Antiaircraft and Coast Defense, Allied Force Headquarters, his excellent judgment, superb leadership, and keen devotion to duty contributed materially to the success obtained by antiaircraft units in the theater. Entered service from Meridian, Mississippi.

WILLIAM B. KEAN, 012470, Brigadier General, GSC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. From 16 April 1943 until 20 August 1943, General Kean served as Chief of Staff of the *** Corps. In the performance of his duties during this period of active operations he displayed at all times sound judgment, superior executive ability, calm and forceful staff management, unfaltering loyalty, and great organizational ability. His unselfish devotion to duty, his unlimited energy and force, his ability to cope with great masses of detail at the same time retaining unruffled calm, and his exemplary leadership of the staff were in a large measure responsible for the success of the ** Corps in both the Northern Tunisian and Sicilian Campaigns. Entered the United States Military Academy from New York.

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Award, Posthumous, of Soldier's Medal.....I
Award of Soldier's Medal.....II

I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

ISAIAH E. WHITEHEAD, 6545725, Corporal, ++ Coast Artillery (AA) for heroism at ++, French Morocco, on 11 July 1943. Corporal Whitehead, without thought of danger to his own life, entered a vessel in dangerous waters to attempt to rescue two drowning crewmen from the Atlantic Ocean. He gave his life in the effort, and his initiative and epic heroism were a profound inspiration to all who saw him, and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Dora Whitehead, 426 Clinton Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named enlisted men:

CLEVELAND HUTCHERSON, 36042730, Private, and ELMER'S SEWARD, 36080739, Technician Fifth Grade, both of Company "", ++ Engineer Regiment (CB), for heroism at ++ Sicily. A large fire broke out in the ammunition dump where each was operating a bull-dozer in the preparation of fire zones. Fearing that the explosion of fire would ignite the burning area would involve the fire, they continued to operate their equipment doing so in the midst of the exploding ammunition. Their efforts contributed greatly in bringing the fire under control and in the saving of a large amount of ammunition. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Private Hutcherson and Technician Fifth Grade Seward are exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service. Enlisted service from Dallas, Texas, and Quanah, Texas, respectively.

EMMA S. UNGER, 32507210, Technician Fifth Grade, ++ Quartermaster Depot Supply Company, for heroism on 25 July 1943 near ++ Algeria. Upon hearing cries for aid and with complete disregard for his own safety, he swam through a heavy surf to reach an officer who was being swept out into the open sea by a strong undertow. After considerable difficulty he brought the drowning officer to the surface and, although greatly fatigued, pulled him

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more than two hundred feet to the shore. The courage and selflessness displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Unger saved the officer's life and reflect the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from Newark, New Jersey.

MICHAEL MALONE, 32289360, Corporal, ++ Military Police Company, for heroism on 24 August 1943, near ++ Algeria, while on duty as a train guard. Corporal Malone, observing that a fire had started in a car loaded with ammunition and located between two cars loaded with explosive chemicals, and realizing the seriousness of the situation, promptly attracted the attention of the engineer, who stopped the train. He then assisted the train crew in uncoupling the ammunition car, which was then blazing, and although in grave danger from exploding ammunition and fire, personally uncoupled and pushed downhill to safety one car which had remained attached to the blazing car. By the prompt initiative, selflessness, and courage, Corporal Malone saved valuable government property and brought great credit to himself and the military service. Entered service from Oneida, New York.

JAMES H. MOORE, JR., 33006151, Sergeant, Battery C, ++ Coast Artillery (AA), for heroism on 16 July 1943. When a ship loaded with ammunition exploded in the immediate vicinity of a pier on which was piled gasoline and ammunition and near the gun position of which he was in charge, Sergeant Moore was seriously wounded. Disregarding his own injuries and the grave danger from gasoline and ammunition exploding on the nearby pier, he sought out each of the members of his gun crew, administered first aid to them and assisted them to safety before permitting himself to be evacuated or his wounds to be dressed. This outstanding example of heroism and loyalty will always serve as an inspiration to the personnel of our army. Entered the service from Alexandria, Virginia.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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27 September 1943

ORGANIZATION OF 6725TH BASE AREA GROUP (PROVISIONAL)

See G.O. 104

1. Effective 29 September 1943, the 6725th Base Area Group (Provisional) is organized and assigned to this headquarters.

2. The Commanding Officer of the 6725th Base Area Group (Provisional) will be announced in a later order of this headquarters.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross, Missing in Action.....I
Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for Legion of Merit.....II
Award of Soldier's Medal.....III

I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 66-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH M. JAMES, 14037407, Staff Sergeant, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group (H), for extraordinary heroism in action over Borbini Aerdrome, Sicily, on 11 July 1943 as tail-gunner on a B-26 type aircraft. Ten enemy fighters attacked his plane, disabling one engine and setting fire to the fuselage. As the blazing B-26 rapidly lost altitude, three crew members parachuted out. Although he had ample opportunity to escape, Sergeant James courageously remained at his guns, destroying a ME 202 just before his bomber exploded in mid-air. Sergeant James' outstanding heroism and unfailing devotion to duty have reflected the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Since this operation Sergeant James has been reported missing in action. Entered service from Greenville, South Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. J. H. Jacks, 111 Vanney Street, Greenville, South Carolina.

GEORGE L. LUDOLPH, 0440737, 1st Lieutenant, ** Bomb Squadron, ** Bombardment Group (H), for extraordinary heroism in action over Palermo, Sicily, on 9 May 1943, as bombardier of a B-17 type aircraft. At the commencement of the bombing run, intense antiaircraft fire severely damaged his plane, forcing it to fall behind the formation. Despite repeated enemy fighter attacks on the lone bomber, Lieutenant Ludolph encouraged his pilot to continue on a separate bomb run, coolly adjusted his sight and accurately bombed the target. When three of his gunners were wounded, hostile fighters redoubled their attacks, starting a fire under the cockpit. While the navigator extinguished the blaze, Lieutenant Ludolph manned both nose guns, shooting down one enemy aircraft and breaking up repeated frontal attacks. He steadfastly remained at his post after his B-17 had been further damaged in a collision with another bomber, and his pilot had advised the uninjured crew members to parachute out. His gallantry and selfless devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Since this operation, Lieutenant Ludolph has been reported missing in action. Entered service from St. Paul, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Catherine Ludolph, Mother, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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II - BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated June 1943, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded, in addition to the Legion of Merit medal previously awarded, in the name of the President to the following officer:

PETER F. GARNER, JR, 0381277, Major, CE, Headquarters ++ Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to August 1943. During the planning stage of both the Moroccan and Sicilian operations, he performed the exceptional task of assembling the engineer material and equipment, evidencing tireless effort, superior intelligence and resourcefulness of an unusual degree. Due to his efforts, the inevitable confusion incident to the rapid loading and unloading of vast quantities of diversified mechanical and technical equipment and supplies was reduced to a minimum. His performance preceding and during both operations contributed greatly to their success. Entered service from Albany, New York.

III - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the following individuals of the ++ Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon are awarded the Soldier's Medal:

HAROLD L. SACKS, 33365849, Technician Fifth Grade,
Entered service from Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

BEN K. GREENE, 34136918, Sergeant,
Entered service from Oxford, Mississippi.

JACK A. HAFFER, 37087160, Sergeant
Entered service from Cheyenne, Wyoming.

CHARLES L. [illegible], 20306359, Sergeant
Entered service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

For heroism at the Port of ++, Algeria on 19 May 1943. A vessel containing a highly explosive cargo was struck and ignited by enemy bombs. The ship was in imminent danger of exploding, threatening the vital dock installations. They did everything possible to bring the fire under control while the ship was tied to the dock. After the ship had drifted from the dock they voluntarily secured a fire boat, boarded the ship, and continually fought the fire for several hours until it was extinguished. Their valor and initiative were important factors in the prevention of a disaster which would have taken many lives and destroyed a vast amount of property.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

MILTON W. GEORGE, 19105397, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "C", ** Ordnance Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as remote control equipment repairman from 26 December 1942 to 18 August 1943. On his own initiative, he designed and constructed a new type of testing panel which has been unusually successful and has saved considerable time in correcting troubles common to directors and other remote control instruments. Technician Fifth Grade George's untiring efforts and devotion to duty have been an inspiration to all his comrades. Entered service from Kenosh, Utah.

JOSEPH H. JOB, 16090469, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "B", ** Ordnance Regiment for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 22 May 1943 to 18 June 1943. As head of the lubrication maintenance department, Technician Fifth Grade Job was able to service with utmost efficiency, all the vehicles repaired by his company in addition to the combined output of five other ordnance units which were servicing the ** and ** Infantry Divisions. The lubrication system, which he so successfully devised through his own untiring efforts and skillful improvisations in the use of reclaimed material, made it possible to keep the maximum number of vehicles in working order at all times, thus contributing immeasurably to the prompt delivery of supplies and equipment to the combat forces. Entered service from Newman, Illinois.

DONALD A. SCHLESMAN, 39177948, Technician Fifth Grade, ** Engineer Air Force, Headquarters Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. When the printing of navigation charts and other classified and important matter for the Northwest African Air Force was threatened with curtailment due to lack of photo-printing equipment, Technician Fifth Grade Schlesman, with great ingenuity and resourcefulness, aided in the design and construction of the highly technical machinery to do this delicate work. This substitute machinery built from parts located in Army and civilian salvage yards, performed the reproducing operation and provided a great boost to that generally done on commercial machines. His incessant efforts in surmounting a difficult situation and his unusual accomplishment in this particular instance, have been of prime importance in the efficient functioning of the Engineer Air Force in this theater. Entered service from Monroe, Washington.

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WILLIAM R. LUTHY, 36105?7, Technician Fourth Grade, ** Military Police Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 8 November 1942 to 20 August 1943. Upon arrival in North Africa in November 1942, Technician Fourth Grade Luthy's unit was assigned a fleet of civilian cars, most of which were in very poor mechanical condition. Despite his unfamiliarity with these foreign made vehicles, without spare parts and without appropriate tools, he was largely responsible for keeping all the cars in service. He contrived, invented, and fashioned from scrap metal the necessary tools with which to work, and adapted ordnance issue parts to meet his needs. He also devised a system of cutting stencils, that made it possible to mark all organizational equipment and personal baggage in a very short time with neat, attractive lettering. His ability to cope with unusual mechanical difficulties together with his industry and initiative have made Technician Fourth Grade Luthy's services invaluable to his company. Entered service from Monroe, Michigan.

OWEN W. MASON, 15197306, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, ** Ordnance Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 26 December 1942 to 18 August 1943. He organized a tire shop, which was highly successful in expediting the repair of urgently needed tires. Through skillful improvisations, he designed and supervised the construction of moulds for five different types of boots for amphibious jeeps, and a successful method for repairing rubber troop boots. His efforts have been an outstanding contribution to the efficient operation of the vehicle repair shops and his accomplishments have been invaluable to his regiment. Entered service from Kokomo, Indiana.

VERNON G. MENSCH, 6984606, Sergeant, Company "F", ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. On 10 April 1943 near Tald Pass, Tunisia, he organized and personally led a group of mine detector parties in the clearing of several miles of heavily mined roads to permit the immediate and urgently important movement of a large combat force. In order to speed this operation, Sergeant Mensch, with utter disregard for his personal safety, took upon himself the task of removing or neutralizing mines and traps which were new and unfamiliar to both him and his men. Through his great skill and courage the operation was completed in minimum time, thereby permitting a tactical force to proceed on its vital mission. Entered service from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

EUGENE J. PETROVITZ, 31043006, Sergeant, Company "B", ** Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 July 1943 to 7 August 1943. In coordinating the evacuation of casualties under enemy fire during the Sicilian campaign, he showed great presence of mind in caring for the needs of the wounded and providing for their comfort. He later assumed full responsibility for the operation of the hospital laboratory, and his untiring energy under adverse conditions aided the medical officers in making important diagnoses which otherwise would have been impossible. By his initiative and ability to assume responsibility, Sergeant Petrovitz was an inspiration to the officers and men of his regiment. Entered service from Torrington, Connecticut.

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WALTER KOCH, 32388223, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Company, ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 6 August 1943. As a member of the Prisoner of War Interrogation Section, G-2, Headquarters ** Task Force, he took part in the invasion of French Morocco, 8 November 1942, and immediately demonstrated most unusual ability and resourcefulness in his interrogation work. He accompanied Headquarters, ** Corps, in the invasion of Sicily on 10 July 1943, and by his persistence and outstanding skill, obtained information of the greatest value to the G-2 Section. Owing to his fluent knowledge of German, Italian, Spanish and French, Technician Third Grade Koch has undertaken a great variety of special assignments involving responsibilities well beyond his normal duties, all of which he has performed in a very superior manner. Entered service from New York.

LLOYD YURGELITES, 13011090, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Detachment, ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 November 1942 to 4 August 1943. In the planning and execution of supply functions, he rendered invaluable services in connection with two major amphibious operations. His initiative in assuming responsibility, his painstaking carefulness, and the exemplary manner in which he carried on under combat conditions, was a substantial contribution to the successful landings on hostile shores. Technician Third Grade Yurgelites' only thought was to get each job done expeditiously, and in such a way that there could be no doubt as to its efficient completion. By his initiative, leadership and achievements, he has set an example for his comrades. Entered service from Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

ANTHONY de PARIS, 32359052, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 April 1943 to 5 August 1943. As a member of the G-2 Section, ** Corps, he was of the greatest assistance in assembling and analyzing the complex details of the Battle Order of the Axis Forces in Sicily, 10 July 1943. By sound reasoning, good judgment and absolute devotion to duty, Sergeant de Paris acquitted himself with complete credit in a position of great importance. His infallible predictions under great pressure and accurate analyses were of inestimable value and contributed directly to the success of the operations in that area. Entered service from New York.

ARTHUR W. MEYER, 36038822, Technical Sergeant (then Technician Third Grade), Headquarters ** Corps and later ** Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As confidential secretary to the Ordnance Officer, Western Task Force, ** Corps, and ** Army, he was of invaluable assistance in both the Moroccan and Sicilian landings. He distinguished himself in a position of trust by unfailing devotion to duty without thought of personal comfort, long hours or danger, always performing his duties in a superior manner. His cheerful disposition and high professional conduct were an inspiration to officers and men alike and contributed materially to the successful ordnance planning of both of these operations. Entered service from Arlington Heights, Illinois.

WILLARD A. GRIMSBY, 15197081, Technical Sergeant, Company "C", ** Ordnance Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance

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of outstanding services from 26 December 1942 to 19 August 1943. As artillery inspector and mechanic, he demonstrated superior qualities of leadership, ingenuity and technical ability in the reclamation of used artillery parts, which could not otherwise have been replaced. On his own initiative, he designed and constructed a device for restoring proper gas pressures to recoil mechanisms. This device was used by the ** Infantry Division for repairing many unserviceable weapons which have been promptly returned to action, thus making a substantial contribution towards the preparation of these units for combat. Sergeant Gillespy's conduct and devotion to duty at all times have been an example and inspiration to his comrades. Entered service from Bloomington, Indiana.

GEORGE S. PARKER, 34055292, Technical Sergeant, Company "A", ** Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 29 May 1943 to 10 July 1943. During the planning phase of the Sicilian operations he was placed directly in charge of constructing and installing radio antenna equipment over extremely difficult terrain and without adequate facilities on the island of Malta. During the early stages, his outstanding technical knowledge, ability to handle men, and untiring efforts contributed immeasurably to the success of the Sicilian campaign. His ability to assume responsibility, initiative and attention to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered service from Birmingham, Alabama.

JOHN B. SYPHRIT, 6370562, Master Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period March 1941 to May 1943. While the regiment was undergoing expansion and training, Sergeant Syphrit, through the force of a fine soldierly character and unusual professional knowledge, served as an instructor and was an important factor in the preparation of the regiment for combat duty. In French Morocco and Tunisia, he assisted in a superior manner in supervising and inspecting construction and repair projects, often in the front lines and on occasions volunteered to accompany or lead patrols into enemy territory. His skill and leadership have been an inspiration to all who have served with Sergeant Syphrit. Entered service from Huntsville, Alabama.

ROBERT (NMI) SOLOMON, 6140628, Master Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period of March 1942 to May 1943. As first sergeant, his outstanding ability to instruct hundreds of new recruits, to drill and train them into an efficient fighting team, and to instill in them the finest type of discipline has won for Sergeant Solomon the respect and admiration of all with whom he has served. Later, as regimental supply sergeant during the Tunisian campaign, his extensive knowledge and skill were, in effect, the backbone of the supply system for his regiment. His experience and devotion to duty have enabled this soldier to perform his duties in a manner so superior as to be an inspiration to his comrades. Entered service from Provo, Utah.

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WILLIAM GOUDIE, [illegible], Master Sergeant, ** Machine Records Unit (Mobile), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 December 1942 to 13 August 1943. By application of his ability to master machine records procedures, tireless energy, and devotion to duty, Master Sergeant Goudie was able to compile highly secret station lists and strength returns of units of a task force in such a manner that they were invaluable to its commander and enabled him to evaluate and assemble his troops expeditiously. His ingenuity and cheerful efficiency were an inspiration to all of his associates. By working exceedingly long hours, he accomplished his task in a minimum of time and contributed greatly to the ultimate success of the Sicilian Operation. Entered service from Staten Island, New York.

WOLTON E. CHASTEEN, W2118693, Warrant Officer (jg), ** Service Squadron, ** Service Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from May 1943 to August 1943. With sincere thoughtfulness for the well-being of enlisted men in his organization, he developed, from scrap material, a mess kit washer which could be brought to boil in a few minutes. He also designed and constructed a very ingenious shower both adequate for the needs of his squadron and a boiler even capable of turning out one hundred loaves of bread in six hours. In addition to the foregoing, he has constructed an autoclave for the base dispensary, a balanoin stand, a pit and tracing table for the propeller shop, a distilling apparatus for the removal of lead from gasoline, and numerous other items. In addition to his regular duties as officer in charge of tool shops in the Engineering Section, his enthusiastic and cheerful attitude, and the value of his unusual accomplishments have been largely responsible for the high morale of the squadron. Entered service from Belleville, Illinois.

RALPH O. CRAWFORD, W2105272, Warrant Officer (jg), ** Signal Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 10 July 1943 to 17 August 1943. In the landing operations on Sicily, Warrant Officer Crawford demonstrated outstanding technical ability and leadership in assisting materially in the organization of a brigade signal team, successfully solved many of its unpredictable problems of personnel and equipment, and thus maintained uninterrupted and efficient communications under extremely severe conditions in hostile territory. His constant devotion to duty, and regard for the welfare of his men are outstanding reflections on himself and the military service. Entered service from Lilley, Texas.

JOSEPH DAMIANO, W2109693, Warrant Officer, (jg), Headquarters ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to August 1943. As Chief of the Ordnance Planning Section, ** Corps, and later ** Army, preceding and during the Sicilian landing, he demonstrated outstanding initiative, intelligence, and energy in estimating required ordnance material. He landed in Sicily with the first assault troops and at once proceeded to check on the status of ordnance supply, and to find ways and means of providing for units which were in need. His initiative and thorough knowledge of ordnance material and administration were of inestimable value in the successful execution of the operation. His devotion to duty and high qualities of leadership were an inspiration to officers and men alike. Entered service from Providence, Rhode Island.

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MARY ANN SULLIVAN, N744015, 2d Lieutenant, ANC, ** Surgical Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the Southern Tunisian campaign, 19 March to 3 April 1943, Lieutenant Sullivan, in charge of an operating room, was directly responsible for its meeting the emergency. She worked enthusiastically for many long hours, and sacrificed much needed sleep in order that the wounded might have the best medical treatment. The efficient maintenance of records, and organization of the operating room to meet the crisis were all the result of her close supervision. Her foresight in preparing surgical supplies considerably in excess of any previous demand was exceptional. During the entire period, while enemy planes roared overhead, bombing Thelepte Airfield one-half mile away, and later with enemy planes again overhead at Gafsa, Lieutenant Sullivan showed no personal concern and her action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Nurse Corps. Entered service from Boston, Massachusetts.

VICTOR B. PERUL, O665233, 2d Lieutenant, SC, Company "A", ** Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 30 March 1943 to 7 April 1943. Lieutenant Perul was assigned the task of establishing telephone communication facilities from the most forward practicable position to the corps headquarters and on 30 March he established direct telephone communication from a point five miles southeast of El Guettar to headquarters. Later on 3 April, with outstanding leadership, initiative, and complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Perul personally laid a field wire circuit through enemy mine fields to establish talking circuits from reconnaissance elements to the Command Post and to Headquarters II Corps. For nine days he reinforced these circuits in the face of enemy artillery, bombing, and strafing. The extremely efficient manner in which the excellent telephone communications were installed and maintained under his inspiring leadership was of the greatest assistance to the II Corps Commander in effecting the union with the British Eighth Army. Entered service from Phoenix, Arizona.

DONALD E. HARBOTT, 0413967, Captain, (Ch.), ** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 December 1942 to 13 May 1943. Captain Harbott was the Chaplain throughout the Tunisian campaign, from the assault towards Sened on 31 January 1943, until the closing action near Enfidaville on 13 May 1943. Throughout his entire period he was tireless in his performance of duty and during the time the battalion was in active combat, his perseverance and personal bravery were a continuous inspiration to his officers and men. He spent most of his time in the forward area holding devotional services during rest periods, assisting in caring for and evacuating the dead and wounded, and constantly seeking ways and means of giving moral and spiritual aid. The actions of Chaplain Harbott reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military forces.

JOHN M. LAZEAR, 0444922, Captain, AC, ** Bombardment Squadron, ** Bombardment Group (H), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 7 January 1943 to 13 May 1943. In order to better qualify himself in his assigned duty as Squadron Intelligence Officer, Captain Lazear voluntarily participated in many combat operational missions.

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In addition to performing his duties as Intelligence Officer exceptionally well and making his section one of the best, he made great contributions to the welfare and morale of the command in operational periods by voluntarily doing additional work as Special Services Officer. His untiring energy, initiative, and judgment contributed substantially to the highly successful record of his squadron, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States. Entered service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD J. KOTAR, 0336899, Captain, TC, Medical Detachment, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from March 1941 to May 1943. Prior to departure of his unit for overseas, he conspicuously improved the dental health of the command, and organized, equipped, and excellently trained dental personnel, not only to perform their primary service but to properly administer first aid. During the Sicilian campaign, in addition to his duties as dental surgeon, he served as medical officer in the treatment of many types of wounds and injuries. On one occasion, although painfully injured, he proceeded two miles on foot to render medical assistance to several men who were injured as a result of exploding mines. He personally organized and trained the regimental boxing team, and was tireless in his efforts to provide entertainment and recreation for the officers and enlisted men. His contribution to the health and comfort of his comrades is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

WILLIAM H. FONTAN, 0966867, Captain, Inf., Headquarters, ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In his capacity as Assistant G-1, during the period of assembling thousands of replacements and building up the ** Corps, (Reinforced), now ** Army, then invasion force, and in handling the multitude of administrative details, Captain Fontan displayed the highest type of tact, initiative and intelligence. During the landing on Sicily, 10 July and in the subsequent operations, Captain Fontan contributed greatly to the success of the operations by his outstandingly superior and effective handling of all details incident to selecting, assembling, routing and loading of replacements for the ** Army. His character, resourcefulness and devotion to duty has been uniformly superior. Entered service from Cleveland, Mississippi.

WILSON H. HUNT, 0902364, Captain, CAC, Headquarters, ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 November 1942 to 5 August 1943. During the initial organization of the Western Task Force, Captain Hunt was Assistant Provost Marshal. His planning and executive ability were responsible for the organization and efficient coordination of the Military Police disciplinary purposes, as well as the apprehension of military personnel charged with violations of military law. Through his diligence, keen foresight and untiring industry, the police branch of the Provost Marshal Section, operated with outstanding efficiency. In Sicily, Captain Hunt perfected the organization and operation of Prisoner of War Stockades while working under most trying conditions and handicaps. His devotion to duty, tactful handling, and especially efficient execution of his duties reflect great honor on the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Auburn, New York.

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CORNELIUS F. CAHILL, 0421616, Captain, (Ch.), ** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 10 July 1943 to 20 July 1943. As the only Chaplain available to approximately 4500 officers and enlisted men, during the landing on Sicily, he worked excessively long hours in ministering to the wounded, and never overlooked an opportunity to be of service to the men in bolstering their courage and spirits. His performance was outstanding in the particularly unpleasant duty of caring for battle casualties, both of our forces and those of the enemy. His enthusiasm, devotion to duty, courage and superior performance under extremely disagreeable circumstances were an inspiration to the entire regiment and reflect the highest credit upon himself as well as the Chaplains of the Army. Entered service from Exeter, New Hampshire.

ROBERT L. ARGUS, 0381970, Captain, CE, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Commanding Officer, Company "F". In March, 1943, his company was assigned the longest and most difficult part of the road which was to be constructed from ** Algeria, through Kasserine Pass, Tunisia. Through this officer's fine organizing ability, technical knowledge, and energy and personal example, his company finished its task well ahead of schedule and well above specifications, thus materially contributing to the shortening of the main supply lines of the II Corps and the British Eighth Army. In April 1943, in the vicinity of Sedjenane, Tunisia, Captain Argus went on foot about two and a half miles in advance of the American lines, in plain view of the enemy to recover and carry back in his own arms the body of his First Sergeant. His conduct won him the admiration of the entire regiment. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

DAVID RADIN, 0396250, Major, AC, Headquarters ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 April 1943 to 17 August 1943. As Chief of the Photographic Interpretation Section, G-2, ** Corps, Major Radin displayed superior ability and devotion to duty and was responsible for the execution of many difficult planning tasks in connection with aerial photographic missions and their interpretation. As a result of his unusually sound evaluation, the troops of the ** Army were supplied beforehand with necessary photographs and interpretations to permit them to visualize the defenses and terrain features, which they might expect to encounter during the landing in Sicily, 10 July 1943. Due almost exclusively to his tireless effort this valuable information was available in time to take advantage of the enemy during actual operations. Entered service from Ohio.

ARTHUR RIKER, 01197[illegible], Major, AC, ** Bombardment Group (L), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Intelligence Officer from 27 December 1942 to 8 June 1943. With limited facilities and materials available to tactical units in North Africa, and under the primitive conditions of the advance airdromes at ** and **, he displayed untiring energy, outstanding professional ability and resourcefulness in establishing a highly efficient intelligence unit. Through his foresight and initiative, the squadrons and the group were at all times able to function successfully and to obtain the necessary intelligence for combat crews. Combat intelligence was promptly and efficiently evaluated and disseminated to higher

began to function upon its arrival in French Morocco. His leadership, ability to plan, and keen foresight contributed in a large measure to the successful operations of the Western Task Force. Prior to the above assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Caldwell, as Adjutant General, helped activate and organize the 85th Division and through his experience and thoroughness, contributed largely to that organization's rapid expansion and training. Entered service from Sayre, Pennsylvania.

DAVID FRANKLIN, 06270, Colonel, MC, Headquarters, ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 3 August 1943. Colonel Franklin, as Surgeon of the ** Corps, (Reinforced) now ** Army, throughout the planning phases for the Sicilian operation, displayed exceptional devotion to duty, broad and detailed technical knowledge, and an exceptionally comprehensive understanding of all the varied and sometimes seemingly insurmountable problems in the operation. During the landing in Sicily, 10 July 1943, and subsequent operations, Colonel Franklin, by his effective use of limited personnel, supplies and available medical installations, both Army and civilian, contributed immeasurably to the success of the operations of the ** Army. Entered service from Denver, Colorado.

JOHN M. WILLEMS, 016176, Colonel, FA, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 June 1943 until 3 August 1943. As Chief of Staff of the ** Corps, ** Army, Colonel Willems, in a minimum of time, organized the limited number of officers and enlisted men into a corps staff, which functioned with commendable efficiency throughout the operations in Sicily. During this period, he not only performed his own duties as Chief of Staff, but actually directed and controlled an extremely difficult operation involving a corps in which its divisions were deployed and required to move and fight while separated by as much as ** miles. The achievements of the Corps were attributable in a marked degree to the superior leadership, organizational ability of Colonel Willems. Entered United States Military Academy from New York.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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DEFENSE OF COMMUNICATIONS ZONE

1. Section IV, General Orders Number 4, this headquarters, ca, is hereby rescinded.

2. Current instructions are contained in letter, this headquarters, file AG 322.1/060, dated 22 September 1943, Subject: "Defense of the Communication Zone."

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Award, Posthumous, of Legion of Merit.....I
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I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit is awarded posthumously, in the name of the President, to each of the following named individuals:

ALFRED H. BENJAMIN, 12037366, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters ** Corps (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from September 1942 to March 1943. As a special agent of the Counter Intelligence Corps, Western Task Force, Sergeant Benjamin demonstrated untiring energy, devotion to duty, and professional skill as an investigator from the date of his assignment to his unit in the United States in September 1942 until his death in line of duty 6 March 1943 at Rabat, French Morocco. At the time of the landing at Safi, French Morocco on 8 November 1942, he succeeded through the rapid contacts he established with the French, in persuading them to reduce their resistance, and in capturing important enemy agents. Entered service from New York, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Ann Benjamin, 325 E. 57th St., New York, New York.

CLIFFORD C. MILES, 0349463, Major, CE, Headquarters, ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 March to 17 July 1943. As Assistant Engineer, ** Corps (Reinforced), later ** Army, Major Miles' superior intelligence and technical knowledge were of invaluable assistance in the planning of the engineer phases of the Sicilian operation, which met with such signal success from its start on 10 July 1943. On 17 July 1943, Major Miles, having been attached to the ** Sub-task Force, departed from Licata, Sicily, to make reconnaissance of Porto Empedocle, Sicily, in order to insure its earliest possible availability for the supply of the Force, and was killed by enemy gun fire beyond our lines. Major Miles' outstanding services prior to the invasion and his devoted execution of duty at the sacrifice of his life reflect the highest honor on the United States military service. Residence of nearest of kin: Mrs. C. A. Miles (Mother), 422 Avenue "F", Snohomish, Washington.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

So much of General Orders Number 92, this headquarters, cs, as pertains to Major JAMES F. RITTE, 0367926, CE, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

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"Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, the Legion of Merit is awarded in the name of the President to the following officer:

JAMES F. WHITE, 0367026, Major, CE, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the Tunisian campaign, from 23 March to 12 May 1943, as Operations Officer, he planned and inspected in a superior manner the work of the ** Engineer Combat Regiment. Based on his skillful planning, the regiment shortened the main supply line of the British Eighth Army by building thirty-five miles of double lane road; lifted approximately 100,000 enemy mines and made possible the rapid advance of the ** and the ** Corps by constructing over sixty miles of heavy duty roads from cart tracks and goat trails through the Tunisian hills. These roads were built under his constant personal attention and under the most difficult conditions in a surprisingly short time. He planned the operations of his regiment, which secured Bizerte, and assisted in mopping up enemy resistance there and clearing the port for use. Major White was indefatigable in search for information, and spent the last two weeks of the campaign in and beyond the front lines. Entered service from Urbana, Illinois. "

III - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

EARL R. GOODMAN, 36170543, Private, ** Ordnance Company (MM) for heroism on 30 June 1943, at ** Tunisia. While voluntarily acting as assistant driver of one of several light tanks which were attempting to bring under control a fire in an ammunition dump, he saw another tank go off a twenty foot cliff, and overturn in a creek. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own life, he assisted in moving his tank to the cliff's edge, where he dismounted amidst exploding ammunition and assisted the crew of the wrecked tank, which was partially submerged in the creek, to his own tank and drove them to safety. The courage and selflessness displayed by Private Goodman probably saved the crew from drowning or death from shell fragments. Entered service from Hazel Park, Michigan.

ROBERT E. LOYD, JR, 36027625, Technician Fifth Grade, ** Signal Radio Intelligence Company for heroism on 23 July 1943 near ** Algeria. Technician Fifth Grade Loyd risked his own life to swim to the aid of a French civilian who, without his aid, would probably have drowned. The civilian was in deep water about 120 feet from shore and in obvious distress. Although the civilian struggled frantically, Technician Fifth Grade Loyd, himself almost exhausted, managed to hold him above the surface until other assistance arrived. His heroic actions are a credit to our army. Entered service from Victoria, Texas.

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Award, by War Department, of Legion of Merit.....I
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I - AWARD, BY WAR DEPARTMENT, OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit to each of the following named officers:

MARK W. CLARK, 05309, Lieutenant General, (then Major General), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Deputy Chief of Staff, General Headquarters, United States Army, and as Chief of Staff, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, he displayed tireless energy, great resourcefulness, and military attainment of a high order in solving, with sound judgment, perplexing problems, and assisting in the training of units of the Army Ground Forces. As commanding general of the II Corps, by his tact, professional efficiency, and leadership he laid the groundwork in the European theater for a vast organizational housing and training development for United States Army Ground Forces. His exceptional Military judgment, common sense, devotion to duty, and loyal services were of inestimable value to the theater commander. Entered United States Military Academy from New York.

CARL SPAATZ, 03706, Lieutenant General (then Major General), United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force, General Spaatz was unusually successful in the solution of difficult problems of air organization, quartering, training, and maintenance in the European Theater. He established and maintained cooperation with the Royal Air Force, and his outstanding qualities of leadership reflected in the high morale and increasing efficiency of the American Air Forces in Great Britain. His forsight, zeal, and sound judgment made him of inestimable value to the theater commander. Entered the United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President, to each of the following named officers:

JAMES L. TAYLOR, 0250548, Colonel, AGD, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 September 1942 to 14 April 1943. As the officer in charge of the rapidly expanding Personnel

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Division and later the Enlisted Division, Adjutant General's Section, Allied Force Headquarters, he actively directed the organization and development of these divisions in a highly efficient and commendable manner. To him fell the task of creating a smooth-running and efficient office capable of functioning under adverse conditions. The many sound policies he established, the intensive training he gave the new personnel, and the ability with which he managed to meet every emergency won for him the respect and admiration of the large number of officers and enlisted men under his direction. His administrative skill and outstanding qualities of leadership have contributed immeasurably to the efficient handling of personnel matters for Allied Force Headquarters. Entered service from Missouri.

S. LEROY IRWIN, 03803, Major General, United States Army, (then Brigadier General), Commanding General, ** Division Artillery. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, during the battle of El Guettar, 23 March 1943 to 8 April 1943, and during the advance from Sedjenane to Bizerte, 23 April 1943 to 8 May 1943. Major General Irwin, by effective training and superior leadership developed a unit capable of delivering fire with great speed and accuracy. Throughout these operations Major General Irwin employed the artillery in a manner devastating to enemy material, personnel, and morale. The ability of Major General Irwin to deliver strategic artillery support was a major factor in the ultimate success of the Tunisian Campaign. Entered the Military Academy from the United States at large.

III - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following officer:

WILLIAM R. BREEN, 01100992, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), CE, ** ** Company, Mediterranean Base Section, for heroism at **, Algeria on 19 May 1943. A vessel containing a highly explosive cargo was struck and ignited by enemy bombs. Lieutenant Breen, as ** Fort Fire Marshal, did everything possible to extinguish the fire while the ship was at dock. After the ship had drifted from dock, he voluntarily secured a fire boat and together with a small detail of enlisted men, boarded the vessel and fought the fire for several hours until it was extinguished. Lieutenant Breen's valor and initiative were important factors in the prevention of a disaster which would have taken many lives and destroyed a vast amount of property. Entered military service from New York.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, the Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following individuals:

LAURENCE E. WERNER, 35500232, Technical Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Chief of the Armament Platoon, ** Ordnance Maintenance Company, ** Airborne Division. By his initiative and ingenuity he designed a special tool for the assembly and disassembly of bolts of the U. S. Rifle, cal. .30 M1, and the U. S. Carbine, cal. .30, M1, thereby raising the efficiency of the Small Arms Section by reducing the time required for repairs in building, and adapting various other tools and jigs for the use of his platoon. The ingenuity and rare aptitude for designing highly specialized tools with which to repair ordnance equipment has permitted this sergeant to perform an extremely valuable service for his country. His inspirational work has done much to help maintain the fighting efficiency of his platoon. Entered service from Cleveland, Ohio.

ROY SILVERTON, 6971209, Master Sergeant, TC, A.F. Headquarters Mediterranean Air Command, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 March 1943 to 30 June 1943, as chief clerk of a special planning staff. Master Sergeant Silverton, by outstanding energy, foresight and thorough professional knowledge, organized a new clerical staff of British and American personnel into a unit which succeeded in the minimum of time in the accomplishment of a most important special task. Although working excessively long hours, expeditious, thoroughness and security were not sacrificed. By example, he succeeded in obtaining a high standard of discipline and cooperation from his subordinates of both services and displayed leadership qualities in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from Coquille, Oregon.

VICTOR E. [illegible], 0337057, First Lieutenant, TC, Deputy **, ** Railway Operating Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from February 1943 to April 1943. Lieutenant [illegible] displayed outstanding leadership and resourcefulness in directing the repair of railroad bridges demolished by the enemy in Southern Tunisia. Using bridging material with which his troops were unfamiliar, and frequently working in areas thickly sown with concealed mines, he directed the work of his men in such a manner that the bridges were restored to traffic in exceptionally short time. His outstanding performance contributed greatly to the final victory in Tunisia. Entered service from Radville, Virginia.

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LYNN M. CASE, 0920756, First Lieutenant, MIS, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 14 June 1943 to 27 June 1943. His outstanding performance of duty as Military Censorship Liaison Officer with the French Censorship,and censorship instructor for newly assigned officer personnel have contributed immeasurably to the present high degree of security in this theater. Later Lieutenant Case was given the mission of finding, collecting, and dispatching to examiners of the enemy mail and documents on the island of Pantelleria. Arriving on the island without staff or transportation, he thoroughly and promptly accomplished his mission. His judgment and ingenuity coupled with his untiring energy and devotion to duty furnished much information of immediate and long time value. The operating procedure which he developed will form a valuable guide for future projects of a similar nature. Entered service from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

ALBERT M. WHARFIELD, 0272698, Captain, Inf., Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 24 October 1942 to the close of the Sicilian campaign. Captain Wharfield, in the capacity of Radio Officer of the Public Relations Branch, has exhibited the highest degree of technical skill, good judgment, and foresight, and through these qualities has greatly assisted in the dissemination throughout the world of the news of the activities of the Allied troops in North Africa. The efficiency of his planning and his contribution of new ideas has greatly aided radio broadcasters and newspaper correspondents in the transmission of news stories. Through a system devised by him, over one million additional words of prose copy were transmitted to the United States and Great Britain. Entered service from New York, New York.

PAUL E. WILSON, 0978879, Captain, TC, Company "A", 4th Railway Operating Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. From the 1st of March to the conclusion of the Tunisian campaign in May 1943, Captain Wilson organized and completed the rehabilitation of railroad trackage destroyed by the retreating enemy. He directed the work under difficult circumstances and in heavily mined areas both on the Kasserine-Sousse line and later on the Sidjenane-Mateur line. Through his leadership and ability to work under pressure, repairs were rapidly made and the rail lines restored to service in advance of the date thought possible. His outstanding work contributed greatly to the successful and speedy termination of the campaign. Entered service from Las Vegas, New Mexico.

WILLIAM D. VAN BUSKIRK, 0895037, Captain (then First Lieutenant), AGD, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 15 September 1942 to 28 May 1943, as Duty Officer in charge of the functions of the Cable Branch, Adjutant General's Section, Allied Force Headquarters. During the planning and actual operational phases of the North African campaign, Captain Van Buskirk assumed full charge of the vitally important activities and functions of the Cable Branch, involving the processing of the vast volume of extremely important operational messages including preparing, reproduction,

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evaluation, routing, and delivery. By his exemplary conduct and cheerful attitude, and the outstanding leadership and professional skill displayed, often under trying conditions, he has contributed materially to the successful operation of the Branch and set an inspiring example to his seniors and subordinates alike. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

RICHARD W. LARSEN, 0429895, Captain, FA, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Throughout the North African Campaign this officer, who was without previous practical experience, shouldered almost alone a very important task associated with intelligence concerning the German Army. His unfailing attention to detail and grasp of the essential importance of the large volume of material passing through his hands not only made him an invaluable interpreter of the situation for the War Departments in the United States and United Kingdom, but also enabled him to pass down sound and balanced guidance to the formations in the field. The first-hand experiences of the campaign developed in him a soundness of judgment and accuracy in discussion which was of unique value to a small and over-worked staff. He at no time spared himself either mentally or physically and is deserving of the highest praise for his performance. Entered service from Holland, Ontario, Canada.

FRED E. BROMER, 0303766, Captain, CE, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period from August 1942 to August 1943. Captain Bromer served in the Topographical Section of Operational Intelligence during this period and participated in the planning and execution of the landing operations in North Africa and subsequent Tunisian Campaign. His tactical and strategical studies and estimates dealing with the effect of terrain on operations displayed unusual professional attainments, superior judgment and a profound knowledge of the country, and assisted materially in providing a basis for operational planning. His initiative, devotion to duty and outstanding ability reflect the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from Los Angeles, California.

CHARLES S. SANDERSON, 01/6219, Lieutenant Colonel, CE, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period of November 1942 to July 1943. As a member of the Transportation Section, Headquarters Western Task Force his complete devotion and rare professional ability contributed immeasurably to a completely harmonious and successful delivery of supplies and equipment under trying circumstances. During one critical period his vigorous action, unhesitating decisions, and his capacity to quickly and accurately analyze the task, resulted in restoration of the rail service in less than half the time estimated following the complete demolition of a thirty-five car freight train. Entered service from Augusta, Georgia.

ARTHUR G. LAGACE, 0244960, Lieutenant Colonel, AGD, Postal Division, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Assistant Chief Postal Officer, Allied Force Headquarters during the period from September 1942 to 22 April 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Lagace personally initiated the postal plans for the Western Task Force and directed the subsequent execution of those plans in such manner that postal

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service of exceptionally high quality was given personnel on that Force from the beginning of the operations. Throughout the North African campaign he assisted in the direction of the Army Postal Service for the entire Theater. Through his keen understanding of the problems involved, his expert knowledge of the Postal Service, his untiring efforts and complete devotion to duty, the Postal Service in this Theater attained a state of efficiency which would otherwise have been impossible. Entered service from New York.

JOSEPH B. PHILLIPS, 0502496, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Information and Censorship Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 15 September 1942 to 1 July 1943. In organising and directing the Public Relations service of Allied Force Headquarters, Lieutenant Colonel Phillips has overcome tremendous difficulties and assured an adequate and expeditious news coverage of the Allied Forces in North Africa. His diligence, foresight, and industry under difficult circumstances enabled as many as 110 Allied war correspondents to cover the Tunisian campaign with a smooth efficiency. In the United States Army the Public Relations service of Allied Force Headquarters is unique and has been a successful experimental organization on which will be patterned similar services in other theaters. Entered service from New York.

EUGENE M. CAFFEY, 09329, Colonel, CE, ** Brigade, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Colonel Caffey served from 26 May 1943 to 21 August 1943 as Commanding Officer of his brigade. He was responsible for the organization, intensive training, and equipping of all beach groups and for the preparation of plans for their operation under the sub-task forces in the initial phases of the landing of the ***** Army in Sicily. His coordination and supervision of the unloading activities on the south beaches and at the ports in southern Sicily were major factors in the initial maintenance of the ** Army. During the later stages of this operation, in coordination with G-4, he operated with great efficiency the supply installations and was a strong influence in the successful completion of the Sicilian campaign. His superior leadership, determination, and initiative have enabled this officer to complete his assigned missions in a most commendable manner. Entered United States Military Academy from Georgia.

EDWARD D. CHURCHILL, 0199980, Colonel, MC, Headquarters North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. By instituting advanced principles of war surgery throughout American hospitals in the theater during the Tunisian Campaign, and by initiating a standardized surgical technique, he was responsible to a considerable extent for the extremely low mortality rate among wounded soldiers. By his keen foresight, his efficient planning and his careful supervision of surgical procedures, much suffering was alleviated and many lives were saved. Entered service from Boston, Massachusetts.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF CHIEF, CLAIMS SECTION

Announcement is made of the designation, by direction of the President, of CHARLES W. ROOTH, 0147540, Colonel, Infantry, as Chief, Claims Section, this headquarters.

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Award, Posthumous, of Legion of Merit.....I
Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for Legion of Merit.....II
Award of Legion of Merit.....III

I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is posthumously awarded in the name of the President to the following enlisted man:

HARRY J. ROSENBERG, 20278455, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, ** Coast Artillery (...), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In 1940 he labored long hours assisting in the formation of this regiment in addition to his regular duties as armorer and regimental sergeant major in the ** Cavalry. After he was transferred to this organization as regimental sergeant major he continued his untiring efforts to help build the regiment. By his unswerving devotion to duty, initiative, knowledge and patience, Sergeant Rosenberg organized and trained all the necessary administrative personnel and acted as adviser and counselor to officers and enlisted men alike. No hour was too late and no matter too trivial, when someone asked for advice. His untiring efforts and devotion to duty were exemplary and an inspiration to all personnel in his regiment. He died at Newcastle, County Down, Northern Ireland, 15 October 1942, after over 33 years service. Entered service from: Rochester, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Eva R. Rosenberg, wife, 98 Southern Parkway, Rochester, New York.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded, in addition to the Legion of Merit medal previously awarded, in the name of the President, to the following officer:

HOBART R. GAY, 07363, Brigadier General, .US, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Chief of Staff, ** Army, General Gay rendered outstanding service in the successful invasion of Sicily beginning 10 July 1943 and ending 7 August 1943. Faced with the overwhelming task of coordinating the many arms and services, which were dispersed over large areas and under the most fluid conditions, and molding them into one highly effective combat force, General Gay, by his sound judgment, initiative and superior knowledge of modern warfare, effectively accomplished this mission. The degree of success is evidenced by the timely execution of the amphibious

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phase of the operation, and vigorous follow-up which led to the complete overrunning of the ** Army Sector. General Gay was responsible for coordinating the ** Army plan with that of the combined Allied operations involving an amphibious landing, and support from the Air and Naval forces. His contributions to the complete victory in the Sicilian campaign are immeasurable. Entered service from Illinois.

III - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

DAVID COHEN, 37322178, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period from September 1942 to July 1943. As Chief Clerk, Contracting and Purchasing Section at the time the headquarters was organized in North Africa, he developed an extremely smooth operating section which accomplished results in a minimum of time. He was highly instrumental in determining the sources of supply in Algeria where consumer goods had been forced into concealment during the presence of enemy forces, thus enabling his section to successfully meet the numerous supply demands of the headquarters. His resourcefulness, outstanding initiative, and devotion to duty are symbolic of the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from New York, New York.

LYMAN L. LEMNITZER, 012687, Brigadier General, AUS, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period of 1 August 1942 to 14 February 1943. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Allied Force, his meticulous, long range planning contributed materially to the success of the Allied occupation of North Africa. His knowledge and keen conception of the Allied cause were prime factors in securing the friendly cooperation of the French Military authorities in this theater. He was instrumental in the planning for the establishment of the ** Army, and subsequently became Deputy Chief of Staff, during the organization period immediately following its activation. In this responsible position he exhibited unusual tact and administrative ability in the formulation of policies and procedures and in the development of an efficient staff. He relinquished his responsibilities as Deputy Chief of Staff, ** Army, only to resume command of his brigade in combat. In his dual capacity as staff organizer and a leader of troops, General Lemnitzer is an inspiring example of cooperation so valuable to the Allied cause. Entered the United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award of Soldier's Medal.....II
Award of Legion of Merit.....III

I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following officer:

JOHN W. WYLIE, 0728947, Second Lieutenant, AC, Headquarters ** Bombardment Group (H), for extraordinary heroism while participating in aerial flight in the North African Theater of Operations as co-pilot of a B-17 type aircraft. While over **, on 25 June 1943, a large number of enemy fighters attacked his formation and Lieutenant Wylie was severely wounded when a 20mm cannon shell exploded in his cockpit. Semi-conscious, he was carried to the comparative safety of the catwalk, where he refused to accept first aid until his wounded comrades had been treated. Regaining partial use of his faculties, Lieutenant Wylie saw that the upper turret gunner's ammunition supply had been nearly exhausted in warding off repeated enemy attacks. Although too weak to rise, he dragged himself to a reserve supply and passed fresh ammunition to the gunner, who destroyed three of the hostile aircraft. Lieutenant Wylie's initiative and courage played a conspicuous part in the defense of his bomber and its safe return to friendly territory. His gallantry and selfless devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JULIUS SMITH, 34114517, Private First Class, and ALBERT CAPOBIANCO, 32401747, Technician Fifth Grade, ** Station Hospital, for heroism on 22 June 1943 on the island of Pantelleria. An American soldier had been blown over a cliff by a bomb explosion and was lying severely wounded directly under an over-hanging crag which had been loosened by the blast and which threatened to give way at any moment. Private First Class Smith and Technician Fifth Grade Capobianco courageously and unhesitatingly made their way to the injured man, efficiently rendered first aid treatment, and removed him to a place of safety. These acts were performed with full knowledge that the loosened mass of rocks might fall and crush them at any moment. They actually did fall soon after the rescue. The heroism displayed by these men reflects the highest

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credit upon themselves and the armed forces of the United States. Entered service from Charlotte, North Carolina and Piermont, New York, respectively.

VINCENT P. TRAINOR, 38035545, Sergeant, Company "B", ** Signal Construction Battalion for heroism on 2 August 1943 near **, Tunisia. Sergeant Trainor observed a soldier climb from the burning wreckage of a vehicle which had just hit an enemy mine. The soldier's clothing was covered with flaming gasoline, and apparently dazed he began to run. Although he knew that the area was heavily mined and that he himself might be severely burned, Sergeant Trainor pursued the dazed soldier, threw him to the ground and quickly removed his burning clothing. He then carried him to safety. These heroic acts undoubtedly saved the soldier's life, and deserve the highest praise. Entered service from Ordway, Colorado.

WILLIAM P. HAHN, 01633919, Second Lieutenant, SC, Company "B", ** Signal Construction Battalion, for heroism on 2 August 1943 near **, Tunisia. Lieutenant Hahn heroically entered an area which he knew was heavily mined in order to rescue an enlisted man of his platoon. The vehicle in which the soldier had been riding struck an enemy mine, and as a result of the explosion, the soldier was covered with flaming gasoline and would most certainly have burned to death had Lieutenant Hahn not risked his life in coming to his aid and tearing his burning clothing from him. Entered service from North Plainfield, New Jersey.

III - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, the Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following enlisted men:

STANLEY DAVIS, 35239503, Sergeant, ** ** Signal Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Chief Radio Operator, Base Echelon, ** ** Division, he was faced with the difficult technical problem of organizing and maintaining medium and long distance radio communication for this Division. Using improvised equipment, and without the advantage of training for his specific mission, Sergeant Davis displayed great scientific knowledge, personal initiative and tireless devotion to duty. He was primarily responsible for maintaining radio contact between widely separated echelons of this Division Headquarters during an eight hundred mile air, rail and truck movement, and later between the Division Base Echelon and the Forward Echelon in Sicily. He has been an outstanding example and an inspiration to his comrades, and an invaluable asset to his organization. Entered service from Cleveland, Ohio.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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REDESIGNATION OF STARS AND STRIPES SECTION

1. Sections I and II, General Order Number 81, this headquarters, as, are hereby rescinded.

2. Effective this date, the functions of the former Stars and Stripes Section will be performed by the Publications Section, G-1 Division, this headquarters.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, the Legion of Merit is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following individuals:

BERTLE J. BROWN, 37023107, Technician Fourth Grade, ++ Surgical Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Technician in Charge of Evacuation, 1st Hospitalization Unit during the Southern Tunisian campaign, 19 March 1943 to 8 April 1943. The organizational ability and untiring efforts of Technician Fourth Grade Brown, in handling and arranging for the rapid evacuation of patients, contributed greatly to the proper functioning of the hospital when its facilities were strained to the maximum. The tireless and energetic manner in which he worked both day and night is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Erskine, Minnesota.

JOSEPH CANZONIERO, 3337279, Technician Fourth Grade, Detachment ++ Parts Supply Company. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 March 1943 to 14 August 1943. By his steady devotion to duty, ingenuity, and technical knowledge, Technician Fourth Grade Canzoniero was an important force in establishing and operating the Engineer Spare Parts depot for all Engineer equipment in the Eastern Base Section, thus insuring that vital Engineer equipment in the Eastern Base Section remained in constant operation. Working with meager and inadequate equipment and insufficient personnel, his boundless energy and disregard for his own personal comfort led and inspired his fellow soldiers in a manner worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from New York, New York.

HERMAN A. STEINWEG, 36222459, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 26 February 1943 to 25 July 1943. As the senior enlisted assistant to the Administrative Officer of the Executive Section, he rendered invaluable assistance in organizing and maintaining a complete correspondence file for the Deputy Chief of Staff. The merit of his work has been shown in the constant and confident dependence on these files by the Chief of Staff and by the Commanding General. In the performance of his duties, Technician Fourth Grade Steinweg has worked excessively long hours with painstaking care to provide accurate and expeditious service to the Command Section. His fidelity and conscientiousness have been exemplary and inspiring to all associated with him. Entered service from Wisconsin.

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LAWRENCE N. INDERRIEDEN, 35122502, Technician Third Grade, ++ Surgical Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services 19 March 1943 to 8 April 1943. In charge of maintenance of hospital equipment, supplies and transportation, Technician Third Grade Inderrieden was in a large part responsible for the efficient maintenance of flow of supplies and appurtenances for the operating room. Without his constant direction and supervision, the functioning of the operating room might have failed during this critical period. His eagerness to work hard even during his off duty hours deserves high recognition and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from Batavia, Ohio.

JOSEPH H. HARTMANN, 35018295, Sergeant, ++ Surgical Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 March 1943 to 8 April 1943. As Section Leader, Sergeant Hartmann coordinated the work of the personnel in the wards and in addition, working day and night with very little rest, he assumed the responsibility of directing the litter bearing and evacuation of patients. By his initiative and selflessness, he thus assured coordinated movement of the less seriously wounded to the evacuation hospitals in the rear. His untiring efforts and leadership were an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Holland, Ohio.

JOHN A. GRAHAM, 33068041, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 22 February 1943 to 25 July 1943. As confidential secretary to the Commanding General, Services of Supply, Technical Sergeant Graham displayed great fidelity and devotion to duty. Always painstakingly conscientious, he showed excellent judgment in the performance of all his tasks. These duties were executed in such a superior manner as to become an inspiration to other enlisted men associated with him at a time when insufficient personnel placed heavy additional tasks upon the members of his organization. Entered service from Maryland.

BEN B. HUGHES, 19014671, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ++ Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. With the advance party of the Division Finance Section, consisting of one officer and another enlisted man, Sergeant Hughes landed with other troops at Fedala, French Morocco on 8 November 1942. For a period of ten subsequent days he did not leave his post of duty. In a damaged room at the port, he hired and payed for Arab labor and vehicles, necessary for the prompt clearing of the port which was under attack by enemy submarines. For the following three months this same party continued financial service to the whole division and paid commercial accounts promptly, with Sergeant Hughes carrying the main burden.

GEORGE V. Mc COY, 16005129, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ++ Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 15 April 1943 to 25 July 1943. As Chief Clerk of the G-4 section of Division Headquarters during the Sicilian campaign, his mission was to supervise and coordinate the work required of this section. Despite the greatly increased amount of work and reports required, due to the expansion of this Division to about three times its

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normal size, all work was expeditiously performed and all reports were submitted at the proper time. This was done with an enlisted staff much smaller than this section should have for triangular operation and was accomplished only by energetic and untiring efforts far beyond those normally required of a Chief Clerk. The responsibility placed upon Sergeant McCoy and willingly accepted by him rarely befalls the lot of an enlisted man and much of the efficient functioning of the G-4 Section of Division Headquarters during the Sicilian campaign is due to the fidelity and conscientious effort of this soldier. Entered service from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

DAVID G. WIRE, 12122725, Warrant Officer (jg), (then Technical Sergeant), Headquarters, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 21 February 1943 to 25 July 1943. Technical Sergeant Wire was appointed Chief Clerk of the Adjutant General's Cables Section at the time Headquarters, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations was activated. His initiative and superior performance of duties assisted greatly in putting into operation a section which functions in a highly efficient manner. He displayed an outstanding devotion to duty, and a high degree of skill. As a result of his effort, the work of his section has been outstanding. Entered service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

EDWARD E. GRINE, 01100566, Second Lieutenant, CE, ++ Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the latter phases of the Tunisian campaign in April and May, 1943. As a platoon leader in Company B of his regiment, Lieutenant Grine and his platoon, in an outstandingly superior manner, succeeded in the removal of several thousand enemy mines in the vicinity of Kasserine Pass and in support of the advance of the ++ near Cap Serrat to Bizerta. Most of the time Lieutenant Grine's platoon was on detached missions at great distances from his company, but he and his men never failed to accomplish every assigned mission quickly and in an outstandingly superior manner. Entered service from: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

MILDRED H. KAELIN, N728762, Second Lieutenant, ANC, ++ Surgical Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 March 1943 to 8 April 1943. During the critical period of the Tunisian campaign, she not only performed her regular duties as operating room nurse but also administered anaesthesia and prepared anaesthetic supplies. For weeks the wounded from more than ++ divisions flowed in. Refusing rest, she carried on, working day and night, relieving the suffering and assisting in giving them another chance for life. Her devotion to duty, and eagerness to perform additional service was a decided inspiration to others and her conduct is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Nurse Corps and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Lexington, Kentucky.

JOHN C. GROMYER, 0561155, First Lieutenant, AC, Northwest African Air Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Lieutenant Gromyer served in the A-4 Section of the Twelfth Air Force from January 1943 to 18 July 1943, being detailed to the Organization

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and Movements Section. Throughout the period of the Tunisian campaign, Lieutenant Grobmyer was faced with the extremely intricate and important task of moving units and equipment of the Northwest African Air Forces to the forward area to meet the exigencies of the battle, using inadequate and over-taxed transportation facilities. The diligence with which Lieutenant Grobmyer pursued his task, his attention to innumerable details, his tact in dealing with other commands, his faithful representations to higher headquarters, and his appreciation of the importance of the responsibilities placed upon him, made it possible for the Northwest African Air Forces to follow its tactical plans at all times. The manner in which Lieutenant Grobmyer performed his duties reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered service from Carolton, Kentucky.

IRVIN M. LUTZ, 01100207, First Lieutenant, CE, ++ Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Tunisian campaign from 10 April to 12 May 1943. During this period, Lieutenant Lutz's company, Company "E", ++ Engineer Combat Regiment, was in support of the ++ on the extreme left of the ++ Corps. Under unusually skillful and able leadership, his company furnished the only engineer support available to the ++ . The removal under his direction of mines and booby traps ahead, and the construction of communications in the rear, made possible the rapid advance of these Allied troops to victory at Bizerta. His company entered Bizerta on the evening of 7 May 1943 and assisted the French in eliminating enemy resistance. Entered service from Newark, New Jersey.

BRETTON A. DEVOL, Jr., 0376044, Captain, Inf., ++ Infantry Division Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 June 1943 to 25 July 1943. At the time when his Division was enlarged to a sub-unit forced to plan and conduct a large portion of the Sicilian campaign, Captain Devol was a pilot of a small artillery observation airplane. It was necessary, since the campaign was an amphibious operation and since the planes had a short flying range, to pioneer and devise methods for their transportation to the battle front. Displaying great energy, unusual initiative and keen ingenuity, he assisted and advised the engineers in the conversion of a large landing craft into a small airplane carrier. Although he had received no training in the operation of aircraft from a carrier and although the carrier as devised was an untested experiment, Captain Devol, with utter disregard for the dangers involved, volunteered to test the carrier by flying the first plane from her decks. By thus exposing himself to great risk beyond his regularly assigned duties, he evidenced an admirable devotion to duty. His conduct in this respect contributed materially to the success of his portion of the mission and was an example to all members of the command. Entered service from Lafayette, Indiana.

ARTHUR R. FORSTER, 0422790, Captain, TC, ++ Port TC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 11 November 1942 to 10 August 1943. His assistance in the establishment, selection and training of personnel and his continuous direction of the operation of the Provisional Freight Stapleton Company, ++ Base Section, was more than superior in every respect. By his thorough knowledge of traffic control, qualities of leadership, initiative, judgment, patience and marked

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devotion to duty he was largely responsible for developing and maintaining the organization for dispatching to the Services the preponderance of all cargo received through the ports of the ** Base Section. Entered service from Evanston, Illinois.

DUNCAN L. LANE, 0913963, Captain, QMC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 January 1943 to 29 July 1943. Captain Lane, as Chief of the Supply Division of the Quartermaster Section at the Atlantic Base Section and Headquarters SOS NATOUSA, organized to a most efficient degree the facilities of the Quartermaster Depot Supply Service that made possible the continuous issue of Quartermaster equipment and supplies to United States Forces in the North African Theater of Operations. With untiring energy and tireless devotion to duty, he discharged the responsibilities of his office with efficiency and dispatch so as to reflect great credit upon himself and the Quartermaster installations he served. Entered military service from Rayford, West Virginia.

THOMAS B. LOVEY, 0906191, Captain, TC, Headquarters, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period from November 1942 to July 1943. In the coordinating of movement, loading, and discharging of ships in the Mediterranean Base Section, his close liaison work with Naval Operating Base and expert knowledge of shipping and stevedoring have been invaluable. By his initiative, leadership, application to duty, and excellent manner of performance, he has been an inspiring example to those associated with him and has assisted greatly the steady, smooth, and efficient flow of personnel and supplies to task forces engaged in operations of the highest priority and has thus contributed greatly to the Allied cause. Entered the service from Flossmoor, Illinois.

JAMES E. MYERS, 0450675, Captain, CE, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Tunisian campaign from 15 March to 12 May, 1943, and prior thereto. Captain Myers distinguished himself among the company commanders of his regiment by qualities of leadership and ability resulting in his having a company marked by superior discipline and superior esprit. Under his command, Company "C" undertook the repair of the main highway from near Kasserine Pass to the vicinity of Sbeitla, Tunisia, and in a very short time so repaired the road for two way traffic that it served as an important element in the advance and supply of troops operating to the west of Sidi Bou Zid. In the construction of a road from Kef Zilia to the east to facilitate the advance of the ** in April and May 1943, Captain Myers and his company performed an incredible amount of work in a very few days. During the process of mopping up and securing Bizerta, Captain Myers so skillfully disposed of his company that it suffered minimum casualties despite heavy 20 millimeter and small arms fire at short range and expeditiously and successfully accomplished its mission of eliminating the enemy in that city. Entered service from Ionia, Michigan.

TRUMAN H. SETLIFF, 0241350, Captain, CE, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 1942 to May 1943. During the clearing and rehabilitation of the port of Casablanca, French Morocco, he was indefatigable as regimental adjutant

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in looking after the welfare of the officers and men of the Regiment during miserable conditions of long nights, mud, and foul weather. During the Tunisian campaign, he served not only as adjutant, but as regimental executive in a superior manner, finding time in addition to lead patrols into the enemy lines and capture prisoners. Entered service from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

ROBERT C. SHAW, 0382923, Captain, Inf., Headquarters ** Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 April 1943 to 23 July 1943. As a member of the ** Infantry Division Planning Board for the Sicilian operation, Captain Shaw, in charge of the detailed planning and later supervision of the loading of one hundred and ten craft with supplies and vehicles totaling over four thousand tons, exhibited a remarkably energetic attitude, a resourcefulness, and a devotion to duty representative of the highest standard of service to his country. He plunged wholeheartedly and with great presence of mind into the very taxing problem of transporting an unexpectedly large number of troops despite the loss of many craft. His untiring efforts, frequently for excessively long periods, resulted in the smoothly executed loading-out of the task force and materially aided the successful completion of a most difficult operation. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

RAND S. BAILEY, 0908635, Major, SC, Headquarters, ** ** Brigade, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the planning, training, and operational phases of the ** Army landing operations on the ** coast of Sicily, Major Bailey was responsible for signal communications of the ** ** Brigade and attached units. By the application of highly superior technical knowledge, by masterful control and coordination of the various signal teams in the Brigade communications net, and by extraordinary attention to duty, Major Bailey maintained highly superior radio, telephone, and courier communications with tactical Brigade and attached units, and with cooperating naval units. He exercised outstanding initiative in discovering and employing serviceable captured enemy signal equipment. His untiring devotion to duty and his superior management and coordination of Brigade communications have been an inspiration to this command. Entered service from Montclair, New Jersey.

GEORGE W. BARTOL, 02/0444, Major, TC, Headquarters, Transportation Section, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 11 December 1942 to 23 July 1943. As Chief of the Land Traffic Division, Headquarters, ** Port, TC, he was charged with the clearance of vitally needed supplies from the port of **, and in this capacity, contributed greatly to the smooth, timely, and efficient embarkation, debarkation and movement of Allied personnel. His supervision and control of traffic regulation in the Base Section contributed greatly to the swift movement of supplies and personnel by highway and made possible the maximum usage of convoy space for this purpose. His superior manner of performance of duty, his quiet courteous efficiency, tact, loyalty, and shrewd executive ability has inspired all those associated with him and has reflected great credit on himself, his organization, and the forces of the United States. Entered service from Evanston, Illinois.

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BASIL F. BASILA, 0222013, Major (then Captain), Cav., Headquarters ** Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period from 15 April 1943 to 23 July 1943. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, of a sub-task force, his duties pertaining to personnel were tripled over those of the headquarters to which he was assigned. This task force was, during this period, engaged in the preparation for and conduct of the Sicilian campaign. By tact and forcefulness the many and varied obstacles confronting this officer in the discharge of his responsibilities were overcome. He quickly, and with rare good judgment disposed of his greatly augmented duties, and in addition took personal supervision of Graves Registration and a large number of prisoners of war, showing in all cases initiative and devotion to duty of the highest degree. His conduct has been an inspiration to the command and a great aid to the success of the operation. Entered service from Decatur, Illinois.

HORACE A. FRANKLIN, 0321725, Major, Cav, Atlantic Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 March 1943 to 21 July 1943. As commanding officer of the Disciplinary Training Center, he instituted an intelligent and intensive training and construction work program which had the notable effect of reclaiming confined personnel. His psychological treatment of the maladjusted personnel has daily returned many men to the military service, not only better trained and disciplined, but capable of assuming their responsibilities as good citizens. Because of his aggressive leadership and ability to inspire enthusiasm and cooperation among his subordinates and prisoners, an extremely high morale is evident. Entered service from Mount Vernon, New York.

ROBERT L. HUMPHREYS, 0235384, Major, CE, Headquarters, ** Brigade, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the planning phases of the ** Army landing on the ** coast of Sicily, Major Humphreys was responsible for S-4 planning for the ** Brigade and units attached to the Brigade to form Beach Groups for the performance of Beach Head and initial supply service in rear of the tactical forces. Due to his unusual diligence and judgment, units were equipped on a critical time schedule with numerous items of special equipment which arrived on late convoys from the United States and required rapid and closely coordinated reception at ports and delivery to units at various points in North Africa. During the landings, Major Humphreys, by his outstanding ability to quickly and thoroughly analyze supply problems and by making rapid and correct decisions, effectively directed execution and necessary modification of plans as required by the tactical situation. His untiring efforts and intense devotion to duty throughout the planning and operational phases of the Sicilian invasion have been an inspiration to this command. Entered military service from El Segundo, California.

HENRY W. JOHNSON, 0919078, Major, CMP, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 February 1943 to 23 July 1943. Major Johnson, as Director of the Police and Security Divisions of the Office of the Provost Marshal, Atlantic Base Section, has demonstrated exceptional abilities of leadership, devotion to duty and intelligent application of police techniques. He prepared plans for the installation of a police system based on the most modern American safety policies, including the

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establishment of many traffic control points. The security of installations was aggressively undertaken, and with the cooperation of the French authorities, Major Johnson directed the activities of over 1,200 French troops performing security missions in this area. Because of his aggressive leadership and his ability to acquire the admiration and respect of his associates and the French authorities, a complicated and dangerous police situation has been eliminated. His accomplishments are a credit to himself and to the Army of the United States. Entered service from Kansas City, Missouri.

JESSE M. McCLELLAN, 0253445, Major, ** Railway Grand Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 18 November 1942 to 26 May 1943. As officer in charge of car service, he procured with an absolute minimum of delay the essential rolling stock so vital in the transportation of Allied personnel, equipment, and material. In addition he arranged the clearance for all special movements in the Atlantic Base Section, and in so doing maintained a very close, cordial, and cooperative liaison with the French railroad and military authorities. He faithfully and industriously performed his every assignment with ability and untiring effort, and by applying his skill, tact, and ingenuity to the utmost, Major McLellan was able to successfully meet in an expeditious manner, the heavy demands made on the Railway Division. Entered service from Summerville, South Carolina.

GEORGE H. RAVELLE, JR., 0317823, Major, Inf., Headquarters, ** Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 April 1943 to 23 June 1943. As Assistant G-4 of a sub-task force in the Sicilian campaign, Major Ravelle was assigned the duty of calculating the precise supplies required and of planning their movement to the battle sector. In addition, he was responsible for the loading and movement of the follow-up groups after the assault waves. In the early stages of preparation it was his duty to convey G-4 instructions to the units. During the three months in which he was discharging these duties he worked so intensely and over such long hours and with such disregard for his own well-being that he was hospitalized. Knowing, however, the great responsibility that had been placed upon him, he returned to his duties sooner than expected and under the greatest physical difficulties, completed his assigned duties in a superior manner and in sufficient time to insure a successful contribution to the campaign. His example in these respects was an inspiration to all officers and men of the command. Entered service from Seattle, Washington.

JAMES F. WHITE, 0367026, Major, CE, ** Engineer Combat Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Tunisian campaign, from 23 March to 12 May 1943, as Operations Officer, he planned and inspected in a superior manner the work of the ** Engineer Combat Regiment. Based on his skillful planning, the regiment shortened the main supply line of the British Eighth Army by building thirty-five miles of double lane road; lifted approximately 100,000 enemy mines and made possible the rapid advance of the ** and the ** Corps by constructing over sixty miles of heavy duty roads from cart tracks and goat trails through the Tunisian hills. These roads were built at his direction and under the most difficult conditions in a surprisingly short time. He later commanded his regiment which secured Bizerta and assisted in mopping up enemy resistance there and clearing the

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port for use. Major Witt was indefatigable in search for information, and spent the last two weeks of the campaign in and beyond the front lines. Entered service from Urbana, Illinois.

LYNN F. WOODWORTH, 0472436, Major, AC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period of 11 August 1942 to 1 May 1943. He was, at one time, acting in the capacity of wing commander, executive officer, and adjutant. His outstanding ability to get a job done was directly responsible for fourteen units of the 64 Fighter Wing, 64 Air Support Command arriving at Casablanca in November 1942, properly trained and equipped for active duty. His knowledge of the country, language, and people was of immense value in establishing and maintaining congenial relations with civil authorities. As assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, he demonstrated unusual efficiency and zeal in assisting two bomb groups and one fighter group, newly arrived in this theater, to set up their intelligence sections. His contribution in the technique of briefing and interpretation have been of inestimable value to officers inexperienced in combat operations. This officer's enthusiasm, sound judgment, and unusual attention to his responsibilities have played a vitally important part in the success of his organization in the North African Campaign. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

ARTHUR F. ZITTWITZ, 0217817, Major, Ord., 6?? Ordnance Regiment (Base), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the development and organization of the Twin Unit Peck-Single Unit Pack assembly plant, ???. As Superintendent of the assembly plant, Major Zittwitz has successfully trained a large number of Italian internees as mechanics and has increased production to considerably more than its rated capacity, demonstrating creativeness in developing and improving the methods of assembly and thereby a major contribution to the solution of the transportation problem in North Africa. Entered service from Highland Park, Illinois.

ALBERT P. CONNOR, 020699, Lieutenant Colonel, Inf., Headquarters, ?? Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 April 1943 to 23 July 1943. Since the conclusion of the Tunisian campaign he was been chief of the ?? Infantry Division Planning Board, charged with preparation of plans for a vital section of the Sicilian campaign. Upon him rested the responsibility for determining the assault scale of the operation based upon naval craft available, supplies required, and the tactical situation. On one occasion, in the absence of his Commanding General, a change in the master plan necessitated a change in the Division plan. Colonel Connor prepared a new plan for presentation to his General upon his return. In his work, he has displayed a profound understanding of military tactics which belied his youthfulness for a position of such responsibility, and which with his unswerving attention to a task of immense proportions contributed in a large degree to the success of the Allied Forces in this campaign. Entered service from Helena, Montana.

WILLIAM C. SIA, 0307192, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, Headquarters, Atlantic Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 25 October 1942 to 18 August 1943. As Salvage Officer

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for the Atlantic Base Section, Colonel Ela's detailed knowledge of Quartermaster procedure, executive ability, keen vision in taking advantage of existing facilities and outstanding initiative in utilization of these facilities resulted in increased utility of Quartermaster supplies and material economies in the Theater. He established precedents for conversion of available civilian industry to military use, even to the extent of employing a native tent-maker, buying his machinery, and transferring the plant to the Salvage Warehouse, where ninety-five per cent of tents turned in for salvage are now repaired and returned for service. His performance of duty has been exemplary and reflects the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from Squantum, Massachusetts.

DAVID R. GIRDWOOD, 0480925, Lieutenant Colonel, TC, Headquarters ** Port Transportation Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 24 April 1943. As acting superintendent and subsequently as Superintendent of Army Transport Service, Mediterranean Base Section, Lieutenant Colonel Girdwood quickly applied his keen technical knowledge to the task of transforming the service into an extremely efficient organization. His services contributed substantially to the operation of the port since the beginning of operations and to the assurance of essential supply to our troops.

ROY R. GRINKER, 0491914, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As neuropsychiatrist on the staff of the Air Surgeon, ** **, from December 1942 to July 1943, this officer, by his sound scientific knowledge, thorough understanding of the problems of fatigue and neuroses in combat crews and practical handling of these cases, returned the maximum number to duty. He acted as consultant in neuropsychiatry to the entire command in North Africa and so organized the Neuropsychiatric Service as to render expert medical care to this class of cases during all phases of the operations in North Africa. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

THOMAS F. GUNN, 0112193, Lieutenant Colonel, TC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 January 1943 to 25 July 1943 as Deputy Port Commander and Executive of the ** Port Headquarters, T. C. He has materially assisted in increasing the productivity in tonnage discharged at the Port, in smoothing out the difficulties of debarkation of large numbers of troops and the embarkation of patients returning to the United States, and reduced the hardships of arriving and departing troops. Prior to foreign service, Lieutenant Colonel Gunn was intimately connected with the planning for the occupation of North Africa, especially in setting up the Petroleum Division of the Transportation Section, Headquarters, Atlantic Base Section. Residence at appointment: Portland, Oregon.

BEN (NMI) HARRELL, 029276, Lieutenant Colonel, CAC, Headquarters, ** Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, from 1 April 1943 to 23 July 1943. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of a Sub-task Force three times as large as the Headquarters to which it was assigned, he was charged with the preparation and training of this greatly augmented number of troops for the Sicilian campaign.

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In conducting this training and preparation, Colonel Harrell was obliged to plan and supervise methods of operations and types of troops considerably foreign to the normal operation of an infantry division. During the operation itself, the rapidly changing situation required the keenest tactical understanding, timely analysis, and quick decisions. His thorough and capable work in connection with training of the troops of the Sub-task Force and his accurate recommendations concerning the employment of troops as the operation progressed contributed in a large degree to the success of the campaign. Entered service from Medford, Oregon.

CHARLES E. JOHNSON, 019534, Lieutenant Colonel, Inf., Headquarters, ## Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 April 1943 to 23 June 1943. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, of a sub-task force three times as large as the headquarters to which he was assigned, his normal duties concerning supply were enormously increased. This sub-task force was engaged for a period of approximately three months in preparing for and conducting the Sicilian campaign. Colonel Johnson, through exceptional abilities, unceasing devotion to duty and keen analysis of the problems, was able to discharge a seemingly impossible burden completely and within sufficient time for the operation. His conduct throughout the period of preparation and the actual operation reflected great credit upon himself and the service. Entered service from Columbia, South Carolina.

IRVIN A. LEX, 0183427, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, Atlantic Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 13 November 1942 to 27 July 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Lex has displayed tireless initiative and unfailing tact in the procurement of civilian labor, and in the solution of many other perplexing problems. The effective manner in which he has handled those matters has resulted in the maximum use of civilians. He has thereby greatly improved economic conditions in French Morocco, and has released the maximum number of United States troops for combat duty. Entered service from Baltimore, Maryland.

AUGUSTINE F. LITTLE, JR, 020576, Lieutenant Colonel, CE, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period December 1942 to April 1943. Colonel Little, as Commanding Officer of the ## Engineer Battalion, was given the task of constructing fighter airdromes in the forward areas around ##, ## and ##. Working under the handicaps of limited man power, equipment, and materials, and with frequent interference by enemy action, Colonel Little met every time-schedule despite the drastic limitations as to time, and always had his new fields ready for operation by the dates set. His foresight, personal drive and leadership have contributed immeasurably to the completion of many projects which in turn played important parts in the air combat in this Theater. Entered United States Military Academy from Georgia.

KENNETH D. McKENZIE, 0356276, Lieutenant Colonel, TC, Headquarters, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 24 February 1943 to 25 July 1943. He organized the Transportation Section and established the system of co-ordinating the shipping of supplies

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between base sections. Later he supervised the detailed planning for the stowing of troops and supplies of the ** Army for its embarkation for the current operations in Sicily. His high professional and technical abilities were applied by him to these tasks with such marked efficiency and tireless devotion to duty, that the smooth and successful embarkation and debarkation of this force may well be credited in large part to his efforts. Entered service from: Seattle, Washington.

CHARLES S. SANDERSON, 0176219, Lieutenant Colonel, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period from November 1942 to July 1943. As a member of the Advance Echelon, Rail Division of the Transportation Section, Headquarters Services of Supply, Task Force "A", Western Task Force (now Atlantic Base Section) he met every situation and performed every assignment with complete devotion and rare professional ability resulting in a completely harmonious and successful delivery of supplies and personnel under trying circumstances. Of inestimable benefit to the United States Army, his vigorous action, unhesitating decisions, and his capacity to quickly and accurately analyze the task resulted in restoration of rail service in less than half the estimated time following the complete demolition of a thirty-five car freight train, during a critical period in the movement of American supplies to the Tunisian battle-front. Entered service from: Augusta, Georgia.

JOHN H. SNYDER, 0316932, Lieutenant Colonel, MC, ** Surgical Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 March 1943 to 8 April 1943. On many occasions Lieutenant Colonel Snyder, Chief of the Surgical service, worked unceasingly at the operating table until exhausted and then after only two hours rest would continue his duties. The fidelity to his task and the calm and tenacious manner in which he performed his duties were a fine example and an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact. Lieutenant Colonel Snyder's performance of duties exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Slatington, Pennsylvania.

MERCER G. WALTER, 017151, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters, ** Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 April 1943 to 23 July 1943. During this period, Colonel Walter, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, of a sub-task force, received, classified and conveyed to his Commanding General with an absolute minimum of delay the immense mass of vital information necessary to intelligently conduct such a vast operation as the Sicilian campaign. Despite the many and extreme difficulties of an hourly changing situation, his complete knowledge of G-2 procedure and his intrinsic ability to think clearly and quickly in times of great duress, enabled him to fulfill his responsibilities expeditiously and with great proficiency. Entered service from Washington, D.C.

CHARLES L. LOCKETT, 0911696, Lieutenant Colonel, CE, Eastern Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 20 March 1943 to 28 July 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Lockett planned, organized and directed the petroleum service, Eastern Base Section, during and

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subsequent to the Tunisian campaign. From the outset he anticipated the demands for petroleum supplies of the combat troops and service troops. Though these supplies and equipment for handling them were often inadequate and at times it seemed that the petroleum service would fail to meet the demands being made upon it, Lieutenant Colonel Lockett always managed to meet the requirements. With outstanding energy, judgment and professional ability he concentrated all available means for the accomplishment of these tasks. His performance was a material factor in the successes of our armies during this period, and his accomplishments reflect credit upon the armed forces of the United States. Entered service from Amarillo, Texas.

DON E. CARLETON, 015415, Colonel, GSC, Headquarters 9th Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from May 1943 to July 1943. Since the conclusion of the Tunisian campaign, he has been Chief of Staff of a sub-task force three times as large as the headquarters to which he was assigned. In directing his staff toward the completion and execution of plans for the Sicilian campaign his tireless devotion to duty, his force and initiative and his coordination of the tremendous task with which the staff was confronted have been superlative. This unstinted devotion to a task that presented almost insurmountable difficulties in each phase continued from early May until the sub-task force completed its mission in late July. The rapid success of the operation in which his headquarters was engaged is attributable in a large degree to Colonel Carleton's outstanding work. In addition, his example in these respects spurred his staff officers to greater efforts by serving as an inspiration and guide in the discharge of their arduous duties. Entered service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

WILBUR G. DOCKUM, 05392, Colonel, FA, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 23 March 1943 to 25 July 1943. As Commanding Officer, ** Replacement Depot, Colonel Dockum equipped and operated a replacement depot which has been able to carry any extraordinary load without any let down in the efficiency of the organization or the morale of the troops. He has displayed resourcefulness and energy in the processing and housing of troops under adverse conditions and has effectively supervised the training of the troops after arrival. He has processed and maintained a steady flow of replacements to the forward areas. Colonel Dockum's initiative, resourcefulness and devotion to duty has inspired his subordinates, and his performance of duty has been a credit to himself and to the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Beverly, Massachusetts.

MORRIS W. GILLAND, 012066, Colonel, GSC, Headquarters, Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 25 March 1943 to 10 July 1943. As head of the Planning Section, and later as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Services of Supply, Colonel Gilland prepared the basic supply plans and co-ordinated all the supply activities of this command, thus efficiently fulfilling the especially difficult and complex mission for the Sicilian operation. He displayed a remarkably comprehensive knowledge of the overall supply problems of this Theater and performed his duties with profound determination,

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judicious foresight and firm leadership. By his unyielding devotion to duty and his significant contribution to the war effort, Colonel Gilland upheld the highest traditions of the Service so as to reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered the United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

MELVILLE F. GRANT, 014977, Colonel, AGD, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 September 1942 to 26 July 1943. As Adjutant General, SOS, Task Force "A" (later reactivated as Atlantic Base Section), Colonel Grant demonstrated leadership, planning and organizational abilities of a superior quality during its preliminary organization and during its operation, thereby contributing in a large measure to the successful accomplishment of the mission assigned. In his later assignment as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Atlantic Base Section, his tact, untiring energy, keen judgment, and sound forceful application of policies governing personnel problems have been a material factor in the efficient operation of the Base Section. Entered United States Military Academy from Massachusetts.

HENRY J. HOEFFER, 016769, Colonel, CE, Northwest African Air Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period of December 1942 to April 1943. Colonel Hoeffer, as Engineer of the ** **, was responsible for details of airdrome construction in the forward areas east of Algiers. By his intelligent leadership, skillful organization of his limited resources in men and equipment, and by his own untiring attention to duty, Colonel Hoeffer has carried to successful completion an airdrome construction program which has contributed in marked degree to the successful air operations in this Theater. The groups of aircraft in the ** area, the ** area, the ** area and along the coast in the ** area are all evidences of his organizing and planning ability and his outstanding achievement in leadership. Entered United states Military Academy from Colorado.

HUBERT KYLE, JR., 016697, Colonel, AC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as liaison representative for the Commanding General, ** in the Zone of the Interior, during the period of 10 August 1942 to 18 February 1943. Colonel Kyle was entrusted with the highly important task of coordinating the procurement, allocation and shipment of personnel essential for the Force in anticipation of its entry into an active theater of operations. His unusual judgment, expert professional knowledge, foresight and careful planning in which both secrecy and element of time were important factors, were reflected in the effective operations of this force in the North African Theater. Entered service from Georgia.

WARREN EVARD PUGH, 012044, Colonel, Inf., Atlantic Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 12 September 1942 to 26 July 1943. As civil affairs officer of the Western Task Force, he served with distinction. Subsequently, as Commanding Officer of the Casablanca area, he has been responsible for the internal security and air defense, also for maintaining an efficient procedure for alerts and for coordinating efforts. Colonel Pugh displayed marked success in the sanitation, police and prevention of fire in the area. His achievements and devotion to duty have been a fine example to the personnel of the area. Entered service from: Chicago, Illinois.

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ARTHUR H. ROGERS, 06206, Colonel, Inf., ** Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 May 1943 to 23 June 1943. As commanding officer of an Infantry Regiment engaged in the Sicilian campaign, his mission was to storm the beach defenses and to proceed to the final objective as rapidly as the situation permitted. Because his troops were thoroughly and skillfully trained, because they had been brought to the peak of physical condition and because his planning of the operations in his sector was tactically sound and complete, his mission was accomplished far ahead of schedule. The fierceness and speed with which his command attacked and reduced not only the beach defenses, but defensive positions along the entire line of advance, stunned and demoralized the enemy to such an extent that the objective was reached with few casualties. Despite the rapidity of the enemy retreat Colonel Rogers was able to maintain contact with the enemy by forced marches and by the most intelligent application of tactical principles. The superior performance of his command is attributable directly to the skill and intensity of his preparations. His leadership and ability were an inspiration to his command and contributed immeasurably to the success of the campaign. Entered service from Yankton, South Dakota.

ALEX F. SCHNEIDER, 01064C, Colonel, AC, Northwest African Strategic Air Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He was liaison representative for the Commanding General, ** ** in the Zone of the Interior during the period 10 August 1942 to 18 February 1943. Colonel Schneider was intrusted with the highly important task of coordinating with the supply and technical services for the procurement, allocation, and shipment of supplies, equipment, and materiel essential to the Force in anticipation of its entry into an active theater of operations. His unusual judgment, expert professional knowledge, foresight and careful planning in the execution of this highly important assignment in which both secrecy and the element of time were important factors, were reflected in the effective operations of this force in the North African Theater. Entered service from: Washington, D. C.

HARRY E. SERMAN, 01243, Colonel, Inf., ** Infantry Division (Reinforced), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As the officer in command of an Infantry Regiment during the Sicilian offensive, he accomplished his assigned mission of attacking the beach defenses and reaching the final objective far ahead of schedule. His command quickly routed the enemy forces and pressed forward with such speed that the objective was attained with a minimum of casualties. His signal success in this operation is the result of the intensive and efficient training given his troops and is a compliment to his keen understanding of the tactical situation. His planning and aggressive leadership in commanding his regiment in battle was an extremely valuable asset to the victorious completion of the campaign. Entered service from Livonia, New York.

H. JOHAN TUELS, 015545, Colonel, GSC, Atlantic Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 21 October 1942 to 27 July 1943, initially as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff,

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G-4, Services of Supply, Task Force "A", and later as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Atlantic Base Section. Colonel Theis demonstrated leadership and organizational ability of a superior quality and was a dynamic force behind the forwarding of supplies to the troops, participating in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns. His sound, logistical background applied through his constant attention to detail contributed to a high degree to the successful accomplishment of the supply mission of the Atlantic Base Section. His energetic leadership and outstanding performance of duty reflect the highest traditions of our Army. Entered United States Military Academy from Ohio.

THOMAS D. LEWIS, 015020, Brigadier General, AUS, (then Colonel), Headquarters ** Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period July 1942 to October 1942 in England. General Lewis displayed exceptionally meritorious service in assimilating and directing the training of artillery units assigned to the ** Corps. He participated in the planning of amphibious operations and landed with the assault echelons on the shores of North Africa. His cheerfulness and his ability as an organizer contributed greatly to the success of the expedition by establishing friendly relations with French units upon the cessation of hostilities. As artillery officer, ** Army, his tireless and exceptionally skilfull efforts were of invaluable aid in the procurement of vital and urgently needed equipment for American artillery units engaged in the Tunisian campaign. His remarkably effective handling of administrative problems and his sincere appreciation of his duty, have reflected a great credit upon the Service. Entered United States Military Academy from San Antonio, Texas.

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LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, the Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

HAROLD V. ROBERTS, 016357, Colonel, AGD, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 15 September 1942 to 10 April 1943. As Deputy Adjutant General, in charge of the rear echelon, Adjutant General's Section, Allied Force Headquarters, Colonel Roberts (then Lieutenant Colonel) displayed exceptional qualities of leadership and professional skill in directing the vitally important work of the echelon, while preparing and co-ordinating its movement to North Africa. Prior to this, he organized the Mail and Records Division, which included the Cables and Classified Records Branches, and trained all of its personnel to perform its highly skilled and complex activities. Since arriving in North Africa, his duties and responsibilities increased many fold, but by keen foresight, sound judgment and unflagging enthusiasm, he made possible the Division's high record of efficient performance, and has thereby contributed greatly to the smooth and efficient functioning of the Adjutant General's Section as a whole. Entered service from Washington.

CLARENCE L. ADCOCK, 09210, Brigadier General, AUS, (then Colonel, GSC), Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 21 June 1942 to 9 March 1943, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, II Corps, Center Task Force and Headquarters Fifth Army. During this period, General Adcock as the result of fine judgment reconciled many conflicting demands and succeeded in shipping balanced stocks which met the tactical demands. He otherwise also contributed materially to the success of the landings of the Allied Forces in North Africa and to the successful organization of the Fifth Army in this Theater. Entered the United States Military Academy from Massachusetts.

ARTHUR S. NEVINS, 07210, Brigadier General, AUS, (then Colonel, GSC), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 September 1942 to 1 February 1943 as Deputy Chief of Staff, [illegible] Corps and as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, [illegible] Army. During the planning phase for the occupation of North Africa he played an important part in the preparation of tactical plans. Subsequently he distinguished himself in rendering valuable assistance in the supervision of the execution of these plans. Brigadier

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General Nevins also made plans for, organized, and established the G-3 Section of the ** Army. He effectively administered the affairs of this section until released for duty with a planning group at Allied Force Headquarters. By his ability to organize great masses of detail into a usable and understandable form, Brigadier General Nevins has contributed materially to the success of the Allied Cause. Entered the Military Service from Illinois.

JOHN M. O'DANIEL, 07342, Brigadier General, AUS, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period September 1942 to 7 July 1943. Brigadier General O'Daniel directed the operation of the American Invasion Training School in the United Kingdom with exceptional efficiency prior to the occupation of North Africa and subsequently distinguished himself as commander of a Regimental Combat Team in the Eastern Task Force. In both capacities Brigadier General O'Daniel contributed materially to the highly successful operations. Later he organized and operated the ** Army Invasion Training Center with exceptional energy and efficiency and provided valuable amphibious training for numerous American units. His outstanding achievements have reflected great credit on the military service. Entered service from Delaware.

TROY H. MIDDLETON, 03476, Major General, AUS, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Commanding General of the ** Infantry Division during the Sicilian campaign. The successes of the ** Infantry Division were due largely to the careful planning and exceptional training of the staff and units under Major General Middleton. By keen foresight, a thorough appreciation of the tactical principles involved, and sustained effort, he directed the invasion and subsequent offensive action of his command in a masterly manner to drive the enemy from extremely difficult terrain. His exercise of superior generalship in maintaining constant pressure on the enemy in the ** Division sector was a vital link in the combined American, British, and Canadian operation in Sicily. His forceful leadership contributed greatly to the superior battle performance of his Division and to the Allied victory in the Sicilian campaign. Entered service from Mississippi.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit Medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following individuals:

JACK W. GREAVES, 18075655, Technician Third Grade, ++ Engineer Pipeline Company (Sep) (Prov), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period September 1942 to July 1943. Technician Third Grade Greaves was particularly competent in the training which he gave to the unlisted personnel of the ++ Engineer Pipeline Company, which made possible the most efficient operation of the ++ Storage Terminals by comparatively inexperienced Army personnel. Most outstanding of his work was the temporary pumping installation for which he was entirely responsible at the ++ ++ when the main-line booster station was damaged beyond repair. This temporary pumping installation was begun and completed in two days, thus permitting a waiting tanker to completely unload and sail with its scheduled convoy. His ability to cope with the many engineering difficulties encountered in this and numerous other instances, has done much to insure the supply of vitally needed fuel to combat units. Entered service from Big Spring, Texas.

MARION C. LOUDRIDGE, 39309053, Technician Third Grade, ++ Engineer Pipeline Company (Sep) (Prov), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from September 1942 to July 1943. Since the organization of the Pipeline Company, he has been its advance reconnaissance man and as such has had the responsibility of determining the fitness for petroleum products of captured or confiscated installations in ++ and ++, Algeria; ++ and ++, Algeria; ++ and ++, Tunisia. He has kept the various working details of the Company coordinated and has kept the proper relationship between the job to be done and the supplies available constantly in view. His keen judgment and initiative has done much to expedite the rehabilitations of these installations so that they could be utilized immediately for storage of bulk petroleum products. Entered service from Grant's Pass, Oregon.

EDGAR PATTERSON, 33266202, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, ++ Engineer Battalion (Sep), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 15 March 1943 to 17 July 1943. Technical Sergeant Patterson was particularly outstanding in carrying out his main job of handling labor at the Philippeville Docks, Eastern Base Section. He ordered the necessary native labor, distributed them and generally supervised their activities with creditable efficiency under rushed conditions and with no precedents, working untiringly for long hours beyond the call of duty. He carefully obeyed and carried out all his

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orders and used his initiative to good effect in matters not covered by orders. He contributed considerably toward handling large quantities of supplies at a critical place during a critical period. He won the admiration of both American and British officers and was a source of confidence and inspiration to all ranks working on the docks. His devotion to duty and outstanding ability reflect credit upon himself and his unit. Entered service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BLAKE L. WORKMAN, 38171327, Technical Sergeant, ++ Engineer Pipeline Company (Sep' (Prov), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the construction of pipeline facilities during the period September 1942 to July 1943. Since the organization of this unit in England, he has been the back-bone of the construction section; he has continually been a man on whom the commanding officer could rely for a complete picture of the progress of work, first in ++, Algeria, then at ++ - ++ area and finally at ++ and ++, Tunisia. Technical Sergeant Workman has devoted his time and concentrated efforts to keeping all phases of pipeline and tank construction progressing so that each project would be completed on schedule and ready for operation. The personal interest that he has shown has set an example for all men of the company and has encouraged them to greater effort. Entered service from Opelousa, Louisiana.

CHARLES B. GHOLSON, 0909235, Captain, C.E., Engineer Section, Eastern Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from September 1942 to July 1943. In September 1943, without precedent, he made plans for and activated the first American Engineer Pipeline Company formed in the United Kingdom. With a will and determination he secured and improved equipment for training and operation. The Pipeline Company debarked at ++, Algeria four days after the initial occupation of North Africa and immediately assumed control of petroleum distribution in the area. After laying pipelines in the rear area and as the campaign progressed, he assumed the task of pipeline and storage construction for most of North Africa. Through his untiring efforts, excellent judgment and leadership, the pipelines were used to provide an ample supply of gasoline to critical points during the final phase of the North African campaign. Entered service from Jackson, Mississippi.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 5 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

SIDNEY TAUSEND, 01690555, Captain, M.C., ++ Ordnance Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 5 April 1943 to 9 May 1943. Captain Tausend provided medical attention of a high order for every unit of the battalion despite the fact that for long periods units were widely separated. This situation posed a problem for the sole medical officer of the unit that appeared almost insuperable. By raising his entire section to a high degree of efficiency and general technical knowledge, by establishing and maintaining cooperative liaison with medical units near outlying companies and detachments of the battalion, Captain Tausend performed most outstanding services in safeguarding the health of the command. His professional skill, genuine interest and high sense of duty have been of inestimable value to the battalion. Entered service from Bronx, New York.

GEORGE G. THOMPSON, 0349186, Captain, Cav., Eastern Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from February 1943 to July 1943. Captain Thompson was selected for service in the office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Eastern Base Section when that organization was first being formed, and during the Tunisian campaign and the preparations for the invasion of Sicily he served as Administrative Officer and head of the Troops Movements Section. In this capacity he handled in a very superior manner the details of coordinating arrangements for the reception of large numbers of troop units, and was directly responsible for knowing at all times the location and employment of all troops in the Eastern Base Section. His unswerving devotion to duty, cheerful cooperation, good judgment and ingenuity contributed materially to the success of the Allied war effort and his conduct has been at all times an inspiration to those associating with him. Entered service from Decatur, Georgia.

HORACE B. DOZIER, 0381425, Major, M.C., Headquarters, Eastern Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as hospitalization and evacuation officer from 21 March 1943 to 21 July 1943. During this period, the Base Section supported the operation of the American Forces in the Tunisian campaign. During the final phases of this campaign, Major Dozier actively participated in the forward area by coordinating and supervising the evacuation of battle casualties. He assisted in the preparation and execution of the entire hospitalization and evacuation program. This program was so efficiently planned and executed that the evacuation of

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patients was effected with an absolute minimum of delay, even during the final phases when movements of large units were made with great rapidity, evacuation lines were long, and communication facilities almost non-existant. The efficient and capable manner in which Major Dozier carried on his duties played a great part in the excellent medical care which was provided for battle casualties. Entered service from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

JOHN G. SWEETLAN, 0319609, Major, Ord., ++ Ordnance Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 February 1943 to 20 May 1943. As maintenance officer of the battalion, he planned, organized and directed the maintenance activities of a varying number of ordnance companies to the end that large quantities of both combat and general purpose vehicles were expeditiously unloaded, assembled and delivered to forward agencies and combat units. At the same time, ordinary ordnance maintenance service was rendered to many widely scattered units. Major Sweetlan's attainments, embracing every form of ordnance maintenance, are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered service from Fairlawn, New Jersey.

CHARLES E. SAITZMAN, 0275984, Colonel, G.S.C, Headquarters ++ Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 7 November 1942 to 4 September 1943 as Liaison Officer, Allied Force Headquarters, ++ Army, and as Deputy Chief of Staff, ++ Army. His diligence, tact and initiative in maintaining friendly and cooperative liaison between American, British and French forces during the occupation of Algiers and Constantine contributed materially to the successful occupation of the cities and to the efficient establishment of Allied Force Headquarters. His skill, tact and diplomacy was of inestimable value in the establishment of cordial and friendly relations with the French and Moroccan officials, and his outstanding initiative and professional ability contributed in a high degree to the efficient operation of the Headquarters ++ Army. Entered United States Military Academy from Illinois.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

VICTOR KIZALA, 01290436, Second Lieutenant, MAC, ** Armored Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. On 24 and 25 January 1943, in the vicinity of Sened, Tunisia, Lieutenant Kizala set up and maintained an ambulance loading post in spite of intense enemy artillery fire, and was personally responsible for its efficient operation. From 1 February 1943 to 14 February 1943, in the vicinity of Sidi Bou Sid, Tunisia, Lieutenant Kizala personally supervised the evacuation of casualties to the rear from our defensive positions in the face of heavy enemy forces. When three of his ambulances were surrounded by enemy tanks, Lieutenant Kizala made several attempts at risk of his own personal safety to find a break in the surrounding ring to lead his ambulances to safety. His tireless energy, resourcefulness, and proficiency were major contributions to the successful and continuous evacuation of casualties. Entered service from Nashua, New Hampshire.

JOHN J. DOWNS, 0451855, First Lieutenant, MC, Company "A", ** Armored Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the period 14 February 1943 to 18 February 1943 in the fighting around Fiad, Sbeitla and Kasserine Pass and from 23 March 1943 to 8 April 1943 in action around Sened Station and Mehaney, Lieutenant Downs as ambulance platoon leader, maintained his loading post for casualties in exceptionally efficient operation while often under heavy enemy fire and with complete disregard of his own personal safety. Fatigued and worn by days and nights of extreme exertion, Lieutenant Downs nevertheless evacuated many casualties to his loading post in a highly meritorious manner and by his outstanding courage and leadership inspired excellent work on the part of his platoon. His exceptionally commendable conduct despite hardships is deserving of the highest praise. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

ALMOND A. DEVITTORIO, 0391802, Captain, MC, ** Armored Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period of invasion at Oran and subsequent operations of Combat Command ** in Algeria and Tunisia. In his approach to the medical aspects of moving a large body of troops into notoriously unhealthful combat areas, and in regard to the planning and supervision of casualty treatment and evacuation facilities, Captain Devittorio exhibited the highest degree of professional skill and judgment, together with a keen understanding of the specialized problems of armored combat. The untiring efforts and strict devotion to duty of Captain Devittorio contributed much to the high physical standard of troops

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within Combat Command xx and through maintaining the combat effectiveness of the command, contributed a great deal to the successful execution of its many missions. Entered service from Ridgeway, Pennsylvania.

GERALD E. GEISE, 0308280, Captain, M.A.C., xx Armored Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 April 1942 to 22 April 1943. The outstanding activities of the Battalion during combat are in large part a reflection of his efficient coordination. It was mainly through his foresight and resourcefulness that excellent medical attention was immediately available to the troops. His untiring energy has been largely responsible that the companies were able to move quickly and efficiently to correct locations in supporting the combat troops. His exceptional knowledge of the administrative functions of the battalion, devotion to duty, efficiency, dependability are worthy of the highest praise. Entered service from Iowa.

C. COBURN SMITH, 01434, Lieutenant Colonel, F.A., Headquarters, xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period November 1942 to August 1943. As acting Headquarters Commandant of Allied Force Headquarters his sincere devotion to duty, his rare ability to improvise, and his initiative and untiring efforts played a very important part in the efficient organization of the headquarters. Later, as Headquarters Commandant, xx Army, he demonstrated exceptional ability and untiring energy in establishing the facilities required for the headquarters and has performed the difficult task of operating those facilities with extraordinary fidelity and skill. He has commanded Special Troops, xx Army, and was responsible for the training and functioning of approximately 3,000 troops, a responsibility which he fulfilled in such a superior manner that the many Special Troops units have progressed to a state of high efficiency. In his frequent contacts with the French, he has tactfully and ably contributed to understanding and good will on the part of our Allies. Colonel Smith, by his untiring application to his duties, his ability to cooperate, and his exceptional ability to bring order and efficiency to a new headquarters has contributed an extremely valuable service to his country. Entered service from Oakland, California.

ROSEMAN BEAM, 05167, Colonel, A.C., Headquarters xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Chief of Staff, and subsequently as Commander of the xx Air Support Command, Colonel Beam planned and organized the activities of this command which culminated in the successful occupation of French Morocco. Due mainly to his aggressive and determined spirit, air support in this operation was skillfully coordinated with other units in effecting the landing of Task Force "A". Colonel Beam's innate sense of responsibility and inspirational leadership contributed immeasurably to the allied cause. Entered service from Louisville, Kentucky.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following enlisted men:

WILFORD C. BRINKLEY, 38041064, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, xx Armored Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period June to August 1941. Sergeant Brinkley displayed ingenious ability by co-designing and building an entirely new type vehicle, the original model of the surgical truck now a standard part of the medical equipment of his battalion. Subsequently, Sergeant Brinkley designed numerous improvements which are now incorporated into the construction of the prototypes. Since that time these vehicles have been used in the field and proved a success in battle. By his marked ability Sergeant Brinkley has contributed materially to the efficiency of his unit. Entered service from Texas.

HYGIN L. POTHIER, 31120104, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 19 November 1942 to 4 September 1943 in the Western Task Force and Headquarters xx Army, in turn. Sergeant Pothier voluntarily assisted in carrying out several dangerous missions in recovering German dud bombs at Casablanca on 31 December 1942. He rendered valuable service by instructing the French officers and non-commissioned who attended the xx Army unit gas officers' school. Entered service from Manville, Rhode Island.

JEMIE BLAKE, 15047341, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Company "C", xx Armored Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has at all times applied himself in seeing that the men serving with him are excellently trained and cared for. During the period from 22 March 1943 to 25 March 1943, in the vicinity of Maknassy, Tunisia, Sergeant Blake distinguished himself by maintaining personal contact with the forward battalion aid station, which necessitated travel to and from his company, often under heavy enemy artillery fire, during both day and night. By his ceaseless and untiring efforts, the casualties from the forward battalion aid station were evacuated to his unit in an absolute minimum of time. Entered service from Greenville, Kentucky.

EDWARD D. COOPER, 32183872, Staff Sergeant, Company "A", xx Armored Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 29 January 1943 to 3 April 1943. As surgical technician he rendered conspicuous assistance to the surgeon in the treatment section of the medical battalion, in the battles of Sened Station, Sbeitla and Kasserine Pass as well as in the El Guettar sector 1356 demonstrated

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unusual cheerfulness, enthusiasm and remarkable skill. His tireless efforts and resourcefulness were major contributions to the efficiency of the organization. Entered service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

ROBERT R. HOLDEN, 32056347, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as personal guard for the Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Allied Force and later for the Commanding General, xx Army. On 11 November 1942, only a few days after the ship transporting his battalion was torpedoed 150 miles at sea and after he had taken part in the assault made from that point in small boats, he was designated as senior guard for the Deputy Commander-in-Chief, who had arrived to establish the forward echelon, Allied Force Headquarters. At that time the political and military situation in xx was extremely uncertain and the small group of officers was substantially without personal security. Technical Sergeant Holden, by his untiring vigilance and exceptional qualities of leadership materially assisted in maintaining security for these officers. He has continued to serve with exceptional fidelity until the present date. Entered service from Newark, New Jersey.

SAMUEL ROVAR, 31016947, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, xx Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 October 1942 to 4 September 1943. He was a member of xx Corps, Rear Link, which was charged with supply and buildup of troops for the campaign. His constant devotion to duty and his tireless efforts in maintaining a high standard of efficiency within this organization among his subordinates were of inestimable value to his superior officers and his initiative did much to enable them to accomplish their mission most successfully. Upon joining the newly activated xx Army on xx 1943, Technical Sergeant Rovar again exerted himself tirelessly and his help and experience in organization and training less-experienced personnel was a dominant factor in welding these men into a smoothly working unit. Entered service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

MURRAY W. SEALEY, 20804243, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Company xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 3 September 1942 to date. Master Sergeant Sealey served with the original planning group for the Torch Operation with Headquarters, xx Corps in England. He performed his duties to a degree far beyond that which is normally expected and contributed immeasurable help to his superior officers. Upon joining the xx Army at the time of its activation, Master Sergeant Sealey demonstrated resourcefulness and a thorough knowledge of his work and played an instrumental part in welding together a group of inexperienced men into a smoothly operating administrative section. Master Sergeant Sealey's accomplishments are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and are worthy of the highest praise. Entered service from Fort Worth, Texas.

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Award, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
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I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to each of the following named officers:

THOMAS C. HAWKE, 0730779, Second Lieutenant, A.C., ++ Bomb Squadron, ++ Bomb Group (H). For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the North African Theater of Operations as bombardier of a B-17 type aircraft. At the commencement of the bombing run over ++ Italy, 16 July 1943, an anti-aircraft cannon shell exploded against the nose of his plane and a shrapnel fragment struck Lieutenant Hawke in the chest. Although in great pain and faint from loss of blood and shortness of breath, he determinedly remained at his bombsight and released his bombs on the target. Lieutenant Hawke collapsed immediately after completing his task, and died shortly thereafter. His resolute courage and unfailing devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Residence at appointment: Prescott, Arizona. Next of kin: Mr. Arthur W. Hawke, 507 S. Granite St., Prescott, Arizona.

JAGES E. MILES, 040,172, Captain, Air Corps, ++ Bomb Squadron, ++ Bomb Group. For extraordinary heroism while participating in aerial flight in the North African Theater of Operations as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft. On 22 February 1943, Captain Miles volunteered to make a low-level attack on strong enemy tank formations, motor convoys and troops advancing through the Kasserine Pass. Earlier in the day, he had attacked the same area, and ground fire had damaged his plane to such an extent that he was forced to crash-land at his base. Flying without fighter escort on his second mission of the day, Captain Miles determinedly piloted his A-20 through weather conditions which would have justified his turning back. In the face of intense and accurate ground fire, he flew over the long enemy columns at tree-top level, enabling his bombardier and gunners to bomb and strafe the target with devastating effect. His bomber was shot down by ground fire as he completed his run. Through his resolute courage and outstanding skill as a pilot, Captain Miles inflicted heavy damage on the enemy at a time when Allied positions in the area were seriously threatened by the advancing columns. His selfless devotion to duty has reflected the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. J. E. Miles, Jr. (Wife), 1745 Francis Avenue, Modesto, California.

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II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

HARLAN H. OWENS, 6646948, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ++ Armored Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the engagement at Faid Pass from 14 February to 16 February 1943, he changed the body of a surgical truck which had broken down, to the chassis of another truck so that this piece of essential equipment which was badly needed could be placed again in operation. During the engagements at Kasserine Pass on 1 March 1943 Master Sergeant Owens effected repairs on the electric generators supplying light to the surgical tents of a medical treatment station. Each of these instances required him to travel a considerable distance through territory under aerial attack by the enemy and to complete his repairs under blackout conditions. Regardless of hazard or inconvenience, Master Sergeant Owens' determination to do his duty has always enabled him to carry out successfully these and many other equally difficult assignments. Entered service from Lexington, Kentucky.

URBAN NIBLO, 012418, Colonel, Ord., Headquarters ++ Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 July 1942 until 15 February 1943. While Ordnance Officer, ++ Corps, he rendered unusually able service in the United States and then in England by developing a sound system of ordnance repair and replacement upon assuming the increased task incident to the transfer of motor vehicles from the Quartermaster Corps to the Ordnance Department. In the landing of the Center Task Force on the shores of North Africa, and during the first phases of the Tunisian Campaign, he developed a most effective system of ammunition supply which greatly facilitated supply to the combat troops. The foresight demonstrated by Colonel Niblo contributed materially to the success of the Allied Force landings in North Africa and in the Tunisian campaign. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

ARTHUR R. SUTHERLAND, JR, 0237530, Lieutenant Colonel, C.A.C., Headquarters xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He served as United States Liaison Officer on the staff of the C.O., xx L. of C. Sub-area, British Forces in North Africa from its establishment. He acted as the contact between this newly established British headquarters and the French civil and military authorities in the area. This task required tact, initiative, imagination and energy. He carried it out in a conspicuously meritorious manner to the complete satisfaction of the authorities with whom many negotiations were skilfully conducted. In addition, Lieutenant Colonel Sutherland during this period effected the liaison between the British Sub-area headquarters and the many United States units located in or passing through the overcrowded area. Entered the service from New York.

CHENEY L. BERTHOLF, 07432, Colonel, G.S.C., Headquarters xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 21 June 1942 to 22 July 1943 as Adjutant General, xx Corps and xx Army. Colonel Bertholf assisted in the establishment of the xx Corps in England and later became a member of its planning board for the xx Corps movement into North Africa. He organized a section which functioned during combat with superior results achieved under extraordinarily difficult circumstances. His superior devotion to duty, and his careful planning and exceptional foresight resulted in his reports being accurate, submitted on time, and outstanding in the theater. His diligence, organizational ability and readiness to assist any individual and consider any problem have been a source of inspiration to his associates and reflect credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the service from Iowa.

FRANK O. BOWMAN, 012090, Colonel, C.E., Headquarters xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 21 June 1942 to 2 April 1943. As Engineer, xx Corps and the Planning Group Allied Force Headquarters, Colonel Bowman exercised great tact and commendable cooperation with his associates from all Allied Nations in coordinating the many divergent details of engineering supply and operations so vital to the successful accomplishment of the amphibious landing in North Africa. In the spring of 1943, as Engineer, xx Army, he planned and organized the xx Army Engineer Training Center which developed into an outstanding project. Colonel Bowman, by his keen professional ability and superior leadership has contributed greatly to the ultimate success of the Allied Cause. Entered service from New Mexico.

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EDWARD D. HOWARD, 015361, Colonel, G.S.C., Headquarters xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 21 June 1942 to 22 July 1943. As G-2 of the xx Corps, which later became the Center Task Force, Colonel Howard displayed most exceptional efficiency, ability, and devotion to duty in the collection, evaluation, and dissemination of G-2 information, and thereby contributed materially to the success of the Allied Force Landing in North Africa. Later as a member of the xx Army Planning Group, he displayed marked initiative and sound judgment in formulating the basic plan for the G-2 Section. Upon activation of the xx Army in xx 1943, Colonel Howard continued to demonstrate exceptional ability in the collection, evaluation, and dissemination of G-2 information as a basis for planning possible military operations, thereby contributing greatly to the efficiency of the Fifth Army. Entered the United States Military Academy from Virginia.

GEORGE L. KING, 07865, Colonel, (then Lieutenant Colonel,) Headquarters xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As G-3 Air of the xx Division, Colonel King conceived and conducted many of the initial tests which resulted in the formation of the present doctrines and principles of aviation in the support of ground forces. He performed outstanding service in the planning of naval air support which, in a large measure, contributed to the successful accomplishment of the landing at, and occupation of, French Morocco. Since that time he has continued to serve with distinction in the theater. Entered service from Dobbs Ferry, New York.

FRANCIS W. PARKER, 0901219, Colonel, G.S.C., Headquarters xx Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 1 June 1942 to August 1943. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, xx Corps from June 1942 to August 1942, Colonel Parker displayed rare professional and executive ability which contributed markedly to the successful movement of the xx Corps from the United States to the United Kingdom. He later participated in the planning and execution of the initial operations in North Africa, and his outstanding leadership, his ability to assume the initiative, and his sound judgment contributed in a large measure to the successful completion of those operations. Still later, he exhibited exceptional and unique abilities for the organization and operation of the G-1 Section, xx Army. His sound judgment, calm, perseverance, and superior ability as a leader and executive, have been a source of inspiration to his subordinates and of invaluable assistance to his superiors. Entered service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Section
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Designation of Commanding Officer, Island Base Section II

I -- CONSTITUTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF THE ISLAND BASE SECTION

Effective 1 September 1943, the Island Base Section is constituted and is assigned to this headquarters.

II -- DESIGNATION OF COMMANDING OFFICER, ISLAND BASE SECTION.

Colonel ROBERT SEARS, 02632, Ordnance Department, is designated as Commanding Officer, Island Base Section.

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Announcement of Designation of Stars and Stripes Section.....I
Announcement of Designation of Chief, Stars and Stripes Section.....II
Announcement of Designation of Chief Signal Officer.....III

I - ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF STARS AND STRIPES SECTION

Announcement is made of the establishment of a Stars and Stripes Section, this headquarters.

II - ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF CHIEF, STARS AND STRIPES SECTION

Announcement is made of the designation of Lieutenant Colonel EGBERT G. WHITE, 0469560, AGD, as Chief, Stars and Stripes Section, this headquarters.

III - ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER

Announcement is made of the designation of Colonel FLOYD C. PARSONS, 06555, Signal Corps, as Chief Signal Officer, this headquarters.

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Recission of General Orders.....I
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I - RECISSION OF GENERAL ORDERS

General Orders Number 70, this headquarters, 3 August 1943, is hereby revoked and the contents thereof published in this order.

II - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

SILAS H. PARKER, 18003627, and RICHARD F. DRURY, 31105857, Privates, for extraordinary heroism in action on 24 March 1943 at Djebel Berda near El Guettar, Tunisia. When a strong enemy force attacked in the sector of Company "E", 26th Infantry, Privates Parker and Drury, together with others of their squad from the mortar platoon, turned their 81mm mortar on the enemy, shelled his positions and destroyed a machine gun. Almost immediately afterward, enemy artillery located the mortars and fired initial concentrations while an enemy tank moved to the flank, occupying a position where it could fire directly into the mortar emplacement. While nearby crews sought cover from the intense artillery fire, Privates Parker and Drury, with their Corporal, continued to fire their weapon. A direct hit from the tank's gun struck the position, killing the mortar and hurling the crew to the ground. With complete disregard for their own safety, they righted the weapon and resumed fire, destroying another machine gun. A second direct hit killed the Corporal. Still they remained at the gun, firing the mortar until it was too badly damaged to operate. Their coolness under fire and devotion to duty reflect the high traditions of the service. Residence at time of enlistment: Golden, Oklahoma, and Newark, New York.

CARMINE BATTI, 33101702, Private First Class, Company "E", 2d Battalion, 26th Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action on the night of April 1-2, 1943, near Maknassy, Tunisia. Leading an ammunition detail back to his company area, Private First Class Batti was seriously wounded in the head, chest and legs, by an enemy hand grenade, when his group was surprised and attacked by an enemy patrol which had infiltrated through our lines. Despite his wounds, and in the face of continued and observed enemy fire, he evidenced tremendous determination and courage by crawling 150 yards along the road to warn his commanding officer of the enemy infiltration. By his devotion to duty and self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of his comrades he enabled his organization to drive out the infiltration and prevent a serious breakthrough. Entered military service from: Wilmerding, Pennsylvania.

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FERDINAND POTE, 31223?7, Private First Class, Company "E", 2d Battalion, ** Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action. While operating with a voluntary night patrol northeast of Maknassy, Tunisia, during the night of 5 April 1943, Private First Class Pote received several wounds in his leg from an enemy machine gun. Despite his severe and painful wounds, and at the risk of more fatal injuries, he single-handedly assaulted the machine gun emplacement with hand grenades and routed the enemy from it. The undaunted courage, coolness under fire, and grit displayed by Private First Class Pote in the performance of this outstanding deed was an inspiration to his comrades which contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered military service from South Norwalk, Connecticut.

RUDALL (NMI) HARRIS, 20705565, First Sergeant, Company "D", ** Battalion, for extraordinary heroism in action on 10 July 1943. Himself severely wounded in the beach landing and finding his company's officers either killed or wounded, Sergeant Harris at once took command, reorganized the men and led them one and one-half miles to the designated objective and, having reached this point, directed and aided in the destruction of an enemy pillbox. The devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Harris, the spirit of self-sacrifice evidenced by his refusal to accept first aid treatment before his men had received medical care, his presence of mind, leadership and courage in the face of enemy fire, reflect the highest traditions of the service and are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Pocahontas, Iowa.

JAMES C. RUTH, 01110149, Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, for extraordinary heroism in action at Licata, Sicily on 10 July 1943. When his landing craft was beached in rough and deep water, he swam ashore with full field equipment under heavy enemy fire. He returned to the water at the risk of his own life and rescued two soldiers and one sailor, who, without his help, would have drowned. Then Second Lieutenant Ruth crawled up a forty foot cliff bordering the beach and towards a concrete emplaced enemy machine gun which was firing upon him and the troops on the beach. When within a few yards of the nest he fired into it and forced the enemy to surrender. The machine gun nest contained twelve Italians and two Germans. With utter disregard for his own life, he acted above and beyond the call of duty and thus saved the lives of many men. His actions exemplified the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Croghan, New York.

EDWIN B. SAYRE, 0407157, Captain, Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action. On the 10th day of July 1943, south of Niscemi, Sicily, Captain Sayre, of Company "A", ** Parachute Infantry, ** Airborne Division, landed by parachute gathered together 45 men, and vigorously attacked and captured an Italian garrison, killing 15 and capturing 40 prisoners, personally leading the several assaults against the enemy strongpoint. In the final assault, Captain Sayre approached the hostile position in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire in daylight and grenaded it prior to entry. When forced, by superior numbers, to withdraw, Captain Sayre led his small force to friendly lines, attached it to the ** Infantry and during the two days following, participated in their advance, always in the forefront of every movement. His conduct throughout the action was characterized by utter disregard for his own safety and by initiative and aggressiveness that inspired his fellow soldiers to emulate his deeds. Entered service from: Brackenridge, Kentucky.

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III - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to the following officer:

GEOFFREY KEYES, 03561, Major General, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility. As Commanding General of the 2d Corps, Seventh Army, General Keyes maneuvered and fought this organization from Agrigento to Palermo over distances varying from 90 to 125 miles and in one continuous and unrelenting offensive of 9 days duration successfully terminated the operation by capturing the key city of Palermo. In the conduct of this operation General Keyes demonstrated tactical judgment, courage, and skill of a most superior type, and by his continued personal contact with the front line unit commanders contributed immeasurably to the remarkable success of his own Corps and of the Seventh Army as a whole. Entered the United States Military Academy from San Diego, California.

IV - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded, in addition to Distinguished Service Cross previously awarded to the following officer:

GEORGE S. PATTON, JR, 02605, Lieutenant General, Seventh U. S. Army. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On 11 July 1943, near Gela, Sicily, when a break through by the enemy threatened to split the American lines, General Patton promptly moved to the scene of action over a road that was being constantly bombed and strafed by enemy planes. Personally directing the movement of reinforcements he closed the gap and repulsed all counter-attacks. His prompt action in the attack and his presence on the front line among his troops prevented the recapture of Gela by the enemy and made possible the establishment of a secure bridgehead. Entered the Military Academy from California.

V - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit to the following named individuals:

HARRY J. KELLY, 13031187, Private First Class, (then Private), Military Police Platoon, 9th Infantry Division, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. With commendable ingenuity on his own time while off duty and entirely without supervision, he invented, designed and manufactured a small practical combination tool suitable for either field stripping or complete stripping of the Thompson submachine gun.

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JOHN WILLIAM SWETISH, 6562009, Staff Sergeant, The Parachute School, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as non-commissioned officer in charge of the Parachute Jump Training Division at The Parachute School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Instrumental in the development and construction of training aids and apparatus used by over 12,500 students at the Parachute School, he has handled these students with great force, intelligence and marked ability. As a result of is demonstrated skill at the school he was selected for specialized work in a theater of operations.

FRANCIS J. LOOMIS, 020951, Major, (then Captain), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Resident Engineer, ** Air Base, Major Loomis, by his leadership, initiative and ability and in spite of tremendous difficulties due to the arctic climate, shortages of personnel, equipment, and delays in shipping performed exceptionally meritorious service in the construction of the ** Air Base.

WALTER W. WENDT, 0338057, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Eastern Assault Force during the period December 25, 1941 to 15 May 1943, Lieutenant Colonel Wendt rendered service of outstanding value and importance in planning for and in the movement of the ** Infantry Division to North Ireland; in the organization, activation and supply of the Eastern Assault Force, the combined British and American Force which initially occupied Algiers; and in the exceptionally successful planning of supply operations throughout the Tunisian Campaign. Working with limited means always against a time factor and often under trying conditions he accomplished tremendous supply and evacuation tasks with finesse and drive. His inspiring leadership gained the cooperation of all with whom he came in contact. Entered the service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

BENJAMIN STERN, Colonel, 015197, Signal Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Signal Officer of the ** Fighter Command, he organized and supervised in addition to all other assigned tasks, the Air Warning Service of this unit and through his ceaseless untiring efforts and excellent example has been responsible in a large degree for its efficient organization. He also organized and supervised the establishment of the Air Warning Training School. His foresight in establishing this training center enabled the signal units at his station to carry out their commitments of officer and enlisted personnel for newly activated units.

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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

BERNARD M. GERAGHTY, 32181436, Private, ** Military Police Company. Entered service from: Long Island City, New York.

JOSEPH F. WECKERLE, 16600703, Technician Fifth Grade, **Military Police Battalion. Entered the service from: Algiers, Algeria.

EUGENE V. KEEFER, 34051581, Corporal, **Military Police Company. Entered service from: Miami, Florida.

HUGH C. COOK, 34051457, Sergeant, **Military Police Company. Entered service from: Miami, Florida.

RAYMOND B. PRESTON, 34101505, Staff Sergeant, **Military Police Company. Entered service from: Cordova, Alabama.

A train containing chemicals and high calibre ammunition caught fire and began to explode in the station at ** Algeria. Arriving soon after the initial explosion, these enlisted men took charge of and assisted in the work of evacuating wounded and deceased personnel, control of traffic to facilitate rescue work, control of prisoners of war, and attempts to localize the explosions. They worked in grave danger of their lives due to exploding shells and burning gasoline until the situation was under control. Each individual displayed selflessness and courage beyond the normal call of duty, and their services contributed immeasurably to the alleviation of suffering and to the actual saving of many lives and much property.

WALTER O. PRICE, 33200747, Private,** Railway Shop Battalion, for heroism on 4 July 1943, at **Algeria. Private Price, while a passenger on a train containing several cars of ammunition, observed smoke emanating from one of the cars. Completely disregarding his personal safety, he attempted, by climbing along the side of the cars, to extinguish the fire or be prepared to uncouple the train when it stopped. The explosions began while he was assisting in an attempt to move the rear cars to a point of safety whereupon he immediately proceeded to help evacuate the wounded from the proximity of the wreckage. In doing this, Private Price was himself severely burned. His selflessness and courage are worthy of emulation and deserving of the highest praise. Residence at enlistment: Starks, Maryland.

JAMES R. PHILLIPS, JR., 12094159, Technician Fifth Grade, and JOSEPH A. SIDZINA, 16045217, Corporal, for heroism on 29 March 1943, at **, Algeria. During the unloading of a ship at the port of **, Algeria, a fire occurred in a hold containing high explosives. Technician Fifth Grade Phillips and Corporal Sidzina with utter disregard for their own personal safety, descended

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into the hold and succeeded in extinguishing the fire. By this valorous service beyond the normal call of duty, possible destruction of the vessel and damage to the port itself were averted. Entered service from: Weehawken, New Jersey, and Detroit, Michigan, respectively.

THOMAS C. KENNEDY, 6299244, Technical Sergeant, Company "A", ** Signal Battalion, for heroism on 7 June 1943, in the vicinity of **, Tunisia. When the vehicle in which he and a companion were riding struck an enemy land mine, Sergeant Kennedy was thrown clear of the truck and rendered unconscious. Upon regaining consciousness he found his companion pinned beneath the truck which was in flames. With utter disregard for his personal safety and heedless of the flames and exploding ammunition in the truck, he extricated his companion, removed his burning clothing, and evacuated him to safety. In doing this, Sergeant Kennedy was himself severely burned. His heroism and loyalty to a fellow soldier reflect honor upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered the service from Tennessee Colony, Texas.

ROBERT C. BOLTON, 01179022, 2d Lieutenant, Cargo Security Officer on board Ship **, for heroism on 11 July 1943, at ** French Morocco. Lieutenant Bolton's attention was attracted to four children in distress several hundred feet from shore. Completely disregarding his own safety, he unhesitatingly dived into the treacherous surf and swam to their aid, returning with two of them. However, he became exhausted in his attempt to rescue the others, and was himself brought to shore in a semi-conscious condition. The courageous and selfless actions of Lieutenant Bolton exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

WALTER L. SPAULDING, 0343714, First Lieutenant, C.C.,** Port Battalion, for heroism at ** Oran, on the night of 19 May 1943. During an enemy air raid, a large vessel containing cans of high octane gasoline was struck by a bomb and began to burn. On his own initiative and in disregard of the danger from the exploding gasoline and falling flak, Lieutenant Spaulding secured a small group of volunteers to assist him, led them aboard the ship and directed a systematic fight against the uncontrolled flames. His heroic efforts saved much property and doubtlessly many lives. Entered service from: Santa Ana, California.

ROBERT C. CUNNINGHAM, 0311000, Major (then Captain) **Military Police Battalion. A train containing chemicals and high calibre ammunition caught fire and began to explode in the station at **Algeria. Arriving soon after the initial explosion, Major Cunningham directed and assisted in the work of evacuating wounded and deceased personnel, control of traffic to facilitate rescue work, control of Prisoners of War and attempts to localise the explosions. He worked in grave danger of his life due to exploding shells and burning gasoline until the situation was under control. He displayed selflessness and courage beyond the normal call of duty, and his services contributed immeasurably to the alleviation of suffering.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Award, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....II
Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for Legion of Merit.....III

I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Section I, General Orders No. 24, this headquarters, US, dated 20 April 1943, awarding the Distinguished Service Cross, posthumously to JOHN C. HAYDEN, 75752, Major, Royal Artillery, is rescinded.

II - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to each of the following individuals:

ANDRE GALVEZ, Canonnier 2d Classe, ** Artillery Regiment of Algeria, French Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on 21 December 1942, near El Aboub, Tunisia. While hostile dive bombers were strafing and bombing his position, he and the only other remaining member of his gun crew doggedly refused to be dislodged from the gun emplacement. With utter disregard for his personal safety he continued to bring extremely accurate fire to bear on approaching enemy tanks until he became exhausted from fatigue and loss of blood. His fine soldierly qualities, courage and devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

PIERRE VOISIN, Chief Adjutant, ** Tirailleurs Regiment of Tunisia, French Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on 18 January 1943 near Djebel Mansour, Tunisia. Chief Adjutant Pierre Voisin's troops were attempting to hold the high ground in this area until the arrival of American artillery. Courageously disregarding the devastating fire from enemy tanks, artillery and dive bombers he moved back and forth maintaining effective liaison until he fell seriously wounded. No route was too difficult, no sacrifice too great to deter his most noble efforts. His heroism and courage were a profound inspiration to his comrades and a great contribution to the success of the troops.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, in addition to the Legion of Merit medal previously awarded to each of the following named officers:

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ROBERT W. COLGLAZIER JR., 0223635, Colonel, (then Major), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As acting Headquarters Commandant, Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, and as Chief of the Engineering Branch of the Engineer Section, Headquarters, United States Army Northern ** Forces, and later of the Northern **Base Command, he was responsible for the establishment and development of the Headquarters, the orderly organization of the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, and the development of all engineering plans for the accommodation of the United States Army Northern ** Forces. By his intense energy, industrious application and his intelligent handling of all of his assignments, he has contributed in a marked degree to the successful carrying out of the mission of the American forces in Northern **. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

DONALD B. ADAMS, 0167951, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As engineer of the United States Army, Northern *** Forces and later of the Northern ** Base Command, he was responsible for the development of the construction program required to provide facilities for housing all American troop contingents, for the storage of all American supplies and equipment and for the construction of all storage and hospital space required for the maintenance of the Northern *** Forces, in addition to the provision of supply facilities for engineer materials and equipment and for establishment of a utilities system for the maintenance of American installations. His energy and continuous application resulted in the provision of all necessary accommodations required by American troops in this subtheater. Entered service from Charleston, West Virginia.

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Amendment to Section I, General Orders Number 56.....I
Announcement of Theater WAC Staff Director.....II

I - AMENDMENT TO SECTION I, GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 56

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 56, this headquarters, as reads "GARI P. BRUNO, 0360596, Captain, Inf., and THOMAS A. PAPROT, 0340693, Major, F.A.", is amended to read: "GORI P. BRUNO, 0360596, Captain, Inf., and THOMAS A. PAPROTT, 0340693, Major, F.A."

II - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEATER WAC STAFF DIRECTOR

1st Officer WESTRAY B. BOYCE, L303512, WAC, is announced as Theater WAC Staff Director.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following individuals:

AHMED BEN ABDALLAH, Tirailleur, **Tirailleurs Regiment of Algeria, French Army, for gallantry in action on 1 May 1943 near Djebel Mansour. With a small detachment of French soldiers he unhesitatingly went forward of friendly infantry elements and through a strongly defended enemy mine field in order to more effectively engage the enemy. Even in the face of heavy hostile artillery fire he never faltered and his rugged determination, courage and resolute spirit were exemplary and reflect great credit upon himself and the forces of the Allied nations.

MOHAMED KACEMI, Tirailleur 2d Classe,** Zouaves Regiment, French Army, for gallantry in action on 25 January 1943 in the vicinity of Kairouan, Tunisia. When enemy troops encircled and proceeded to inflict heavy casualties upon his unit, Tirailleur 2d Classe Kacemi remained at his post. Even though wounded and exhausted and when all odds seemingly were against him he nevertheless courageously and effectively manned a mortar until his weakened condition permitted him to continue no longer. His action demonstrated the highest devotion to duty and his outstanding bravery reflects great credit on the Allied Forces.

JOHANNES KLAWITTT, Legionnaire, 2d Classe, ** Foreign Legion Regiment, French Army, for gallantry in action on 9 May 1943, while maintaining liaison with the American troops in the vicinity of Djebel Zaghouan area. When enemy armored vehicles approached his position and inflicted heavy casualties on a large percentage of his group, he acted with great courage and initiative in bringing extremely effective fire to bear on the hostile troops, killing a number of enemy gunners and forcing the others to withdraw. His coolness in the face of determined hostile activity encouraged the other members of his unit and by his fortitude and initiative he contributed greatly to their success.

MARCEL TROVA, Soldat Premiere Classe, Corps Franc D'Afrique, French Army, for gallantry in action on 2 April 1943 in the vicinity of Matour, Tunisia. Advancing across open terrain in plain view of hostile forces, he voluntarily led a group of French soldiers against an enemy machine gun position. In spite of a severe head wound he continued on his mission and refused to be evacuated until the position had been taken and the enemy gun crew killed or captured. His exemplary behavior in the face of determined enemy resistance won for him the admiration and respect of the American troops.

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GEORGES GOMY, Corporal, ** Engineer Regiment, French Army, for gallantry in action on 8 May 1943 in the vicinity of Pont du Fahs, Tunisia. When the progress of our tanks was being greatly impeded by an enemy mine field, Corporal Gomy volunteered, in the face of hostile fire, to clear the route. Completely disregarding the imminent danger involved he worked courageously and skilfully until he fell seriously wounded. The gallantry and perseverance displayed by Corporal Gomy are worthy of emulation and deserving of the highest praise.

FRANCOIS MANGEOT, Sergeant, ** Foreign Legion Regiment, French Army, for gallantry in action on 10 May 1943 in the vicinity of Zaghouan, Tunisia. While maintaining constant liaison with American troops, during the bitter fighting, he was subjected to the full fury of the enemy fire. He nevertheless effectively carried out his mission and was responsible for inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. His action demonstrated the highest devotion to duty and his outstanding bravery has set an excellent example for his comrades.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following individuals:

DONALD A. BEHSELICH, W210939, Warrant Officer (JG) (then Technical Sergeant), Headquarters ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Division Chief Clerk, he was instrumental in organizing and coordinating the various sub-sections of the headquarters into a closely knit and efficient unit. Many of the necessary details, both prior and subsequent to the initial landings in North Africa, were handled under the most adverse conditions and at times he was confronted with the problem of functioning with a minimum of experienced personnel. Warrant Officer Behselich, however, surmounted these problems by perseverance, ingenuity and the injection of new and valuable ideas into the execution of the work and thereby performed remarkable feats of accomplishment. Entered service from: Fargo, North Dakota.

DEE M. WHITE, 0271312, Lieutenant Colonel, AGD, Headquarters, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period from 1 February 1943 to 19 May 1943. Colonel White commanded the Division Rear Echelon and at all times maintained a high standard of discipline and morale within his command. By his superlative leadership, initiative and resourcefulness all his subordinates were inspired to greater efforts. His devotion to duty, expert professional knowledge and sound judgment in solving the innumerable problems, many of them being confronted for the first time, reflects great credit upon himself, and his determination in constantly striving to better serve the forward elements of the Division engaged in combat contributed greatly to the successful accomplishments of the Division. Residence at appointment: Marshalltown, Iowa.

DE LOSS I. MARKEN, 0275539, Lieutenant Colonel, Ch., Headquarters, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period from 6 March 1941 to date. Chaplain Marken has applied himself diligently to supervising organization of the chaplains of the Division, coordinating and welding them into a thoroughly efficient group dedicated to maintaining the spiritual life of the Division, lifting of morale and encouraging personnel of the Division to greater efforts in performing the many arduous tasks ahead, participating constantly himself in searching combat areas including those that were mined, for the dead, removing them to cemeteries and performing last rites. All of these acts entailing long and arduous hours under adverse conditions contributed materially to the morale and credit of the Division. Residence at appointment: Des Moines, Iowa.

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HAROLD L. STIPP, 0357376, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, (then Major, AGD), Headquarters,** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, during the period from 19 September 1942 to date. As Assistant Adjutant General of the Division, he was selected to accompany the advance elements of the Eastern Assault Force. He returned to the division on its arrival in North Africa. On the Tunisian front as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, as in previous assignments, he was confronted with countless complicated and unusual administrative problems. By his keen judgment and knowledge of military affairs, he has not only performed his assigned duties in a superior manner, but has kept the different echelons excellently informed of the situation, thereby assisting greatly in the coordination of the efforts of the troops. Entered service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

A. C. STANFORD, 05273, Brigadier General, AUS, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in action as commander of the ** Division Artillery from June 1942 to June 1943. The successes of the Division in the Tunisian campaign can be attributed largely to the continuous, prompt, devastating fire support which the artillery units rendered for the assistance of the Infantry. The defeat of the enemy tank attacks in the vicinity of Sbiba and of enemy counter attacks on Hill 609 were to a large part due to the murderous fire laid down by the artillery units under his command. During action, General Stanford was continually in forward observation posts, efficiently directing and controlling the fire of his units. His example won the respect of his men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered United States Military Academy from Michigan.

ROBERT V. MARAIST, 07570, Brigadier General, AUS, (then Colonel, EA), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has throughout the Tunisian Campaign in his capacity as Artillery Commander, ** Division, and as Commanding Officer, Combat Command "D" during its successful operation at Station de Sened 31 January to 4 February 1943, without thought or consideration for his personal safety or comfort, continuously remained in the extreme forward areas leading his troops, coordinating and concentrating the fires of his own and reenforcing artillery battalions with such efficiency as to overwhelm and completely demoralize enemy forces opposing this division. He has, by his continuous presence with combat troops actively engaged in operations, drawn on his wide knowledge and experience to guide, lead, organize and instill self confidence in junior commanders and troops under his command and those with whom he has been associated. By his steadfast determination to drive forward aggressively he has set a standard and example for officers and men alike. The exemplary manner in which Brigadier General Maraist performed his indispensable services is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service 15 August, 1917 from St. Martinville, Louisiana.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Award of Distinguished Service Medal.....I
Award of Legion of Merit.....II
Award of Soldier's Medal.....III

I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Distinguished Service Medal to the following named individual:

JAMES H. DOOLITTLE, 0271385, Major General, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility. General Doolittle has been in command of the Northwest African Air Force since its organization on February 18, 1943. The operations of the Air Force were responsible in a great measure for a critical reduction in the supplies and reinforcements urgently needed by the enemy. His energy, good judgment, exceptional qualities of leadership, and his whole-hearted cooperation were a primary factor in the ultimate success of the air operations during the Tunisian campaign. The success of the air operations during the Tunisian and in this campaign have established a measure of air supremacy which has been a primary factor in the reduction of Pantellaria and in the successful invasion of Sicily.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit to the following named individuals:

MARK W. CLARK, 05309, Lieutenant General, (then Major General), Army of the United States, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Deputy Chief of Staff, General Headquarters, United States Army, and as Chief of Staff, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, he displayed tireless energy, great resourcefulness and military attainment of a high order in solving, with sound judgment, perplexing problems and assisting in the training of units of Army Ground Forces as Commanding General of the II Corps. By his tact, professional efficiency and leadership, he laid the groundwork in the European Theater for a vast organizational housing and training development for United States Army Ground Forces. His exceptional military judgment, common sense, devotion to duty and loyal services were of inestimable value to the Theater Commander.

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CARL SPAATZ, 03706, Lieutenant General, (then Major General), Army of the United States, for exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force, General Spaatz has been unusually successful in the solution of difficult problems of air organization, quartering, training, and maintenance in the European Theater. He established and maintained cooperation with the Royal Air Force and his outstanding qualities of leadership were reflected in the high morale and increasing efficiency of the American Air Forces in Great Britain. His foresight, zeal and sound judgment made him of inestimable value to the Theater Commander.

III - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

JAMES TURNES, 34104400, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 1st Engineer Regiment (GS), for heroism on 15 May 1943 near Makmassy, Tunisia. Sergeant Turnes was riding in a jeep with two officers when the vehicle struck an enemy mine killing one officer and pinning Sergeant Turnes and the other officer under it. Although painfully wounded they managed to extricate themselves, whereupon Sergeant Turnes made his way about three-fourths of a mile to a small town and summoned aid. The selflessness and courage displayed by Sergeant Turnes in completely disregarding his own injuries undoubtedly saved this officer's life, and is deserving of the highest praise. Entered the service from: Birmingham, Alabama.

JACK CAMPBELL, Private, 34152857, and WALTER J. ROBINSON, Private, 13027423, both of Company "C", 2d Port Battalion Transportation Corps, for heroism on 19 May 1943 at [illegible] Algeria. During an enemy air raid, a large vessel containing cans of high octane gasoline was struck by a bomb and began to burn. Disregarding the danger from the exploding gasoline and falling flak, Privates Campbell and Robinson voluntarily and without hesitation boarded the ship and worked valiently to bring the flames under control. Their heroic efforts saved much property and doubtlessly many lives. Entered service from: Shreveport, Louisiana; and Dasher, Pennsylvania, respectively.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Award of Legion of Merit by War Department.....I
Award of Legion of Merit.....II
Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for Legion of Merit.....III
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I - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit to each of the following named individuals:

GEORGE F. T.S.SGT., 6698754, Technical Sergeant, 1st Provisional MP Section.

HAROLD J. RAFERTY, 6920647, Master Sergeant, Headquarters, II Corps.

LELAND ... BRISTOL, W2101[illegible], Warrant Officer, Headquarters, Mediterranean Base Section.

For exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of outstanding service. An enlisted man, they volunteered in time of peace for hazardous duty in the war zone with Special Army Observer Group, London, England. By unselfish devotion to duty, efficient and meritorious service, they rendered invaluable assistance to the group and later to the Headquarters, European Theater of Operations.

LUCIAN K. TRUSCOTT, JR., 07096, Major General, (then Brigadier General) U.S. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service while in charge of the development of plans of a combined operations force and the successful establishment of the initial unit of this force. He constantly exhibited a keen insight into the many complexities of organizing combined operations. His untiring efforts, sound judgment, zeal, efficiency, and ability successfully to establish and maintain close cooperation with both the British High Command and the British combined operation forces were of inestimable value to the theater commander. Residence at appointment: Norman, Oklahoma.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular Number 151, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named officers:

ANTHON F. STEENBERG, 0-[illegible], Major, AC, Headquarters Command, Allied Force. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As United States Army Liaison Officer with the [illegible] (British)

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Brigade during the period 8 November to 26 December 1942 Major Strommen contributed greatly to the successful operations of that unit against the enemy. In addition to his normal routine duties he voluntarily took charge of requisitioning, operating and maintaining a fleet of trucks for the use of the British Army. He organized billeting facilities and planned and assisted in setting up and operating the plan for area defense. On 14 November 1942 during an intense and sustained air attack by enemy planes he heroically removed a disabled truck loaded with valuable equipment to a place of concealment. His efficient courtesy contributed immeasurably to amicable relations between the local allied forces. Home address: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

EGBERT C. WHITE, 0469560, Lieutenant Colonel, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Publications Officer, Stars and Stripes, North Africa, he supervised the publication of a soldiers' newspaper which materially aided the morale of Allied troops throughout the North African Theater of Operations. His resourcefulness, enthusiasm, and tireless application to duty materially aided in the overcoming of innumerable difficulties encountered due to lack of adequate facilities and materials. Entered the service from Tuckahoe, New York.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award by the War Department of a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, in addition to the Legion of Merit medal previously awarded, to the following named officer.

AUGUST C. HAHN, 0406912, Colonel (then Lieutenant Colonel), Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in the Army Postal Service, the Adjutant General's Office. By his organizational and planning ability, he has been instrumental in building up the Army Postal Service from a paper concept to a functioning activity. His observations and report on Australia and the Pacific area resulted in improvement of the mail handling facilities.

IV - AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 50

The first words of the paragraph of Section IV, General Orders Number 50, this headquarters, cs, which read, "RAY A. DUNN, 09561, Colonel, AC", are amended to read "RAY A. DUNN, 09561, Brigadier General, USA, (then Colonel, AC)." The other reference in said paragraph to "Colonel Dunn" is amended to read "Brigadier General Dunn".

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Award, Posthumous, of Soldier's Medal.....I
Award of Soldier's Medal.....II

I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

EZEL THOMAS, 34277471, Private, Company "D", ** Engineer Battalion (Sep), for heroism on 30 June 1943, at Bizerte, Tunisia. Private Thomas, without thought or danger to his own life, plunged into the Bay of Bizerte at night in unknown waters and rescued a fellow soldier who had fallen in and was unable to swim. He accomplished the rescue but was drowned himself. The unselfish heroism and courage displayed by Private Thomas are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Sinnie Colson Thomas, his mother, Route 2, Box 164, West Point, Mississippi.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

1. WADE H. SANDIFER, 34121809, Private, ** Ordnance Ammunition Company. Home address: Cope, South Carolina.
BRYANT L. HARDIN, 18117632, Private First Class, ** Ordnance Ammunition Company. Home address: Houston, Texas.
EMIDIO A. PARISI, 31086559, Private First Class, ** Ordnance Ammunition Company. Home address: Boston, Massachusetts.

For heroism on 8 June 1943 near ** Tunisia. With complete disregard for their personal safety, Privates Sandifer, Hardin and Parisi voluntarily attempted to extinguish a fire which had started in an ammunition dump. However, before they could bring the fire under control an explosion injured all three of them, necessitating their removal. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these men are deserving of the highest praise.

2. EDWARD A. DUVAL, 32043050, Private First Class, ** Ordnance Ammunition Company. Residence at induction: Cohoes, New York.
ROBERT H. GRANDMAN, 37110504, Private First Class, ** Ordnance Ammunition Company. Residence at induction: Fort Madison, Iowa.

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For heroism on 8 June 1943 near ** Tunisia. Privates Duval and Granaman, at the risk of their lives rescued a fellow soldier who had been severely wounded by exploding shells while attempting to extinguish a fire in an ammunition dump. Their heroic actions and selflessness undoubtedly saved this soldier's life and brings great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. JAMES A. STRONG, 36244719, Private, Battery G, ** Coast Artillery (AA). Residence at enlistment: Superior, Wisconsin.
JOHN GEIER, 33057974, Private First Class, Battery G, ** Coast Artillery (AA). Residence at enlistment: Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
RAYMOND A. VELAZQUEZ, 32089176, Sergeant, Battery G, ** Coast Artillery (AA). Entered the service from: New York, New York.

For heroism on 8 July 1943 near ** Tunisia. Privates Strong and Geier and Sergeant Velazquez, volunterily and at the risk of their lives, rescued a South African Airforce soldier from a burning plane which was loaded with bombs. Shortly after their heroic rescue the plane was disintegrated by the explosives. The courage and selflessness displayed by these men is symbolic of the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

4. HAROLD CHASKIN, 32119292, Technician Fourth Grade, ** Evacuation Hospital, for heroism on 3 May 1943 at Tabarka Beach, Tunisia. A sudden squall had produced a heavy surf and a dangerous undertow which was endangering the lives of soldiers swimming at the beach. One soldier had been carried about 150 yards from shore and was calling for help. Technician Fourth Grade Chaskin unhesitatingly, and at the risk of his own life, swam to his aid and assisted him to shore. While directing attempts to revive this man he heard another call and again effected a rescue. Although exhausted from these rescues, in rapid succession he assisted a third and fourth swimmer to safety, helping between rescues in rendering artificial respiration which was to no avail in the case of the first man brought ashore. Technician Fourth Grade Chaskin's exemplary leadership and courage undoubtedly saved the lives of three of his fellow soldiers and are a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Residence at enlistment: Brooklyn, New York.

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award of Distinguished Service Medal.....II
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster.....III
Award of Legion of Merit.....IV

I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

SILAS H. PARKER, 13003697, and RICHARD E. DRURY, 32140887, Privates, for extraordinary heroism in action on 24 March 1943 at Djebel Berda near El Guetter, Tunisia. When a strong enemy force attacked in the sector of Company "E", ** Infantry, Privates Parker and Drury, together with others of their squad from the mortar platoon, turned their 60mm mortar on the enemy, shelled his positions and destroyed a machine gun. Almost immediately afterward, enemy artillery located the mortars and fired initial concentrations while an enemy tank moved to the flank, occupying a position where it could fire directly into the mortar emplacement. While nearby crews sought cover from the intense artillery fire, Privates Parker and Drury, with their Corporal, continued to fire their weapon. A direct hit from the tank's gun struck the position, felling the mortar and hurling the crew to the ground. With complete disregard for their own safety, they righted the weapon and resumed fire, destroying another machine gun. A second direct hit killed the Corporal. Still they remained at the gun, firing the mortar until it was too badly damaged to operate. Their coolness under fire and devotion to duty reflect the high traditions of the service. Residence at time of enlistment: Colden, Oklahoma, and Newark, New York.

CARMINE BATTI, 33101792, Private First Class, Company "E", 2d Battalion, ** Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action on the night of April 1-2, 1943, near Maknassy, Tunisia. Leading an ammunition detail back to his company area, Private First Class Batti was seriously wounded in the head, chest and legs, by an enemy hand grenade, when his group was surprised and attacked by an enemy patrol which had infiltrated through our lines. Despite his wounds, and in the face of continued and observed enemy fire, he evidenced tremendous determination and courage by crawling 150 yards along the road to warn his commanding officer of the enemy infiltration. By his devotion to duty and self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of his comrades he enabled his organization to drive out the infiltration and prevent a serious breakthrough. Entered military service from: Elmerding, Pennsylvania.

FERDINAND POTE, 3122377, Private First Class, Company "G", 2d Battalion, * Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action. While operating with a voluntary night patrol northeast of Maknassy, Tunisia, during the night of

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5 April 1943, Private First Class Pete received several wounds in his leg from an enemy machine gun. Despite his severe and painful wounds, and at the risk of more fatal injuries, he single-handedly assaulted the machine-gun emplacement with hand grenades and routed the enemy from it. The undaunted courage, coolness under fire, and grit displayed by Private First Class Pete in the performance of this outstanding deed was an inspiration to his comrades which contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered military service from South Norwalk, Connecticut.

RANDALL (NMI) HARRIS, 20705565, First Sergeant, Company "D", ** Battalion, for extraordinary heroism in action on 10 July 1943. Himself severely wounded in the beach landing and finding his company's officers either killed or wounded, Sergeant Harris at once took command, reorganized the men and led them one and one-half miles to the designated objective and, having reached this point, directed and aided in the destruction of an enemy pillbox. The devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Harris, the spirit of self-sacrifice evidenced by his refusal to accept first aid treatment before his men had received medical care, his presence of mind, leadership and courage in the face of enemy fire, reflect the highest traditions of the service and are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Pocahontas, Iowa.

JAMES C. MUTH, 01110149, Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, for extraordinary heroism in action at Licata, Sicily on 10 July 1943. When his landing craft was beached in rough and deep water, he swam ashore with full field equipment under heavy enemy fire. He returned to the water at the risk of his own life and rescued two soldiers and one sailor, who, without his help, would have drowned. Then Second Lieutenant Muth crawled up a forty foot cliff bordering the beach and towards a concrete emplaced enemy machine gun which was firing upon him and the troops on the beach. When within a few yards of the nest he fired into it and forced the enemy to surrender. The machine gun nest contained twelve Italians and two Germans. With utter disregard for his own life, he acted above and beyond the call of duty and thus saved the lives of many men. His actions exemplified the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Croghan, New York.

EDWIN B. SAYRE, 0407157, Captain, Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action. On the 10th day of July 1943, south of Niscmi, Sicily, Captain Sayre, of Company "A", ** Parachute Infantry, ** Airborne Division, landed by parachute, gathered together 45 men, and vigorously attacked and captured an Italian garrison, killing 15 and capturing 40 prisoners, personally leading the several assaults against the enemy strong-point. In the final assault, Captain Sayre approached the hostile position in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire in daylight and grenaded it prior to entry. When forced, by superior numbers, to withdraw, Captain Sayre led his small force to friendly lines, attached it to the ** Infantry and during the two days following, participated in their advance, always in the forefront of every movement. His conduct throughout the action was characterized by utter disregard for his own safety and by initiative and aggressiveness that inspired his fellow soldiers to emulate his deeds. Entered service from: Breckenridge, Kentucky.

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II - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to the following officer:

GEOFFREY KEYES, 03561, Major General, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility. As Commanding General of the ** Corps, Seventh Army, General Keyes maneuvered and fought this organization from Agrigento to Palermo over distances varying from 90 to 125 miles and in one continuous and unrelenting offensive of 5 days duration successfully terminated the operation by capturing the key city of Palermo. In the conduct of this operation General Keyes demonstrated tactical judgment, courage, and skill of a most superior type, and by his continued personal contact with the front line unit commanders contributed immeasurably to the remarkable success of his own Corps and of the Seventh Army as a whole. Entered service from Santiago, California.

III - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded, in addition to Distinguished Service Cross previously awarded, to the following officer:

GEORGE S. PATTON, JR, 02605, Lieutenant General, Seventh U. S. Army. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On 11 July 1943, near Gela, Sicily, when a break through by the enemy threatened to split the American lines, General Patton promptly moved to the scene of action over a road that was being constantly bombed and strafed by enemy planes. Personally directing the movement of reinforcements he closed the gap and repulsed all counter-attacks. His prompt action in the attack and his presence on the front line among his troops prevented the recapture of Gela by the enemy and made possible the establishment of a secure bridgehead. Entered the Military Academy from California.

IV - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit to the following named individuals:

HARRY J. KELLY, 13081187, Private First Class, (then Private), Military Police Platoon, ** Infantry Division, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. With commendable ingenuity on his own time while off duty and entirely without supervision, he invented, designed and manufactured a small practical combination tool suitable for either field stripping or complete stripping of the Thompson submachine gun.

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JOHN WILLIAM SWETISH, 6562009, Staff Sergeant, The Parachute School, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as non-commissioned officer in charge of the Parachute Jump Training Division at The Parachute School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Instrumental in the development and construction of training aids and apparatus used by over 13,500 students at the Parachute School, he has handled these students with great force, intelligence and marked ability. As a result of his demonstrated skill at the school he was selected for specialized work in a theater of operations.

FRANCIS J. LOOMIS, 020551, Major, (then Captain), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Resident Engineer, ** Air Base, Major Loomis, by his leadership, initiative and ability and in spite of tremendous difficulties due to the arctic climate, shortages of personnel, equipment, and delays in shipping, performed exceptionally meritorious service in the construction of the ** Air Base.

WALTER W. WENDT, 0338057, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, ** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Headquarters ** Infantry Division and as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Eastern Assault Force during the period December 25, 1941 to 15 May 1943, Lieutenant Colonel Wendt rendered service of outstanding value and importance in planning for and in the movement of the ** Infantry Division to North Ireland; in the organization, activation and supply of the Eastern Assault Force, the combined British and American Force which initially occupied Algiers; and in the exceptionally successful planning of supply operations throughout the Tunisian Campaign. Working with limited means always against a time factor and often under trying conditions he accomplished tremendous supply and evacuation tasks with finesse and drive. His inspiring leadership gained the cooperation of all with whom he came in contact. Entered the service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

BENJAMIN STERN, Colonel, 015197, Signal Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As Signal Officer of the ** Fighter Command, he organized and supervised in addition to all other assigned tasks, the Air Warning Service of this unit and through his ceaseless untiring efforts and excellent example has been responsible in a large degree for its efficient organization. He also organized and supervised the establishment of the Air Warning training School. His foresight in establishing this training center enabled the signal units at his station to carry out their commitments of officer and enlisted personnel for newly activated units.

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award, Posthumous, of Soldier's Medal.....II
Award of Soldier's Medal.....III

I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

BENJAMIN F. WARNER, 19084135, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters ** Bombardment Group (H), for extraordinary heroism while participating in aerial combat over **. On ** July 1943, as waist gunner of a B-17 type aircraft, on a bombing mission to Gerbini Airdrome, he shot down an ME-109 in flames as a formation of thirty enemy fighters attacked his element. A few minutes later he destroyed two more ME-109's, forcing the pilots to bail out. Again two more attacked. One of these was exploded by the accurate fire of Sergeant Warner's guns; the other went down in flames. Replenishing his ammunition after destroying five aircraft, Sergeant Warner shot down a sixth victim. Then, as five more ME-109's attacked, he destroyed his seventh enemy fighter. Such extraordinary heroism and superb marksmanship reflect great credit upon Sergeant Warner and the Air Corps of the United States Army. Residence at enlistment: San Francisco, California.

ORLANDO WARD, 03729, Major General, A.U.S., for extraordinary heroism in action on ** and ** March 1943, in the vicinity of Maknassy (Hill 322 Djebel Naemia). While in command of the ** Division, which was attempting to push East and cut off retreating German Afrika Korps troops, Major General Ward, in order to obtain personal knowledge of combat efficiency of his troops and to obtain personal knowledge of defensive measures of entrenched German fortified positions, joined the 2d Battalion, ** Infantry, as an observer, in a night attack. While on this mission, General Ward crossed numerous final protective lines of heavy machine gun fire, 20 mm. fire and prepared mortar night defensive fire. When the attack neared about to halt, General Ward personally led eight men up the hill side and began directing the fire of these men, thereby drawing fire his way and allowing the other troops to advance. Although wounded in the face, General Ward remained on the hill until the battalion was forced to withdraw at daybreak. The courageous actions and utter disregard for personal safety of General Ward is worthy of the highest recognition. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

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II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

MITCHEL B. CHESNEK, 36056622, Private, Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, ** Ordnance Motor Supply and Evacuation Regiment (Q), for heroism on 2 June 1943. While swimming in the sea near Cap Falcon, Algeria, an unidentified person was caught in a strong undercurrent and carried more than 100 yards from shore. Private Chesnek entered the water and in a heroic attempt to reach and aid the distressed swimmer, became exhausted and was himself drowned. This act of courage reflects the highest traditions of the military service. He entered the service from Scott Field, Illinois.

III - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

ARMAND H. BEAUDOIN, 11084129, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Company, Allied Force Headquarters, for heroism on ** July 1943, at **, Algeria. One of the cars of a train loaded with various material including chemicals and high calibre ammunition caught fire, seriously threatening the cars loaded with ammunition. When the train was halted, Technician Third Grade Beaudoin, at the risk of his life, went up to the car which was on fire and was attempting to uncouple it from the rest of the train when the first explosion occurred not over fifteen feet away from him. Although suffering from severe injuries he then proceeded to assist two wounded fellow soldiers to safety, undoubtedly saving their lives. The initiative, courage and selflessness displayed by Technician Third Grade Beaudoin reflect highest credit on himself and on the military service. Residence: Manchester, New Hampshire.

DEOLE H. FRIDDY, 19064897, Sergeant, ** Service Squadron, Army Air Force, for heroism on ** July 1943, at **, Algeria. A fire started on a gasoline tank car attached to many cars loaded with gasoline and high explosives. With the aid of two British soldiers, although in extreme danger, he uncoupled the burning tank car from the train. Hitching a truck to the uncoupled cars he pulled them away from the flames. Hardly had this been accomplished when the burning tank car exploded scattering flames in every direction. The bravery and initiative of Sergeant Friddy are exemplary of the highest traditions of our Army.

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster for Soldier's Medal.....II
Award of Soldier's Medal.....III

I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following officer who is missing in action:

EUGENE L. DANIELS, 0306618, First Lieutenant, Chaplain, then attached to ** Infantry, for extraordinary heroism on 17 February 1943 in the vicinity of Mount Lessouda, Tunisia. During the withdrawal of the infantry battalion to which he was attached, Chaplain Daniels assisted in carrying litters bearing our and enemy wounded. When the withdrawing column became surrounded by the enemy and it was impossible to carry the wounded further, he directed the litter bearers and first-aid men safely through the enemy lines and then returned to the wounded men to administer first aid even though he knew that his act meant certain capture or possible death. Chaplain Daniels' acts were entirely voluntary and the bravery and heroism displayed reflects the highest traditions of his corps. He has been missing in action since this operation. Next of kin: Mrs. E. L. Daniels, 230 Howard Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded, in addition to Soldier's Medal previously awarded, to the following named individuals:

ARTHUR RUBIO, 6249367, Private, and GEORGE J. LECUYER, 32045006, Sergeant, Headquarters Company,**, for heroism on 16 July 1943, at ** Algeria. At great risk to their lives, and disregarding the danger from exploding ammunition and oil drums, Private Rubio and Sergeant Lecuyer boarded a burning vessel and rescued an injured seaman who was trapped on a burning deck. The heroism displayed by these enlisted men is worthy of emulation and deserving of the highest praise. Residence at enlistment: Denver, Colorado and Schoes, New York, respectively.

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Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

CHARLES J. MINIER, JR., 33055344, Technician Fourth Grade, ** Ordnance Company (M), for heroism. On 30 June 1943, at ** Tunisia, Technician Fourth Grade Minier, while voluntarily acting as driver of one of several light tanks which were attempting to bring under control a fire in an ammunition dump, saw another tank go off a twenty foot cliff, and overturn in a creek. With complete disregard for danger to his own life, he dismounted amidst the exploding ammunition, and assisted the crew of the wrecked tank, which was partially submerged in the creek, to his own tank and drove them to safety. The courage displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Minier probably saved the crew from drowning or death from shell fragments. Residence: Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

ALFRED T. MURPHY, 0481471, First Lieutenant, Inf., Headquarters Company, ** **, for heroism on 16 July 1943, at ** Algeria. Without thought of personal danger and at great risk of life, Lieutenant Murphy unhesitatingly dived, fully dressed, into oil covered and inflamed water and rescued a wounded seaman. The courage and gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Murphy is worthy of the highest praise. Entered service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

MILTON B. ALLEN, 0903856, Major, C.E., 21 Battalion, ** Engineers, for heroism between * and * June 1943, at ** Algeria, as Officer in Charge of Engineers. Major Allen organized and directed American troops in an attempt to rescue French troops trapped in the barracks of the ** Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. His inspirational leadership and selflessness without regard to his personal safety led to the rescue of several French soldiers and is exemplary of the traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered service from Mount Dora, Florida.

CHARLES M. PARKIN, 05206, Colonel, Inf., ** Command, **, for heroism during the period * to * June 1943, at ** Algeria. During an air raid, hostile aircraft bombed the barracks of the ** Regiment, Tirailleurs Senegalais. Upon learning that a number of French soldiers were trapped in the ruins of the large stone structure, which had no steel reinforcement, he immediately assumed personal control and assembled a rescue party and equipment. Colonel Parkin repeatedly risked his life in supervising the work of the rescue party in the tunnels that were dug under the debris in an effort to reach the trapped soldiers. Under his energetic and fearless leadership the rescue party saved the trapped men and recovered the dead. Colonel Parkin's courage, initiative, and endurance inspired the members of the rescue squads and resulted in saving the lives of a number of French soldiers and reflects great credit upon the Army of the United States. Entered service from Aspinwall, Pennsylvania.

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Announcement of Designation of Judge Advocate, North African Theater of Operations I
Announcement of Designation of Judge Advocate, Allied Force II

I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF JUDGE ADVOCATE, NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

Announcement is made of the designation of BRIGADIER GENERAL ADAM RICHMOND, 08024, United States Army, as Judge Advocate, North African Theater of Operations.

II -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF JUDGE ADVOCATE, ALLIED FORCE

Announcement is made of the designation of BRIGADIER GENERAL ADAM RICHMOND, 08024, United States Army, as Judge Advocate, Allied Force.

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Announcement of Appointment of Assistant Judge Advocate General in Charge of the Branch of the Judge Advocate General's Office I
Award of Distinguished Service Cross II
Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit Medal III
Amendment to General Order No. 50 IV

I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL IN CHARGE OF THE BRANCH OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S OFFICE

COLONEL HUBERT D. HOOVER, J.A.G.D., having reported for duty in the Branch of the Judge Advocate General's Office with the United States Army Forces in this theater has been detailed as Assistant Judge Advocate General in Charge of the Branch of the Judge Advocate General's Office with the United States Army Forces in this theater, vice BRIGADIER GENERAL ADAM RICHMOND, (J.A.G.D.), U. S. Army, relieved.

II -- AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

VIRGIL A. CHAPEK, 20707672, Sergeant, Company "B", *** Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On 9 April 1943, at Fondouk, Tunisia, while moving his squad by rushes toward the battalion objective, a strongly held German position, Sergeant Chapek was knocked unconscious and severely wounded. On regaining consciousness, though unable to walk, he crawled to each of his men, applied first aid to those wounded, reorganized the squad and had them dig in. Then, though in a weakened condition, nearly exhausted and in intense pain, he crawled several hundred yards to his platoon leader and reported on the squad's location and condition. Sergeant Chapek's calmness, rugged courage, and devotion to duty under heavy fire were exemplary and were important factors in his company's success. He refused to permit himself to be evacuated until all his men had been cared for. Entered service from: Hutchinson, Minnesota.

VINCENT F. GOODSELL, 0397136, CAPTAIN, *** Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On 28 April 1943, CAPTAIN GOODSELL led his company in an attack against Hill 490, Tunisia. Observing a hostile group armed with machine guns moving into a position from which his battalion would be enfiladed, he personally led three of his men forward to intercept the enemy. The group was seen and brought under intense machine gun fire, but in spite of this and with complete disregard for his own safety, CAPTAIN GOODSELL drove home

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his attack, killing or capturing the entire enemy group and their three machine guns. By these actions, he removed a serious threat to the success of the attack of his battalion; his aggressive leadership, determination and courage were an inspiring example to his men. Residence upon induction: Goodhue, Minnesota.

III — AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, LEGION OF MERIT AWARD

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, in addition to the Legion of Merit Medal previously awarded, is awarded in the name of the President to the following officer:

DONALD A. DAVISON, 03783, BRIGADIER GENERAL, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the North African Campaign. He made a survey of airdromes in the area then under the control of the Allied Forces. He was appointed Chief Engineer of the Allied Forces and later drafted by the Northwest African Air Forces for the acceleration of airdrome construction. GENERAL DAVISON conceived with sound judgment and foresight the vast expansion of the construction of airdromes to meet the requirements of the air campaign. He prepared comprehensive plans, selected sites and vigorously prosecuted construction so that airdrome requirements were met with the minimum of delay. His calm judgment and outstanding leadership contributed immeasurably to the success of the North African Campaign. Entered the United States Military Academy from Illinois.

IV -- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER NO. 50

So much of Section IV, General Orders No. 50, dated 7 July 1943, as pertains to RALPH H. TATE, 011949, COLONEL, GSC, is amended by deleting the word "Academy" in the last sentence and substituting in lieu thereof the word "Service".

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Award of Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster I
Award of Legion of Merit II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, in addition to the Legion of Merit previously awarded, to the following officer:

HAROLD H. LEAVEY, 08559, Brigadier General, AUS. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. From the time of the organization of the **** Base section to the present, General Leavey has served in it as Chief of Staff and later as Commander. His skill, energy, foresight and insistence upon cooperation and service have contributed in a marked degree to the success of the North African campaign. Entered United States Military Academy from Texas.

II - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Legion of Merit to the following named officers:

LAURENCE S. KUTER, 016777, Brigadier General, AUS. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Chief of Staff in the Tactical Air Force of the Northwest African Air Force, General Kuter has been in a position where the results of his executive efforts meant the difference between inadequate fighter support of the ground forces in the Tunisian campaign, and the present ever increasing efficient aerial activity. Entered United States Military Academy from Illinois.

ARTHUR W. PENCE, 03242, Brigadier General, AUS. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. General Pence, (then Colonel) organized the **** Base Section taking over the then existing supply facilities that were in operation in the combat area without interruption of the service to the troops. In spite of increasing demands upon him and his installations, General Pence has succeeded in building a smoothly functioning organization whose efficiency has increased by leaps and bounds. The final successes of the United States troops involved in the Tunisian campaign have been due in large measure to the logistical support given them by the **** Section. Entered United States Military Academy from the United States at large.

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BEN M. SAVBRIDGE, 05715, Brigadier General, AUS. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As the original +++++, Allied Force Headquarters, he brought to his tasks a sound background of general staff experience which he has applied to this position with vigor. His courtesy, keen judgment, infinite capacity for detail, and planning foresight have enabled him to cope successfully with the problems that have confronted the Allied Force, contributing greatly to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from Washington.

PAUL L. WILLIAMS, 010600, Brigadier General, AUS. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Commanding General of the +++++, General Williams has been responsible for the proper functioning of the ground services of the +++++ Air Force, which was later absorbed into the Northwest African Air Force. His clear vision, tireless energy, and tactical skill have resulted in an organization that has successfully supported major air efforts in the North African theater. Entered military service from California.

ARTHUR R. WILSON, 08346, Brigadier General, AUS. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. General Wilson organized the +++++, brought it to North Africa, and took over an operating supply system with a minimum friction and no break in operations. His energy, intelligence, and executive ability enabled him to deal successfully with the great problems which confronted him and resulted in an outstanding contribution to the success of the Allied arms. Entered military service from California.

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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Announcement is made of the award, by the War Department, of the Distinguished Service Medal to the following named officers.

HUGH J. GAFFEY, 08435, Major General (then Brigadier General), US. For exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility. From 7 March to 10 April 1943, General Gaffey performed the functions of Chief of Staff, +++ Corps. During this period the active operations of the Corps included the battle of El Guettar and adjacent combats. His courage, energy, foresight, force, and technical ability were largely responsible for the outstanding success achieved during these operations. Entered military service from Connecticut.

ALFRED M. GRUENTHER, 012242, Major General, AUS. For exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility. From the initial planning of the landings in North Africa until his appointment as Chief of Staff, Fifth Army, General Gruenther served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters. He displayed ability to cope with great masses of detail and preserved an unruffled calm in the face of exceptional difficulties, lifting those associated with him above themselves. His unselfish devotion to duty was an inspiration to all his associates and contributed markedly to the success of the Allied Force. Entered United States Military Academy from Nebraska.

THOMAS H. LARKIN, 03785, Major General, AUS. For exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility. As commander of the ++++ Base Section in the planning stages of the North African landings until he was placed in command of the Services of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, General Larkin lent every effort to supply the combat troops who were dependent upon him and his organization. His energy and force did much to make possible the successful accomplishment of the supply of the United States troops, and thereby contributed in a marked degree to the success of the Tunisian campaign. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington.

OMAR N. BRADLEY, 03907, Lieutenant General (then Major General), AUS. For exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility, from 7 March 1943, to the end of the Tunisian campaign, as Deputy Corps Commander and as Commander of the II Corps. In the execution of his duties during this period of active operations he manifested at all times cold resolution, sound judgment, superior tactical skill, unfaltering loyalty, cool courage, and an unhesitating willingness to assume personal responsibility.

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The outstanding success of the operation was largely due to his personality and effort. Entered United States Military Academy from Missouri.

CARL SPAATZ, 07766, Lieutenant General, AUS. For exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility. General Spaatz directed the planning and forming of the Twelfth Air Force. Later, he commanded this Air Force until its absorption into the Northwest African Air Force, of which he assumed command. His resourcefulness, courage, organizational ability, technical knowledge, and forceful personality created a spirit of determination confidence, and cooperation among the members of the air forces of three nations under his command and has borne fruit in the outstanding aerial successes achieved in the Tunisian campaign. Entered United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following individuals:

CLAUDE McDADE, 6267250, First Sergeant, Company "H", ** Quartermaster Regiment (Truck), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As First Sergeant of Company "D" and later as First Sergeant of Company "H", he has been one of the outstanding non-commissioned officers in the regiment. He has been an excellent example to the enlisted men of the regiment and has persistently maintained a high state of discipline among subordinates. Upon the activation of Company "H", he was of the greatest assistance in selecting, assigning and training the personnel. At all times he has maintained a respectful soldierly bearing, exhibited unusual qualities of leadership and superior initiative.

JOHN A. LETHAM, 33006597, Master Sergeant, ** Ordnance Company (Motor Vehicle Assembly), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. By his ingenious observations and technical suggestions, Master Sergeant Letham has made an unusual personal contribution to the successful development and efficient functioning of the Ordnance Vehicle Assembly Plant at **, French Morocco. His resourcefulness, enthusiasm, and tireless application to duty have been an inspiration to all his comrades and are reflected in the remarkable production rate of this assembly plant. Entered service from Silver Spring, Maryland.

CLIFFORD T. LOWDER, 14110395, Master Sergeant, Company "F", 2d Battalion, ** Ordnance Regiment (Base), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. The Ordnance Vehicle Assembly Plant at ** French Morocco, has been a model of its kind and its record of production has been a substantial factor contributing to the easing of the acute transportation shortage in this area. Master Sergeant Lowder manifested a devotion to duty, leadership and fine judgment in the performance of his duties in connection with the installation and operation of this plant that clearly mark him as superior. His fine example has served to spur his comrades to greater accomplishments and has been responsible in a large part for the successful operation of the plant. Entered service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

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ALVEN EVENS, W2109334, Warrant Officer (jg), (then Master Sergeant), Office of the Judge Advocate, ** Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. For several weeks after the setting up of the Staff Judge Advocate's office in the ** Base Section he was the only enlisted man in the section. With foresight and ingenuity, he set up office record and file systems, inaugurated clerical procedures and in addition, was instrumental in initiating and assisting in the preparation of memoranda which contained all-inclusive instructions with respect to the administration of military law. His devotion to duty and initiative exemplify the highest qualities of a soldier. Entered service from Centralia, Washington.

GEORGE J. KIRBY, W2109322, Warrant Officer (jg), ** Quartermaster Regiment (Truck), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Both as an enlisted man and as a warrant officer, he has exhibited superior ability in the personnel section of the regiment. Rapid and efficient in the accomplishment of his work, he has nevertheless been attentive to minor details, always insisting upon and obtaining superior accuracy in correspondence and records. He has trained and supervised the work of the company clerks, organizing them into an excellent regimental personnel section thus assuring an admirable uniformity of company administration throughout the regiment. Warrant Officer Kirby has made a notable contribution to the administrative functions of the regiment. Entered service from Boston, Massachusetts.

PAUL W. WOMMACK, W2122724, Warrant Officer, (Junior Grade), Headquarters, Service of Supply, North African Theater of Operations, United States Army, (then Technician Third Grade, Headquarters, ** Base Section), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Immediately after the initial occupation of North Africa there was a shortage of trained personnel, and he, as an enlisted man, organized, trained, and supervised the clerical staff for the Transportation Section. Whenever he found a job to be done, he voluntarily took over the task and completed it with conspicuous success. Despite the diversity of his work, he has performed it all in an exceptional manner, often assuming responsibilities far above his rank, always displaying tact, judgment, and ability of a very high order.

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Award, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award of Soldiers' Medal.....II
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I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is posthumously awarded to the following officer:

GEORGE E. LAND, 0387374, Second Lieutenant, A.C., ### Bombardment Squadron, ### Bombardment Group (L), for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy as bombardier of an ## type aircraft. While approaching the bombing run over ## Airdrome on 30 March 1943, Lieutenant LAND was severely wounded by anti-aircraft fire which badly damaged his airplane and destroyed his bomb sight. Despite intense suffering, he steadfastly remained at his post and accurately bombed his target. Trapped in his compartment, when his airplane crash-landed in enemy territory and burst into flame under repeated strafing by a ME 109, Lieutenant LAND conducted himself with utmost coolness and courage. He was extricated by his crew just before losing consciousness and each man reached friendly lines. On his next mission, 20 April 1943, Lieutenant LAND was killed in action by anti-aircraft fire. Next of kin: Mrs. G. E. Land, 2025 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIERS' MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following individuals:

John J. Quinlan, 32301574, Private, ### Railway Shop Battalion. Entered service from South Amboy, New Jersey.

Forrest Edwards, 32267560, Private First Class, ### Railway Shop Battalion. Entered service from Elsmere, Delaware.

Theodore (NMI) Terpin, 32263723, Private First Class, ### Railway Shop Battalion. Entered service from Buffalo, New York.

Irving T. Schevmayder, 38200767, Technician Fifth Grade, ### Group Regulating Station.

The citation is as follows:

For heroism at ###, Algeria, on or July 1943. While they were passengers

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on a train, several cars of ammunition exploded. Acting without orders, they immediately began working fearlessly to save the remainder of the train and other trains on nearby tracks which were loaded with gasoline and ammunition. Successfully uncoupling the rear portion of the train, they procured a small French diesel engine and labored, in spite of the burning gasoline and exploding shells on all sides, to save property and lives. The courage and bravery displayed by these men reflects great credit on themselves and on the Army of the United States.

WILLIAM W. TURBETT, 01042190, Second Lieutenant, Q.M.C., Company D, ### Quartermaster Truck Battalion, for heroism on 3 May 1943, at Tabarka, Tunisia. A number of men swam to a reef which was two hundred yards off shore at a time when the water was quiet. A sudden squall blew up and they were swept from the reef into deep water. There was a terrific undertow and at least a dozen men called for help. Lieutenant TURBETT, with superb coolness and rare presence of mind directed three soldiers to carry a life raft out to the men, some of whom were drowning. He then swam out through the rough and treacherous waters and without aid, brought to shore one unconscious man who was revived by artificial respiration. He thereafter returned and assisted in bringing ten other soldiers ashore. Lieutenant Turbett's display of courage, at the risk of his own life, saved the lives of several soldiers and is in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army. Entered service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

III - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following enlisted man:

McKINLEY HANCOCK, 34094524, First Sergeant, Company "B", ### Quartermaster Regiment (Truck), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has, during the course of two years military service, advanced from Private to First Sergeant and in each of the grades held he has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership. He has always shown excellent character, superior initiative and resourcefulness far beyond that usually found in soldiers of his grade. First Sergeant Hancock has performed the duties assigned to him in a highly efficient and outstanding manner. His unselfish devotion to duty, and his willingness and ability to assume responsibilities beyond his rank, have made him an excellent example to those with whom he serves. Residence at enlistment: Sherew, South Carolina.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT.

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named enlisted men:

JOHN C. SCOTT, JR., 14110585, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "F", 2d Battalion, ***** Ordnance Regiment (Base), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. By his resourcefulness, unflagging efforts, ceaseless application to his duties and unusual mechanical ability, Technician Fifth Grade Scott has made a highly important contribution to the successful installation, operation and high production rate achieved by the Ordnance Vehicle Assembly Plant at ***** French Morocco. Entered service from Memphis, Tennessee.

EDWARD E. MERKEL, 33006005, Technician Third Grade, ***** Ordnance Company (MM), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Technician Third Grade Merkel, an expert welder, has exhibited exceptional mechanical ability in the fabrication of many special Ordnance jobs, such as tank modifications, installation of machine gun mounts in wooden body cargo trucks and improvisation of anti-aircraft equipment. By his skill and diligent application to duty he has been responsible for many valuable innovations in ordnance materiel. His work has been of much value to the Army and a credit to himself and his company.

PHILIP E. SHAPIRO, 13075371, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Company, ***** Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the organization of the Criminal Investigation Division, Technician Third Grade Shapiro worked tirelessly in helping to effectuate the policies of the Provost Marshal. He performed his duties as a criminal investigator with energy and intelligence. On one occasion, without the assistance of eye witnesses, he speedily apprehended and brought to justice a soldier and two accomplices who had deliberately shot and killed a human being. Success in this endeavor required a definitely unusual combination of psychological, interrogative, and deductive proficiency. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

JAKE M. ORF, 6246022, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, ***** Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the organization of the Criminal Investigation Division, ***** Base Section, this soldier worked tirelessly to carry out the policies of the

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Provost Marshal, and in bringing to justice violators of military law. His work was of a very specialized nature demanding long hours of mental and physical exertion. Staff Sergeant Orf, through the exercise of persoverance and unusual powers of deduction, solved many difficult cases. Entered service from Kansas City, Kansas.

GEORGE A. HOWARTH, 33029793, Technical Sergeant, ***** Ordnance Company (MM), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Technical Sergeant Howarth has successfully applied a remarkable mechanical ability in the solution of many difficult problems connected with the repair of complex anti-aircraft fire control equipment. In the first months following the North African landings, much of this equipment arrived in a damaged condition, other large amounts of it were rendered useless because of misuse by inexperienced personnel. He worked tirelessly and enthusiastically in order to insure that adequate anti-aircraft protection was available for all important installations.

CARLAND F. PINKSTON, 34037917, Technical Sergeant, ***** Ordnance Company, (AM) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the initial stocking of Ammunition Depot *****, a dangerous congestion of high explosive ammunition existed on the docks and railheads at ***** French Morocco. Technical Sergeant Pinkston, through his energetic and inspirational leadership, materially assisted in the enormous task of moving thousands of tons of ammunition from the railhead and systematically storing it in the depot. In day and night operation his section set a remarkable record which served to spur other sections to equally great efforts. His company successfully accomplished a mission which ordinarily would have been assigned to a battalion.

FRED D. WASHINGTON, 33107858, Technical Sergeant, ***** Ordnance Company (MM), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. From December 1942 to March 1943, Technical Sergeant Washington was in charge of a detail of men responsible in a large part for laying out Ammunition Depot *****, ***** Base Section. In the speedy accomplishment of this difficult task, he could always be depended upon to carry out instructions without close supervision. Much of the original work was initiated by him. In his decisions he always displayed a rare degree of judgment and leadership which are proven by the extraordinary achievements of his detail.

THOMAS C. BAKER, 15044891, First Sergeant, Company "I", ***** Quartermaster Regiment (Truck), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has been First Sergeant of his company for five months during which time, by his energetic performance of duty and insistence upon discipline at all times, he has made it an outstanding company. His smart soldierly bearing has been an example to the personnel of his regiment. He has been superior in the performance of all of his duties and has exhibited great initiative in training other non-commissioned officers. Residence at enlistment: Erlanger, Kentucky.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named enlisted men:

LARRY A. DENNIS, 14109823, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters Company, ****** Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Technician Third Grade Dennis took over the clerical supervision of the Procurement Office, at a time when the office system was grossly inadequate to the needs of the Ordnance Section. Without previous training in Army fiscal procedure he correlated available records, corrected previous errors and installed a smoothly working office system. Unsparing of himself, his devotion to duty has been truly exceptional and his accomplishments in a very arduous clerical task have been remarkable. Entered service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

JOHN W. BREUNING, 36313786, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Disciplinary Training Center, ****** Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Private First Class Breuning has been largely responsible for the construction of emergency plumbing installations in the Disciplinary Training Center area and for the maintenance of the chlorination system. Working voluntarily after duty hours and mainly at night, when the water system could be turned off, he repaired and largely rebuilt a faulty sewage disposal system. His enthusiastic and cheerful attitude in surmounting numerous difficulties, and the great value of his unusual accomplishments are worthy of special recognition. Entered service from Elgin, Illinois.

EUEL MASSEY, 34162589, Private First Class, Company "D", ****** Port Battalion, Transportation Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Joining the company just before its embarkation, this soldier weighed only 110 pounds, his equipment weighed more than he. Arriving overseas, he was placed on orderly and at his own request, he was given more work and assigned as permanent kitchen police. He refused many times to be placed on easier jobs. Each attempt made to lighten his work has only made him work harder. His determination to do his job better than anyone else has had an amazing moral effect and has caused all members of the company to expend themselves to greater efforts.

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WILLIAM D. McCALLUM, 37292438, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Disciplinary Training Center, ***** Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He was construction supervisor of all extra construction at the Disciplinary Training Center. He drew the plans and to a large extent personally constructed the interiors of the mess halls, prison and company kitchen and other installations. For more than three months he worked extremely late hours in order to rush the work to completion. His cheerful enthusiasm has set a high example and the results of his splendid efforts have provided the Center with increased comforts and a high state of morale. Residence at enlistment: Rochester, Minnesota.

HAROLD G. SIMPSON, 36500493, Private First Class, Company "H", 2d Battalion, ***** Ordnance Regiment (Base), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Private First Class Simpson has exhibited extraordinary zeal, ingenuity and perseverance in connection with the installation and highly successful operation of the Ordnance Vehicle Assembly Plant at ***** French Morocco. The excellent rate of production achieved at the plant reflects credit upon many individuals among whom Private First Class Simpson has been clearly outstanding. His work has been an example to all and a credit to himself and his company. Entered service from: Detroit, Michigan.

HEINO A. MAKI, 36203040, Technician Fifth Grade, ***** Ordnance HM Company (Q), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services. Upon arrival in the bivouac area, all plumbing, hot water systems and showers were seemingly unrepairable, necessitating the use of latrine pits, and the hauling of water for laundry and bathing. Technician Fifth Grade Maki, acting on his own initiative and unsparing of his own time, designed and constructed a complete plumbing and water system for the bivouac area. A spirited and determined worker, he surmounted great difficulties in the rapid accomplishment of his work, with the result that living and sanitary conditions were greatly improved.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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I -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH N. CAVE, JR., 33184235, Corporal, Company "I", *** Replacement Battalion, Eastern Base Section, for heroism on 3 May 1943, at Tabarka, Tunisia. Although not a strong swimmer and despite the heavy surf, Corporal Cave, unhesitatingly and without thought of his own safety, went to the aid of five distressed swimmers who were about 150 yards from shore. Through his efforts all the men were saved. The courage and initiative displayed by Corporal Cave at the risk of his own life are worthy of the highest praise.

JOSEPH G. FERRANTI, 31125908, Sergeant, Company "H", *** Replacement Battalion, (Sep), for heroism on 3 May 1943, at Tabarka, Tunisia. Disregarding an injured leg and the heavy surf, he unhesitatingly and without thought of his own safety, went to the aid of distressed swimmers, personally rescuing Technical Sergeant James R. Dryden and reviving him by artificial respiration. The courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant Ferranti, at the risk of his own life, are exemplary and saved the life of the man involved. Sergeant Ferranti's home at the time of his induction into service was in Springfield, Massachusetts.

WARREN S. CROSS, 32016893, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, *** Replacement Depot, for heroism on 21 June 1943 at Oran, Algeria. Sergeant Cross, while assisting in unloading a troop transport observed a soldier, fully equipped, fall into the water between the boat and pier. Realizing that the soldier's equipment would render him helpless to save himself, Sergeant Cross, without hesitation or thought of his personal safety, dived into the dark, debris covered water and rescued him. The heroism and selflessness displayed by Sergeant Cross is worthy of emulation and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Jamaica, New York.

GARI D. BRUNO, 0360596, Captain, Inf, and THOMAS A. FARROT, 0340693, Major, FA, Joint Intelligence Collection Agency Detachment, Eastern Base

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Section, for heroism on 29 June 1943 on the Mateur-Tunis Road, Tunisia. Investigating the cause of a traffic jam on an important supply road, they found a heavy trailer truck containing a cargo of high octane gasoline enveloped in flames. Realizing that its explosion would destroy large quantities of property, extensive fields of ripened grain, as well as detonate stores of explosives, Captain Bruno and Major Farrot took immediate control of the situation, secured fire extinguishers from other vehicles, and working rapidly for 45 minutes, they managed to bring the fire under control. The gasoline might have exploded at any minute and had it done so, the two officers would undoubtedly have lost their lives. Their heroic acts deserve the highest commendation. Entered service from: Flushing, Long Island, New York, and New York, New York, respectively.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is posthumously awarded in the name of the President to the following officer:

CHARLES S. COOK, 0314844, Captain, C.E., Headquarters Eastern Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 5 December 1942 to 22 February 1943. Captain Cook was outstanding in his performance of duties and on several occasions he volunteered for bomb disposal and demolition work. Without regard for personal comfort, he worked long hours with great energy and enthusiasm, performing his work in a superior manner. Loyal to his superiors, considerate of his subordinates, he commanded the respect of all with whom he came in contact. The bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Cook were an inspiration to all his associates and reflect great credit on the Army Service Forces. Entered service from Detroit, Michigan.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTIVATION OF SEVENTH ARMY (U.S.)

Announcement is made of the activation of the Seventh Army (U.S.), under the command of Lieutenant General GEORGE S. PATTON, JR., on 10 July 1943.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, the Legion of Merit is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES D. MILES, 20413430, Private, *** Quartermaster Company (Depot Supply), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Since December 1942 he has worked tirelessly in the Class I Depot in assembling and loading subsistence for the daily train. Often, when the other laborers and supervisors were unavailable, he remained on the job for forty-eight hour periods, without sleep and many times without food, in order to insure that the train made its schedule. His example has always been an inspiration to those working with him and has contributed materially to the important accomplishments of the Depot.

CLARENCE V. AFFLERBACK, 33100752, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During an attack on a strongly held enemy position at Fondouk, Tunisia, on the 8th and 9th of April, 1943, Private First Class Afflerback was the radio operator in the forward battalion command post. He stayed at his post for forty hours, during which time he was under enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. His unhurried transmission and accurate reports of incoming messages enabled the battalion commander to be informed of the events that were taking place during the attack. It was apparent that the radio antenna attracted enemy fire but Private First Class Afflerback remained calm and displayed courage and devotion to duty throughout the entire period the unit was engaged with the enemy. His conduct on this occasion has been, as always, an example to his comrades.

EARLEY E. MEYER, 37043071, Private First Class, Company "I", *** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As runner at Fondouk, North Africa, on the 8th and 9th of April, 1943, he delivered several important messages to his commander, saw that food was brought up to the forward troops and guided wounded to the aid station. Private First Class Meyer has always performed his assigned duties exceptionally well and has distinguished himself in the eyes of his comrades. Entered the service from Waverly, Iowa.

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ARTHUR VANN, 32026245, Private First Class, *** Ordnance Motor Transport Company (Q), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as a transport truck driver. He has hauled ammunition and ordnance material from the docks of the Mediterranean Base Section to depots and dumps since the debarkment of his unit on 11 November 1942. Driving a heavy truck and ten ton semi-trailer over poor roads, on exhaustingly long runs, he has never considered himself. He has always taken excellent care of his vehicle. His steady, cheerful, and dependable attitude have marked him as outstanding.

WILLIAM J. BONNER, 32264572, Technician Fifth Grade. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the Office of the Signal Section, Mediterranean Base Section. He has worked and planned under pressure for long hours day after day in order that the stock records of the Signal Supply Section might be kept accurately. He has established and maintained a superior system. By his unswerving devotion to duty, cheerful cooperation and good judgment he has played an important part in the smooth operation of his section, and in so doing has been an inspiration to his comrades.

MILTON G. BRODBERG, 32275100, Technician Fifth Grade, Signal Section, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As chief clerk of the Property Handling subsection, he kept an excellent account of all signal equipment received, and installed a superior follow up system to insure that shipments reached the combat zone with little confusion. By his devotion to duty, good judgment, and ingenuity, he has played an important part in the smooth operation of his subsection and in so doing has contributed materially to the efficiency of the headquarters.

CHARLES F. HUFFMAN, 34013572, Technician Fifth Grade, *** Quartermaster Company (Depot Supply), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. By his unswerving devotion to duty, cheerful cooperation, good judgment and ingenuity in the construction of mess halls, day rooms, and athletic fields, he has played an important part in the morale of his organization and in so doing he has earned the admiration of the members of his unit and has contributed immeasurably to their benefit.

JOSEPH D. LAMBERSON, 39027665, Technician Fifth Grade, *** Engineer Regiment (GS), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Technician Fifth Grade Lamberson was assigned to check the issue and use of all fuel required by the French companies engaged in the production of quarry materials for use by military and naval authorities. He secured the friendship and goodwill of the workmen employed by the French Companies and made a thorough study of the methods of production and the use of equipment which led him to the realization that a considerable amount of equipment at certain of the quarries was not being used to best advantage. Technician Fifth Grade Lamberson secured spare parts to repair antiquated and disabled machinery and rearranged existing facilities so that the most effective use of all equipment was secured and soon had the quarries producing

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approximately double the original yield. By his initiative and ingenuity, Technician Fifth Grade Lamberson has distinguished himself and contributed greatly to the furtherance of the Allied effort.

KEITH M. SMITH, 35040303, Technician Fifth Grade, *** Quartermaster Depot Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Carpenter and Utility Man, he would see that something should be constructed or repaired and he would figure out the best and quickest way to do it, and lost no time in accomplishing results. He has rendered many valuable suggestions to his superiors pertaining to construction and utilities. These suggestions have added to the efficiency of the organization. By his skill and ingenuity many problems have been solved at the Depot so as to enable it to function more rapidly and efficiently.

GEORGE V. WALSH, 32203438, Technician Fifth Grade, *** Station Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As technician in charge of installation, operation and maintenance of electrical equipment at the 7th Station Hospital, he has repaired complex French electrical units and put them in operation. He has thereby materially increased the efficiency of the hospital and expedited proper care of the sick and wounded troops.

CARL E. WINDRUM, 32028795, Technician Fifth Grade, *** Quartermaster Depot Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Technician Fifth Grade Windrum was always found where the most work was to be done or where his services were most valuable at the time, whether as warehouseman, mail orderly, or post exchange steward. By using his initiative and ingenuity he accelerated the completion of important tasks and contributed materially to the results obtained by the warehouses which handled Class I, II and IV supplies. His loyalty to the service beyond the call of duty, despite long and tedious hours of work, has been an inspiration to his fellow soldiers.

PAUL J. WOOD, 16090588, Technician Fifth Grade, Company "C", *** Ordnance Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. At the First Battalion, Base Shop (HM) he has repeatedly performed exceptional duties beyond the normal requirements and has trained groups of enlisted personnel to do excellent welding work. By his unswerving devotion to duty, personal initiative and ingenuity, complete disregard of personal convenience and normal endurance, he has played a major part in repair and maintenance of heavy duty equipment urgently needed for front line units. His conduct has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

THEODORE A. KRYZANOWSKI, 32184050, Corporal, Company "D", *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Corporal Kryzanowski, in addition to his duties as Instrument Corporal, has organized and led detachments of men to locate the most advantageous positions prior to contemplated advances. Under direct enemy observation he has voluntarily gone forward of Rifle Companies to select

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heavy machine gun positions. His coolness, initiative, and devotion to duty are outstanding and a distinct credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

PAUL J. MICELLA, 32028841, Technician Fourth Grade, *** Ordnance Motor Transport Company (Q), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Assigned to the Shipping Department of the Ordnance Depot, he made a sincere and earnest effort to fill completely all requisitions submitted by alerted units. Some of the requisitions were only penciled notes, brought in the middle of the night from units in need of vital ordnance material. His diligent work and unselfish perseverance have been far beyond the ordinary call of duty and have been a source of inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

ROBERT F. RANGER, 36307534, Sergeant, Detachment Medical Department, *** General Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He assisted greatly in the establishment of the Registrar's office of the *** General Hospital. He was voluntarily devoted long hours in order to perfect the functioning of the office and to insure a smooth flow of sick and wounded soldiers evacuated from the hospital. By his unusual devotion to duty, his unfailing cooperation and his ability to assume responsibility beyond his rank, he has played an important part in the establishment of an efficient system in the General Hospital.

HENRY J. JOHNSON, 32306273, Sergeant, Company "D", *** Port Battalion, Transportation Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In the training and operation of the Military Police section of this unit he has accomplished unusual results. He has worked tirelessly and under extreme pressure without relief for arduous periods. Sergeant Johnson's good judgment and ingenuity have played an important part in instructing the military police personnel to be tactful in their dealing with all ranks and in maintaining law and in so doing, he has contributed greatly to the welfare of the troops.

LEWIS W. GIBBS, 32033082, Technician Third Grade, Engineer Section, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As a member of the advance echelon of the Services of Supply with the Center Task Force, his assistance in the establishment of the Supply Section, and in setting up the local procurement system in obtaining critical supplies has been most valuable. He has continued to contribute materially to the supply, safety, and comfort of the troops.

THEODORE H. KALITOWSKI, 16093811, Technician Third Grade, Company "B", 1st Battalion, *** Ordnance Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services with the welding department, 1st Battalion, Base Shop. By his faithful application to duty, his good judgment and ingenuity, his inspiring leadership and cheerful cooperation, his disregard for his personal convenience and normal endurance he has played a major part in the repair and maintenance of all types of ordnance equipment urgently needed for front line duty.

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WILLIAM S. OLKOWSKI, 16000300, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, *** Ordnance Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In connection with the setting up and organization of the machine shop sections of the *** Ordnance Regiment base shops, and in certain technical developmental work of manufacturing parts and equipment which were vitally needed, his skill and ingenuity proved invaluable. The results of his untiring efforts have been of inestimable value to the military service and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army.

JOHN B. ROBERT, 18136033, Technician Third Grade, Engineer Section, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As a member of the forward echelon of the Services of Supply and subsequently as a member of the Engineering Section, he has performed duties commensurate to those of an officer with a great degree of efficiency in connection with civilian contract and military construction. Technician Third Grade Robert has coordinated reconnaissance, planning, material supply and has made conscientious inspections, resulting in the correction of irregularities. His services have been of much value to the United States.

GERALD E. YATES, 17061753, Technician Third Grade, Engineer Section, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has supervised the administrative details relative to the acquisition of real estate in the Mediterranean Base Section, and has been largely responsible for the great volume of leases and contracts which have been successfully processed. By his devotion to duty he has been an inspiration to those working with him and his accomplishments reflect great credit on the section.

HARRY J. MUIR, 35113390, Staff Sergeant, *** Quartermaster Company (Depot Supply), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. He was responsible for the messing of approximately three times the number of men he was equipped to serve. Staff Sergeant Muir has performed this service over a period of many months and has maintained a sanitary and superior kitchen. By his unswerving devotion to duty and ingenuity he has played an important part in providing for the welfare of the personnel messing with his organization.

JOHN DONALD SAND, 20707084, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. On the 8th and 9th of April 1943 at Fondouk Pass, Tunisia, while his unit was engaged with the enemy, he maintained radio communication between the battalion command post and the front line companies. Under constant artillery and mortar fire he remained at his post for excessively long periods without rest. Staff Sergeant Sand's devotion to duty permitted the battalion commander to have constant communication with subordinate units and his conduct in this and in many other instances has been most valuable to the battalion.

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GEORGE H. WALKER, 34028582, Staff Sergeant, Company "D", *** Port Battalion, Transportation Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has trained, supervised, and managed the mess section of Company "D", *** Port Battalion in a superior manner. Staff Sergeant Walker worked tirelessly himself for long periods of time without relief, maintaining at all times a model field kitchen.

WILLIAM T. WEEKS, 34056919, Staff Sergeant, *** Railway Transportation Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He played an exceedingly important role in connection with the operation of French railways which were much different from any found in American. By his conscientious performance of duty, good judgment, initiative, and ingenuity, he accelerated the movement of large quantities of supplies and equipment as well as personnel urgently needed in the forward areas, and in so doing, he has contributed materially to the success of our forces engaged in battle.

LAURENCE O. WOOLHISER, 20703172, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the battle of Fondouk, Tunisia, 26 March 1943 to 15 April 1943. Staff Sergeant Woolhiser, without regard to his own safety and despite heavy artillery fire, personally supervised the shuttling of supplies, rations, and water to his troops on the front line. Staff Sergeant Woolhiser worked day and night without sleep and always performed his duties in a superior manner. Due to his untiring efforts the troops of his battalion were supplied with the necessary equipment and rations which enabled them to successfully carry on without a shortage of supplies.

CLIFFT A. NAFTON, 32051792, Technical Sergeant, *** Ordnance Company (AM), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Operations required the ammunition depot to which he was assigned to operate long hours receiving, identifying, storing and shipping munitions. He voluntarily remained at the post of duty excessively long hours in order to see that ammunition was properly handled and shipped. By his ingenuity, good judgment, keen presence of mind and aggressive supervision of depot operations, he has played an important part in the continuous movement of ammunition to forward areas.

MELVIN A. NELL, 33001398, Technical Sergeant, Ordnance Section, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In connection with the activation of the Mail and Records Division, Ordnance Section, Mediterranean Base Section, he speedily and successfully organized and set up the division with little equipment and with no trained personnel. By his attention to duty and the application of consistently good judgment, he has developed an excellent Mail and Records Division.

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LEVEL L. CHEVALIER, 38138095, Technical Sergeant, Engineer Section, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He executed numerous and successful important water reconnaissances in connection with the establishment, maintenance and assignment of water supply points in the Mediterranean Base Section area of North Africa. By his unswerving energy and resourcefulness, he has contributed materially to the health and comfort of the troops of many organizations.

JOSHUA R. EISEN, 18090242, Technical Sergeant, Company "A", *** Ordnance Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He organized and directed the parts department and has been responsible for the storage and issuance of spare parts for tanks, half tracks and other combat vehicles. He has used his ability and resourcefulness in checking and determining interchangeability of parts between the various types and models of vehicles. This has resulted in many vehicles being forwarded to combat units which would not otherwise have been available had it not been for his ingenuity. By his unswerving devotion to duty and sound judgment, he has played an important part in supplying forward echelons.

JOSEPH W. GRISCAVAGE, 32055362, Technical Sergeant, *** Ordnance Company (AM), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has been the non-commissioned officer in charge of the operation of Ammunition Depot ***. By his skillful handling of personnel and ammunition in depot operations and ammunition rail shipments, and by his determination, good judgment, resourcefulness, and steadfast devotion to duty he has inspired both military and civilian personnel to carry on for long periods of time and by so doing has accomplished much more than could normally be expected in the supply of ammunition to the forward zone.

WILLIAM J. GUEFFER, 36116455, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Detachment, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In the occupation of North Africa, this non-commissioned officer, with little assistance available to him, laid the ground work for the enlargement of the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Mediterranean Base Section, and developed a system for handling the many details of this office efficiently and expeditiously.

RUDOLF HAUCKE, 36089714, Technical Sergeant, *** Ordnance Company (AM), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He was in complete charge of a group of men detailed to clean up, properly sort and accurately mark ammunition which had become mixed and dumped in a field during combat. Making effective use of native labor, Sergeant Haucke by his initiative, determination and resourcefulness was responsible for the speedy elimination of a serious safety hazard and expedited the dispatch of ammunition to combat units.

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LELAND E. WARING, 20242635, Technical Sergeant, *** Engineer Map Depot Detachment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. He has been charged with much of the responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of the map distribution facilities for the Allied Forces in North Africa. Under his leadership and direction maps have been supplied to the Ground and Air Forces with the minimum delay. Technical Sergeant Waring has done much to raise the disciplinary standards of his organization and has proved himself of great value to the military service.

ROBERT S. ADAMS, 20124315, First Sergeant, Company "C", *** Port Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has raised the disciplinary standards in his company and has improved the dress, appearance, alertness and deportment of subordinates and has demonstrated his ability in bringing the general condition of his unit to a high standard. The results obtained in this organization by First Sergeant Adams are reflected in the exemplary performance of its primary function of loading and discharging vital war supplies and equipment.

HERMAN B. GOLDEN, 6374658, First Sergeant, Medical Detachment, *** General Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has performed superior services in training enlisted hospital personnel to perform their respective duties efficiently. By his persistent and undeviating devotion to duty and practical knowledge of human nature, he has played an extremely important part in the successful establishment and excellent functioning of the *** General Hospital.

EUGENE HARSHMAN, 6236324, First Sergeant, *** Ordnance Company (D), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as First Sergeant of his company. He has supervised the receipt and distribution of ordnance supplies to field units in an outstanding manner; has insisted upon and maintained good behavior and soldierly conduct on the part of his subordinates; has brought cheer and encouragement to the sick members of his company; and has also created friendly relations between our Army and the French and Arabs in the community. By his accomplishments and bearing, he has set a high standard for other non-commissioned officers.

JOHN W. POWELL, 14026356, First Sergeant, Company "D", *** Port Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has obtained superior results in connection with training and discipline, and in bringing the general condition of his company up to a high standard. By his unswerving devotion to duty, cheerful cooperation, good judgment, and ingenuity, he has played an important part in the excellent functioning of his company in successfully accomplishing its mission of loading and discharging vital war materials.

CYRIL F. RAYMOND, 20701274, First Sergeant, Service Company, *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. First Sergeant Raymond has demonstrated extraordinary ability as an organizer and has been exceedingly thorough in the details of his administrative duties. His loyalty and devotion to duty have been an inspiration to his company and reflect very favorably upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Fairfield, Iowa.

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WILLIAM H. BAILEY, 38055376, Master Sergeant, Signal Section, Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He has devoted his time to mastering the details of signal operation and supply and has been most valuable in training other enlisted men for combat operations, and in seeing that signal supplies of the correct type and in proper quantities were available for the fighting troops. Few soldiers of his grade have contributed more practical suggestions tending to improve signal operations or benefited the military service more than Master Sergeant Bailey.

GEORGE BOLWELL, 339661, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Company, *** Quartermaster Depot, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He was a key man and instrumental in setting up and subsequently operating the Quartermaster Depot in Sacramento, California prior to being ordered overseas. While in England he served as chief clerk of Headquarters ***, and later in the same capacity with the subsistence section of the *** Depot in North Africa. His ingenuity in fabricating field expedients to cope with unusual situations has been observed and adopted by others. Master Sergeant Bolwell has been in a great measure responsible for the efficient functioning of the subsistence section of the depot.

CHARLES E. ENNEBERG, 20702144, Master Sergeant, Service Company, *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Sergeant Enneberg was appointed chief clerk of the Personnel Section, *** Infantry Regiment at the time the regiment was preparing to leave for North Africa. He developed an extremely smooth operating section which is attentive to details and accomplishes results with a minimum of time, effort and confusion. He has displayed outstanding initiative, devotion to duty and a high degree of skill, without regard to hours and as a result of his efforts the work of his section has been outstanding. Entered service from St. Anagar, Iowa.

HAROLD A. GEFTIC, 32143164, Master Sergeant, Civil Affairs Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 22 December 1942 to 1 March 1943. Master Sergeant Geftic displayed great initiative, interest and untiring effort in the dispatching of civilian goods, and in the locating and tracing of civilian goods which had been presumably lost. His actions have effected the recovery and proper dispatch of large quantities of both civilian and Army supplies. During this period he often worked exceedingly long hours without regard to his personal well-being or comfort. By his conscientious attention to duty, his tact and individual resources, he has been of great assistance to his superior officers and performed service of great value to the Government.

[illegible] L. GUPTON, 0496366, Chaplain (First Lieutenant), Ch., *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 7 to 10 April 1943, in the vicinity of Fondouk, Tunisia. With total disregard for his own personal safety, he visited the battlefield in search of the dead while enemy artillery was still very active. With little rest, Chaplain Gupton administered to the wounded and buried the dead during the entire battle. He has never failed to seize an opportunity to be of service to the officers and men of the regiment. Chaplain Gupton's coolness, helpfulness and devotion to duty are outstanding and a distinct credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Pittsboro, North Carolina.

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ALBERT A. KURLAND, 0416226, First Lieutenant, M.C., *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In the face of incessant German artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Kurland administered medical treatment to the wounded during an attack on German positions. By his brilliant work and efficiency during a period when the 3d Battalion Aid Station was subjected to heavy German cannon and mortar bombardment, he saved the lives of many critically wounded men. Lieutenant Kurland has been exceptional in that no risk of his own life was too great when he saw that treatment should be administered to a sick or wounded soldier. His loyalty and devotion are a credit to the medical profession. Entered service from Baltimore, Maryland.

JACOB G. GEIER, 0381132, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Inf., *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Lieutenant Geier as executive officer of his company has demonstrated devotion to duty and has shown great courage and initiative in leading his platoons in battle. He was never satisfied in simply carrying out orders, but took advantage of every opportunity to make an excellent record for his platoons. Through his courage and initiative the company has made an outstanding record and has contributed materially to the success achieved by the regiment. Entered service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

CHARLES E. GREIF, 0351673, Captain, Ord., *** Ordnance Battalion (Am), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In addition to his normal duties as company commander, Captain Greif has been responsible for the direction and control of four ammunition depots. In connection with this duty, Captain Greif has worked under extreme pressure on many successive occasions without relief. His tactful dealing with all ranks, his resourcefulness, ingenuity, and ability to work under pressure have enabled him to complete a maximum amount of work with a very limited personnel.

MORRIS J. LESLIE, 0327522, Captain, M.C., Medical Detachment, *** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the period 8 and 9 April, 1943 at Fondouk, North Africa, Captain Leslie showed superior courage and devotion to his duties under machine gun, mortar, and heavy artillery fire. He set up an advanced dressing station, where it was impossible to set up a regular battalion aid station, thereby giving medical aid to the wounded. His previous conduct and accomplishments as well as these acts reflect great honor on his detachment and the Medical Corps of the United States Forces. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES M. DRAGOO, 0211862, Major, Inf., Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In the office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, he has organized and supervised an excellent section which has handled assignments, transfers and replacements, and has maintained a proper and adequate flow of personnel to the field forces. By his unswerving devotion to duty, cheerful cooperation, good judgment and ingenuity, he has played an important part in the timely supply and placement of personnel, and in so doing has contributed materially to the success of the Allied war effort. Residence at time of appointment: Muncie, Indiana.

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HERMAN FELDMAN, 05724, Colonel, G.S.C., Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, of the SOS, ETOUSA in England and subsequently in the same capacity with the Mediterranean Base Section in England and North Africa, Colonel Feldman has been responsible for the planning, coordination and operation of the supply functions of the Mediterranean Base Section. Largely due to his untiring efforts and diligence, supplies and equipment have been made available to the combat units in adequate quantities and with proper timing. Residence at time of appointment: Washington, D. C.

GERSON N. HEISS, 015922, Colonel, Ord., Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Colonel Heiss initiated and developed the ordnance supply and maintenance plans prior to the arrival of the Mediterranean Base Section in North Africa. After the arrival, through his keen judgment, devotion to duty, and initiative, effective and highly efficient ordnance shops, motor assembly plants, and supply installations and services have been established and maintained. His contribution to the military service will remain forever in the memory of those who have observed him. Entered service from: Clio, South Carolina.

EDUARD H. LASTAYO, 012660, Colonel, T. C., Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Commanding Officer, Third Port, and later as Transportation Officer, Mediterranean Base Section, Colonel Lastayo was responsible for the development by the American Army of the ports of Oran, Mers-el-Kepir, Arzew, Mostaganem, and Nemours. Arriving with the initial American contingent in the opening of the North African Campaign, he took over the operations of the Western Algerian ports at a time when these port operations were seriously disrupted due to the sinking of ships and the damaging of port equipment by enemy action. Due to his untiring energy and ability, the port services were restored and a combined military and civil port organization placed in effect in a minimum period of time. As Transportation Officer, he applied the same ability and initiative with the result that a highly efficient organization has been established for the handling of all rail, water, and motor transportation within the base section. Residence at time of appointment: Miami, Florida.

GEORGE D. PENCE, 015629, Colonel, G.S.C., Mediterranean Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the initial organization of the Mediterranean Base Section, and subsequently during its establishment and operation in North Africa, Colonel Pence, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, was responsible for the administrative organization of the headquarters and its supporting units, and for the supervision of the administrative services. Through his diligence, keen foresight and untiring industry, the headquarters was organized, and enabled to operate with efficiency in a minimum period of time. More recently, he has perfected the organization and operations of disciplinary barracks and prisoner of war camps, supervised the operation of a large replacement depot, and has handled effectively many personnel problems. Home address at time of appointment: Ridgewood, New Jersey.

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AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

ROY L. DORMAN, 38105199, Private, Company "A", *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services at Fondouk Pass, North Africa. On 9 April 1943 during an attack on a strongly held enemy position Private Dorman took charge of his squad when his corporal was wounded. Using his own initiative, without orders, he led the squad throughout the remainder of the attack. Selecting advantageous positions and constantly encouraging his men by word and example, he attained a degree of success as a leader far above that which could normally be expected. His initiative and leadership set an example which will long live in the memory of his comrades. Entered service from Amarillo, Texas.

BERNARD F. CAHILL, 37044300, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As surgical technician with the 1st Battalion Medical Section, he performed his duties in a forward aid station in active combat with the enemy at Fondouk Pass, Tunisia, on 8, 9, and 10 April 1943 in an extremely able and conscientious manner. His calm and cheerful demeanor inspired his fellow soldiers and the wounded men he treated on the battle field. He worked untiringly, and under constant enemy artillery fire for long periods without rest, in order to carry on the necessary work. Residence at enlistment: Emmetsburg, Iowa.

WILLIAM H. DAVISON, 37044473, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Continually under excellent enemy observation and heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, Private First Class Davison drove a peep without respite during the period 8-9 April 1943. He made ten trips over open terrain to evacuate at least 19 seriously wounded men. His desire to render service, his determination and gallantry undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

BERNARD EVERSON, 33207935, Private First Class, Detachment Medical Department, *** General Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in connection with the operation of the Admission and Disposition Section of the *** General Hospital. Working long and tedious hours, without rest, often without food, but always cheerful and loyal, Private First Class Everson has, by his untiring devotion to duty, his sympathetic care of the sick and wounded and his encouragement of those working with him, been an inspiration and example to his fellow soldiers. Entered service from Maryland.

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THEODORE F. HAUT, 37044718, Private First Class, Company "M", *** Infantry Regiment for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Private First Class Haut, company runner, has been outstanding in getting messages to the proper place with the least possible delay and on occasions has crossed open terrain under hostile fire to deliver messages to gun sections when the communication lines had been blown out by artillery fire. His devotion to duty in combat is a credit to himself and his organization. Entered service from Davenport, Iowa.

CARROLL W. KNAPP, 33233840, Private First Class, Company "L", *** Infantry for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. At Fondouk Pass, North Africa, on 8 April 1943, after being wounded he refused to be evacuated and returned to his organization to continue his duties as a platoon runner. In order to reach his destination quickly, he always proceeded with his messages over the most direct routes, regardless of enemy fire. He was constantly alert to discover enemy machine gun positions and frequently the information he gave enabled our forces to destroy them. His coolness, bravery and disregard of self were important to the success of his company. Entered service from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

WILBUR W. STEPHENS, 20701403, Private First Class, Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services on 8-9 April 1943, in the vicinity of Fondouk, Tunisia, North Africa. He operated a signal corps radio *** under accurate artillery and machine gun fire in a calm and efficient manner. With little rest, he maintained constant communication throughout the battle. His calmness and devotion to duty have been outstanding and a distinct credit to the Armed Forces. Residence at enlistment: Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

GEORGE VANDERWOUDE, 16045907, Private First Class, Detachment Medical Department, *** General Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Assigned to the Admission and Disposition Section of the hospital, handling hundreds of patients and their baggage daily, working long hours without sleep and often without meals, Private First Class Van Der Woude has shown unusual devotion to duty. His has been a notoriously back-breaking job. Working as a litter-bearer, carrying baggage, running errands and as a general utility man he has never complained and never sought rest when his help was needed. His is an outstanding example of meritorious service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Award of the Distinguished Service Cross I
Award of the Silver Star II
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I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

CLARE SHERMAN, 6350421, First Sergeant, Company "C", 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 23-24 February 1943 at Djebel Chambi and Kasserine Pass, Tunisia. From within his battalion, he organized and took command of a provisional infantry detachment composed of personnel previously unexperienced in combat. He was assigned the mission of moving his detachment into Djebel Chambi as right flank protection for the battalion, which was to drive out the Germans entrenched on the height, and if possible proceed into the Kasserine Pass. By aggressive leadership, daring actions and extraordinary heroism he directed and personally led his detachment in an extremely difficult march through the mountains, neutralized several machine guns, and pressed his attack along the mountain throughout the night. He accomplished his mission so effectively as to create such a diversion that a superior enemy force holding the Kasserine Pass withdrew. His actions resulted in the subsequent occupation of the pass without the loss of a single life. The extraordinary heroism, determination, perseverance and aggressive leadership displayed by First Sergeant Sherman reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and are deserving of the highest praise. Residence at enlistment: Cowan, Tennessee.

WILLIAM O. DARBY, 019133, Lieutenant Colonel, F.A., for extraordinary heroism in action during the five days from 21 March to 25 March 1943 in the Gafsa-El Guettar sector. Leading his command, the 3rd Ranger Battalion, over ten miles of almost impassable mountain ranges during the night 20-21 March, Lieutenant Colonel Darby struck with his force with complete surprise at dawn in the rear of strongly prepared enemy positions. Always conspicuously at the head of his troops, Lieutenant Colonel Darby personally led the assaults against the enemy line in the face of heavy machine gun and artillery fire, establishing the fury of the attack of the Ranger Battalion by his skillful employment of hand grenades in close quarter fighting. The success of this attack was largely due to the outstanding heroism of Lieutenant Colonel Darby who, with complete disregard for his own safety, led and paced the entire assault. On 22 March, again

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leading his Ranger Battalion in the face of enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant Colonel Darby bravely directed his battalion in an advance on Bou Hamran, capturing prisoners and destroying a battery of self-propelled artillery. During the two succeeding days, while the Ranger Battalion was in a defensive position with the *** Infantry Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Darby again initiated the dogged resistance of his troops by circulating freely among his men in the face of severe enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, to establish decisions, encourage his troops and direct their fire. On the night of 25 March after five days of savage and almost uninterrupted fighting, while employing his Rangers in a successful rear guard action, Lieutenant Colonel Darby again displayed extraordinary heroism by remaining at the head of his covering force and directing the movements of his Rangers in the face of machine gun and artillery fire. The selflessness and courage displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Darby inspired his command to exceedingly greater efforts and proved an immeasurable important factor in the ultimate successes in this sector. Residence: Fort Smith, Arkansas.

BEN STERNBERG, 021266, Lieutenant Colonel, *** Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action from 23 March to 25 March 1943, near El Guettar, Tunisia. In a determined effort to destroy the preliminary American offensive in this sector, more than 200 enemy tanks, halftracks and armored vehicles attacked the *** Infantry Division at dawn on 23 March. Lieutenant Colonel Sternberg, at great personal risk and with complete disregard of danger to himself, immediately circulated throughout his battalion area, exposing himself to severe enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire in the treeless terrain in order to shift critical positions, stiffen resistance and personally direct local counter-attacks. When the battalion was once more subjected to furious enemy assault, Lieutenant Colonel Sternberg stimulated his troops by his own example to such determined resistance that the enemy was beaten off and the position held intact. The indomitable courage and initiative displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Sternberg inspired his command to greater efforts and aided materially in the success of the mission. Residence at appointment: Starke, Florida.

ROBERT G. YORK, 021941, Lieutenant Colonel, *** Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action from 23 March to 25 March, 1943, near El Guettar, Tunisia. In a determined attempt to smash the American offensive, more than 200 enemy tanks, half-tracks and armored vehicles assaulted the position of the *** Infantry at dawn on 23 March. Lieutenant Colonel York, commanding officer of the *** Battalion, immediately initiated the dogged resistance of his troops by circulating freely among his men in the face of severe enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to establish dispositions, encourage his troops, and direct their fire. Although raked by machine gun and artillery fire from armored vehicles which at one time flanked his position and penetrated six miles to his rear, Lieutenant Colonel York moved without concern throughout his exposed battalion position to stiffen the resistance of his troops and direct their employment of rifle grenades, thereby accounting for several enemy vehicles at ranges of less than one hundred yards. Again that afternoon during an enemy assault, spear by savage dive-bombing attacks and supported by heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, Lieutenant Colonel York's battalion, although virtually exhausted after three days of constant fighting, successfully stopped the enemy thrust. The ability of this battalion to hold its position under overwhelming attack and thereby insure the success of later American operations in that sector, was largely due to the courageous leadership and brave example of its Commander. Residence at appointment: Hartsell, Alabama.

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II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer:

HARKSDALE HAMLETT, 013143, Lieutenant Colonel, F.A., Headquarters II Corps, for gallantry in action. At Arzew Beach, from 8 November to 12 November 1942, Lieutenant Colonel Hamlett efficiently organized and operated the Corps Motor Pool while under enemy sniper fire. During the enemy attack near Faid Pass, from 14 February to 18 February 1943, Lieutenant Colonel Hamlett as Liaison Officer with the *** Armored Division provided the Commanding General, II Corps, with current information concerning the then grave situation. On 20 February 1943 he was dispatched to Thala where he accomplished the important mission of coordinating the British and American Artillery units. During the period of great moment when the German Panzer Division attacked through Kasserine Pass, Lieutenant Colonel Hamlett accomplished dangerous reconnaissance missions for the *** Infantry Division Artillery. By his outstanding professional knowledge, ability, courage, and devotion to duty, Lieutenant Colonel Hamlett contributed materially to the success of II Corps in North Africa. Residence: Columbia, Kentucky. (Medal No. 18675)

III -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

MOLLY BINE, 35210041, Staff Sergeant, and PAUL BERRY, 6389325, Technical Sergeant, *** Group of Regulating Stations, Transportation Corps, for heroism at Ain el Turok, Algeria, on 2 June 1943. While swimming in the sea near Ain el Turok, Algeria, a fellow soldier was caught in a strong undercurrent and carried more than 175 feet from shore. Upon hearing his cries, Staff Sergeant Bine and Technical Sergeant Berry, although themselves fatigued and knowing that the undercurrent existed, immediately and at great risk to their own lives swam to the rescue of the drowning man. With considerable difficulty, they pulled him to the shore and revived him by artificial respiration. The courage and selflessness displayed by these non-commissioned officers reflect the highest traditions of the service. Home addresses: Holliday's Cove, West Virginia; Lockport, New York.

IV -- AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131 dated 3 June 1943, the Legion of Merit is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following named individuals:

MAX OSBORNE, 39026012, Private, *** Company (Hot.), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November to date. During the landing at Fedala, he won the praise of his superiors for the excellence of his photography. The scenes he photographed of the landing operations and shore battles were taken at great personal risk, and photographs taken have proved to be of great value from a military standpoint, and are now being used for training purposes in amphibious warfare. He entered service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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JOHN W. MATTHEWS, 39250529, Private First Class, *** Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as message center clerk in the Signal Center, Eastern Base Section. During the period 20 March to 1 May 1943, Private First Class Matthews was solely responsible during his tour of duty for the proper routing and prompt clearance of highly important messages upon which the supply of combat troops was dependent. Upon failure of a means of communication, he would promptly check and reroute by another means; following up to insure quick delivery regardless of the number of extra hours of duty it entailed. His work was not closely supervised, yet his speed and perseverance in getting the messages through were outstanding. Residence at enlistment: Los Angeles, California.

HERB (NMI) BERNARD, 32309850, Technician Fifth Grade, *** Company (Det), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to 5 March 1943. Technician Fifth Grade Bernard photographed the first landings of American troops and the subsequent battle on the shores of Fedala, North Morocco. He then returned to the U.S.S. Tasker H. Bliss and removed a vehicle; he remained in a tank lighter for twenty-four hours, aiding in the rescue of men from torpedoed ships. He again returned to the U.S.S. Tasker H. Bliss and removed the last vehicle prior to her sinking, thus saving invaluable photographic supplies and equipment. During the Anfa conference Technician Fifth Grade Bernard worked diligently and his exceptional work there caused many favorable comments from picture editors when his photographs were released through the Signal Corps. During the period of 28 January to 5 February 1943, Technician Fifth Grade Bernard was one of a small group of photographers who aided in obtaining the first signal corps photographic records of the American occupation of Dakar. Residence at enlistment: Glenn Ridge, New Jersey.

AUGUST YEARING, JR., 31061844, Corporal, Headquarters and Service Company, *** Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period November 1942 to May 1943. Working long hours under most adverse conditions, with total disregard for his own personal well-being, he supervised and directed the motor transport of the 1st Battalion, *** Regiment and maintained contact with all the subordinate units which were stationed throughout the theater of operations. His constant devotion to duty and his tireless efforts in maintaining a high standard of operational efficiency were an inspiration to all those with whom he worked and reflect the highest traditions of the service. Residence at time of enlistment: Ridgewood, New Jersey.

JAY J. COHEN, 32309825, Technician Fourth Grade, *** Company (Det.), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 8 November to date. This soldier photographed the naval engagement, and the subsequent shore battles during the invasion near Casablanca. His conduct and performance of duty in combat was exemplary in every respect, and his coolness and daring while under fire resulted in exceptional motion pictures for army archives and for release to the public. His work at the Anfa Conference was outstanding, as well as photographic records of the American occupation of Dakar. He entered service from New York, New York.

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VICTOR W. CROSIER, 13053603, Sergeant, [illegible] Company (Det.), [illegible], for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 8 November 1942 to date. During the landing operations at Fedala, he took many pictures that won widespread recognition in many of the leading papers and magazines of the United States. He was present during the capture of the German Armistice Commission, and his photographs of that event were of unusual importance in the United States. His conduct and performance of duty under fire was exemplary at all times. He was invaluable during the Anfa Conference, and worked untiringly to produce the best possible results. He entered service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DUDLEY A. LAFFERTY, 36105054, Sergeant, Company [illegible] Quartermaster Battalion (Bkry), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the Tunisian Campaign. In his capacity as unit mechanic and electrician, he demonstrated beyond all question his resourcefulness and thorough technical background. On many occasions, beyond the call of duty, he made improvements and adjustments which enabled more efficient operation. When parts were unobtainable, Sergeant Lafferty with ingenuity fashioned the parts. He was probably the most decisive factor in the continued efficient operation of the Bakery unit during the Tunisian Campaign. Entered the service from Michigan.

WILLIAM SALOGUB, 32222868, Technician Third Grade, Finance Administration Office, Eastern Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He applied himself and performed his duties to a degree far beyond that which is normally expected, contributed immeasurably toward the successful completion of a mission to pay all personnel in the forward area to and including all front line troops. As non-commissioned officer in charge of a detachment in Souk Ahras, Algeria, Sergeant Salogub made impromptu decisions to insure certainty of tactical troop payments. His devotion and adherence to duty is well portrayed by a prior occasion in Algiers when he remained at his task thirty-six hours through an all night bombardment by air.

WILLIAM I. DENNIS, JR., 32109729, Staff Sergeant, Company "C", [illegible] Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the North African Campaign at Fedala, French Morocco, from 0500 hours, 8 November 1942 to 1100 hours, 10 November 1942, he proved himself through leadership, adaptability, flexibility and judgment, a very capable soldier indispensable to his organization. As a member of an engineer reconnaissance party, he landed on a hazardous beach under fire from enemy gun emplacements, bombing and strafing from planes, made split second decisions to ensure the safe landing of troops, supplies and vehicles on a beach where confusion predominated. His coolness, fairness, and ability to handle and correct problem soldiers places him high as a non-commissioned officer of this organization. He entered service from Valdosta, Georgia.

HENRY C. LENGEL, 33027320, Staff Sergeant, Company "A", [illegible] Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. By his initiative and ingenuity he devised methods of loading and unloading vehicles and materials from transports, making it possible to facilitate their unloading during the landing operations on the beaches of Fedala, French Morocco, from 8-10 November 1942. Lack of tools and spare parts gave way to ingenuity and perseverance. His enthusiasm, ability, cheerfulness and exceptional devotion to duty set an example to all who came in contact with him. He entered service from East Greenville, Pennsylvania.

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BOYTT RANKIN, 6385216, Staff Sergeant, *** Field Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As chief of a gun section since 1 April 1942, by his patience, ability, devotion to duty and capacity to instruct, he brought his sections to a high degree of efficiency which has been demonstrated many times under actual battle conditions. A great proportion of the gun sections under his supervision were lost as a result of enemy action, and with tact and resourcefulness, he proceeded to train replacements with a shortage of materiel. The sections were again ready for action within a short period of time. *** on 14 February 1943, he was missing in action, but after a lapse of three days he rejoined his organization, having passed through the lines of the enemy, despite hardship and extreme danger. Residence at enlistment: Gastonia, North Carolina.

ANDREW UHREN (NMI), 36222244, Staff Sergeant, Company "H", *** Engineer Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the landing at Fedala, French Morocco, on 8-9 November 1942, when his organization was assigned the task of operating on the Beach Blue One, he exhibited the highest degree of professional knowledge of motors and tractors, and due to his efforts the operations and salvage on the beach were greatly facilitated. He worked tirelessly for two days and nights on the beach and immediately thereafter worked almost without rest for a period of five days and nights in the Port of Fedala on the poor equipment then available, thereby helping to clear the port of valuable supplies during a period of great stress. He entered military service from Winter, Wisconsin.

THOMAS J. USHER, 35020111, Staff Sergeant, 2d Platoon, *** Quartermaster Battalion (Bakery), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Acting First Sergeant of his organization, he displayed extraordinary qualities of leadership, and succeeded in moulding the men into a cooperative and highly efficient working unit. Under his direction and supervision the bakery has been, time and again, set up with remarkable speed; and in no instance has more than one day elapsed after arrival in a particular area until the bakery was in full production. During the move from Bakerria, he was highly instrumental in the rapid evacuation of the unit, when only six hours were needed from the order to evacuate until every piece of equipment was en-route. While bivouacked near La Moskiana in Algeria a fire broke and he extinguished the blaze rapidly. Had he not been "on the alert", serious damage would have resulted. Through his personal perseverance in doing things correctly and quickly, he has inspired the men to possess a deep feeling of unity and pride in accomplishment. Staff Sergeant Usher, beyond a doubt, has contributed heavily to the successful operation of this unit. Staff Sergeant Usher resides in Youngstown, Ohio.

HOWARD W. BENZ, 35012094, Technical Sergeant, Company "A", *** Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 May 1941 to date. Through his untiring efforts and devotion to duty, he has been instrumental in the installation and maintenance of essential radio equipment of many units. He has displayed the highest degree of intelligence, initiative, and leadership in the design of installation procedure of specialized radio equipment in Armored Force vehicles, technical ingenuity in repairing equipment in the field with damaged materiel, and in many cases redesigning the circuits to work with parts available. His example of cooperation and fidelity displayed while working day and night has set a high example for the members of his company to follow. Residence at enlistment: East Cleveland, Ohio.

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MARK D. CUTTENDALL, 32031825, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, *** Regiment (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. While his organization was assigned the mission of operating the Port of Fedala, French Morocco, during the period following the landing on 8 November 1942, he worked with enthusiasm and was unceasing in his efforts to keep all vehicles and mechanical equipment rolling out of the port. Handicapped by the lack of tools, he improvised and demonstrated his ingenuity. He worked without regard to time, day and night, and was there to see that vehicles kept moving out to where they were needed. His unceasing effort contributed greatly in expediting the movement of personnel and material forward when they were urgently needed. Entered service from Hanlius, New York.

ZEFFRO V. GIANETTI, 31035148, Master Sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He joined the *** Corps as a private, shortly after its activation and continued on as a member of the Western Task Force. In less than a year, by his intelligence, initiative and hard work, he rose from the rank of private to that of master sergeant. He has performed every duty assigned him in a superior manner and was largely instrumental in arranging the many details connected with the operation of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, of the Force. After the initial landing at Fedala on 8 November 1942 he displayed great ability in organizing the office to take care of the many duties devolving on the section. Entered service from Franklin, Massachusetts.

NATHAN H. HARDER, 6701650, Master Sergeant, *** Signal Company, *** Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in developing a resourceful, dependable, and disciplined force of telephone switchboard, telegraph and teletype operators who speedily and efficiently provided communications for the *** Division during the Tunisian campaign. Through his leadership, forcefulness and effective supervision, he expedited an unusually large number of urgent messages. Residence at enlistment: New York, New York.

JOHN W. NORRIS, 20049138, Master Sergeant, Service Battery First Battalion, *** Field Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Master Sergeant Norris was charged with the duty of maintaining the *** vehicles of the First Battalion and Regimental Headquarters Battery. Master Sergeant Norris, during the period 6 December 1942 through 6 April 1943 in various places in North Africa, discharged his responsibilities with such ability and efficiency that no vehicle was in this entire time out of operations for more than 12 hours, and never was more than one vehicle out of service at one time. Regardless of the length of moves, he always remained on the job until every vehicle was in proper mechanical condition, often doing without sleep or rest for two or three days. In addition to his regular job of maintenance of vehicles, he has been invaluable in repairing and maintaining many other types of equipment. Residence at enlistment: Route #3, Abbeville, South Carolina.

MARION E. TAPP, 36023750, Master Sergeant, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, *** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Chief Clerk and Confidential Secretary to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Western Task Force, he performed outstanding service in the supply planning operations for the occupation of French Morocco and contributed in a large measure to the success of the mission. He distinguished himself by unfailing devotion to duty with disregard to personal health and comfort by continuously working during long periods of time under exceptionally arduous conditions. He

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contributed largely to the health, comfort, safety and high state of morale of the troops by his assistance in expeditiously organizing troop commander's headquarters and maintaining same in a high degree of efficiency. He entered service from Milford, Illinois.

JOHN ELLIOT, W2109450, Warrant Officer (jg), (then Master Sergeant), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He was Chief Clerk of the G-3 Section, Western Task Force during the stages of organization, planning and execution of the North African Campaign and was charged with responsibility of organizing and training a clerical staff composed almost entirely of raw and unseasoned men, which task he accomplished with skill. He was further charged with the security of such of the information relating to highly secret details of this operation. His devotion to duty, tactful handling of his men and especially efficient execution of his duties, particularly during the landing in French Morocco on 8 November 1942, contributed in no small measure to the success of the operation. He entered service from Boston, Massachusetts.

ROBERT J. LOUGHRY, 01634082, Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps. Detachment 288 Signal Photographic Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to date. Commanding a detachment of specially selected Signal Corps motion picture camera men he landed in North Africa with the first assault elements of the Western Task Force. By his personal courage, superior ability and resourcefulness he inspired his men and obtained an invaluable pictorial record of an American assault on foreign soil and the peaceful penetration and occupation thereof that followed. Entered the service from Chicago, Illinois.

JACK B. CARROW, 0477078, First Lieutenant, A.I.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while commanding Counter Intelligence Detachment, Western Task Force. He landed under fire with the first wave at Fedala on 8 November 1942, and with his detachment immediately seized valuable documents belonging to the German Armistice Commission in their headquarters. On 11 November 1942 he succeeded in capturing German and Japanese documents of great interest in Casablanca and vicinity. Since 17 November he has been in charge of the Rabat area, and has dealt with the many difficult and important intelligence problems which have arisen with the greatest intelligence and ability. He entered service from Houston, Texas.

TYLER A. GRIGGS, 0466379, First Lieutenant, C.E., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Upon the landing at Fedala, French Morocco, on 8 November 1942, with only a few mechanics and what few tools they could carry in their pockets, worked unceasingly servicing vehicles as they landed and repairing the relatively few vehicles then available to the American Forces. By ingenuity and tireless effort, he demonstrated outstanding ability and devotion to duty. His unceasing efforts and forceful demonstration of his energy and ability lead the men to put forth their best, contributing greatly in expediting the unloading of supplies and personnel and moving them promptly to the forward areas where they were needed. Entered the service from Cooks, New York.

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GEORGE F. MURNANE, JR., 01010331, First Lieutenant, Cav., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. By his sound judgment, tireless energy and close application to duty, he was largely responsible for the successful movement of the supplies and equipment of the Headquarters & Headquarters Company of the Western Task Force from American ports to French Morocco, Africa, on 8 November 1942. He particularly distinguished himself by his tact, efficiency and superior linguistic ability in connection with the organization, maintenance and operation of facilities and accommodations at the Anfa Conference. He entered service from New York, New York.

DAVID SOLOMON GORDON, 0397718, Captain, D.C., [illegible] Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period August 1942 to May 1943. Serving as Regimental Dental Surgeon, he constantly directed and personally worked long hours on the dental care of the personnel of the regiment. He has been of invaluable assistance in planning and assembling necessary dental equipment. His constant devotion to duty, his untiring efforts to maintain and improve the dental services within his regiment and the superior quality of his own professional services have done much to maintain the operational efficiency of his organization and reflect great credit on himself and his subordinates. Entered the service from Charlestown, Massachusetts.

EDWARD FOX, 0490172, Captain, A.G.D., Headquarters [illegible] Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as a member of the Advance Detachment of the Adjutant General's Section, which accompanied the assault echelon of the Western Task Force to French Morocco, Africa. After the beachhead at Fedala, French Morocco had been established, he went ashore with limited personnel and assisted in putting into operation immediately an administrative section designed to take care of the numerous details and reports incident to the operation. His initiative and superior performance of duties assisted greatly in putting into operation an Adjutant General's Section which functioned in a highly efficient manner prior to the arrival of the rear echelon. By his untiring devotion to duty, zeal, energy and experience gained by many years of faithful service, he contributed greatly to the success of carrying out the necessary functions of the Adjutant General's Section, Western Task Force. He entered service from Lexington, Kentucky.

SOLOMON G. HAGGAR, 0328365, Captain, M.C., Headquarters and Service Company, [illegible] Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the period July 1942 to May 1943, Captain Haggar served as Regimental S-4. His tireless efforts in directing the procurement of vital supplies and equipment, often depending entirely on his personal knowledge of the needs of a medical regiment, his constant devotion to duty and the superior services he rendered in a position of responsibility reflects great credit on himself and his organization. Entered service from Billerica, Massachusetts.

PHILIP C. HUGHES, 0326673, Captain, F.A., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Captain Hughes was assigned the mission of taking the first American [illegible] into action on 25 December 1942, at Medjez-el-Bab, Tunisia. In this mission he was unassisted and unable to obtain advice in his technical and tactical problems from his superiors. Captain Hughes performed his mission in a most admirable manner and by his keen judgment and common sense, he was able to solve the many unanswered questions concerning proper

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tactical handling of such an organization. Through his ability to recognize the significance of the experiences of his unit and his willingness to undergo unceasing hardship and work for a continuous period of two months, Captain Hughes contributed a most valuable service to the Field Artillery of the United States Army. Residence at appointment: Birmingham, Alabama.

KENNETH VAN BUSKIRK, 0225812, Major, F.A., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services with the [redacted] Corps. During the development of the Desert Training Center at Indio, California, his work was of such excellence that it gained national prominence. Later his planning, energy and drive with the Western Task Force resulted in superior recreational and welfare facilities not only in the cities but also for the troops in the field. His tireless energy and enthusiasm for his work has added immeasurably to the welfare and comfort of the American soldier in French Morocco. He entered service from Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

JOHN L. LEIDEMEIER, 0320279, Major, S.C., [redacted] Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while Signal Supply Officer, Western Task Force, from 20 August 1942 to 23 December 1942. He constantly displayed outstanding planning ability and initiative. His extraordinary foresight and tireless planning and delivery of the signal equipment and supplies contributed in a large degree to the highly efficient and expeditious manner in which the operations of the Western Task Force were carried out. Entered service from Marion, Illinois.

ROBERT H. McFARLAND, JR., 0290787, Major, Q.M.C., [redacted], Eastern Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, from 24 November 1942 to 13 March 1943. He was attached to [redacted] Army (Fr) as Liaison Officer in charge of supplies for United States combat forces in the forward area. In this capacity, he worked ceaselessly to alleviate the shortages of equipment in United States units. There was no service unit in immediate support of the combat zone and it was due largely to his skillful leadership that supplies were pushed forward as needed. His devotion to duty and outstanding ability aided greatly the organization of the quartermaster service in the base section. His performance of duty has been exemplary and reflects the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from Atlanta, Georgia.

[redacted] WING, JR., 0313325, Major, F.A., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Assistant Artillery Officer, [redacted] Corps. His continuous, thorough and untiring study, planning and tabulation of the ammunition requirements and anticipated expenditures for this Corps as a whole has contributed enormously toward the ultimate success of the [redacted] Corps in the Tunisian Campaign. Residence at appointment: Wheatly Hills, Westbury, Long Island, New York.

ROWAND S. BROWN, 0144634, Lieutenant Colonel, Q.M.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Chief of the Supply Division, and later as Chief of Field Service Division, Office of the Quartermaster, Mediterranean Base Section, from 5 December 1942 until 2 March 1943, rendered exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in organizing and operating these two divisions, coordinating the supply of clothing, personal equipage, regular supplies, gasoline, oil and lubricants and rations and in locating sites and facilities for depots and other installations of the Quartermaster Service, and in making reconnaissance for the location of

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General Depots in the Eastern Base Section. From 2 March 1943 until 18 May 1943, he rendered outstanding service as Commanding Officer of Eastern Base Section General Depot ###, Algeria, establishing and organizing this Depot, coordinating the use of port facilities with the British and French Armies, selecting sites for and coordinating the operation of depot sections for the various supply services of the United States Army. Residence: Corvallis, Oregon.

ROBERT W. COLGLAZIER, JR., 0223635, Lieutenant Colonel, G.S.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Chief of Staff, Eastern Base Section, from 22 February 1943 to 12 June 1943 he planned, organized and directed the numerous activities of the headquarters staff during and subsequent to the Tunisian campaign. With great foresight, organizing ability, zeal, determination and indefatigable energy, he guided and inspired the headquarters staff to such an extent that they accomplished what seemed to be an impossible task of supplying the vast operations. He displayed the highest degree of leadership and accomplished the many difficult tasks confronting him as Chief of Staff. Lieutenant Colonel Colglazier worked excessively long hours without regard to his personal convenience and under his leadership the officers and men of the headquarters staff did likewise. His accomplishments are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

HUGH M. CONNORS, 0229175, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), C.E., ### Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. From the landing at Mehdia Plage, French Morocco, 23 October to 16 November 1942, Lieutenant Colonel Connors exhibited great initiative and devotion to duty by the manner in which he applied all his energies to insure a successful undertaking. As Army Executive Officer of the ship he at all times endeavored to assure that all personnel on board attained a high degree of perfection in training for the operation. During the landing all his efforts were directed toward maintairing a steady stream of supplies and personnel to the beach. At Casablanca 15-16 November, it was due to his ceaseless efforts that the ship was completely unloaded in a minimum of time, although personnel with which to do the work was scarce at the time. At all times he acted with great discretion and without regard to his own personal comfort. Residence at appointment: Denver, Colorado.

JACK C. GAULT, 0244795, Lieutenant Colonel, A.C.D., Headquarters ### Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. When the personnel system of the Army was undergoing revision, he was assigned to coordinate the use of tabulating machines to the new personnel system. He was responsible for the development of the Mobile Machine Record Units System currently in use in all theaters of operation. His initiative and energy during the organization of the Western Task Force, and subsequent to the landing in French Morocco on 8 November 1942, contributed largely to the success of the mission. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

NELSON M. LYNDE, 017730, Lieutenant Colonel, Ord., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the preparation for the Moroccan campaign, he was executive officer of the Ordnance Section devoting the greater part of his time to Ordnance supply in which work he exhibited the highest degree of intelligence and leadership. His efficient planning and coordination contributed greatly to successful Ordnance supply. He performed

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his duty with ingenuity, resourcefulness and sincere application. He has been tireless in planning for future operations. He entered service from Trinidad, Colorado.

DANIEL J. MANNIX, 0307348, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), C.E., *** Engineer Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Before and after the landing operation at Mehdia Plage, French Morocco, 7-15 November, Lieutenant Colonel Manning exhibited great resourcefulness and fortitude by the tireless and efficient manner in which he organized and made preparations for the landing. He again demonstrated a keen comprehension of the situation by the excellent manner in which he organized the companies of his battalion, on widely separated beaches, so that they formed the efficient, well-controlled, shore party so necessary and vital to this type of operation. After capitulation, Lieutenant Colonel Manning again exhibited his unfailing devotion to duty by devoting his energies tirelessly to the foundation and maintenance of security both at Mehdia Plage and at Port Lyautey, French Morocco. Residence at appointment: Manhattan, Illinois.

JOHN B. MEDARIS, 0256381, Lieutenant Colonel, Ord., *** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Ordnance officer from 17 February 1943 to 10 April 1943. He supervised the re-equipment of *** Corps after the costly battle of Kasserine Pass during which large quantities of equipment were lost. All through the advance on Gafsa, Lieutenant Colonel Medaris followed immediately behind combat forces constantly directing operations of *** Corps recovery and reclamation. Inducing battlefield recovery by personal example, he exemplified the highest degree of devotion to duty. Residence at appointment: Cincinnati, Ohio.

NORMAN H. WILEY, 017801, Lieutenant Colonel, M.C., *** Hospital, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 16 March 1943 to 10 April 1943, in making emergency arrangements for improving blood transfusion and oxygen therapy facilities. While under his command, the two units of the hospital, one at Feriana and the other at Gafsa, administered medical treatment to 5271 patients. Of this number 1840 seriously wounded men were admitted to the hospital, the majority requiring major operations. Only through the skillful work and constant supervision of Lieutenant Colonel Wiley was the hospital able to contribute so materially to the well being of American forces during the Tunisian campaign. Residence: Shoudsburg, Pennsylvania.

DAVID D. ZINK, 0173691, Lieutenant Colonel, C.E.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. By his sound judgment, tact, and exceptional organizational ability, Colonel Zink has throughout his service in the *** Corps, and later in the Western Task Force, contributed greatly to the success of these two organizations. In the multitude of details arising in the G-1 Section of the staff during the organization of the Desert Training Center, and subsequently in the planning and execution of duties incident to the creation of the Western Task Force, his work has been outstanding. On and after the initial landing in French Morocco on 8 November 1942, and continuing throughout changing and difficult situations, his example, character and high efficiency has been superior. He entered service from Eugene, Oregon.

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JOHN De F. BARKER, 011416, Colonel, A.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As the ******* Force was forming, he was assigned the task of organizing the Plans Section and he coordinated and perfected the plans for the initial landing of United States Army Air Forces in North Africa and developed plans for subsequent operations. Upon the amalgamation of American and British Air Forces, he served as Chief of Staff of the Allied Air Support Command; on formation of the Northwest African Air Forces, he became Deputy Chief of the Operations Section. He assisted in the direction of operations of light bomber, fighter bomber, fighter and reconnaissance aircraft. His impartial cooperation with ground and air forces, both American and British, was of great value in the Tunisian Campaign, and his knowledge of aerial combat tactics, his calm judgment and devotion to duty, contributed immeasurably to the final expulsion of the enemy from North Africa. Home state at time of appointment: Vermont.

HAROLD A. BARTRON, 011022, Colonel, A.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He organized and commanded a detachment of the ******* Air Force Service Command and brought it to North Africa on D-Day a cohesive and well-equipped unit. On 13 December 1942 he assumed command of the Casablanca Service Area Command (Prov), now the ******* Service Area Command (Sp). He was responsible for the unloading of supplies, equipment, and troops arriving on convoys and coordinating overland shipments with the Services of Supply and Ground Forces in order that the material needed at the front could be given first priority. These tasks were achieved and the aid to the efficient operation of our aircraft was immeasurable. Subsequently, he became Commanding Officer, ******* Service Command and has done more than maintain the high degree of efficiency established in the forward area. Colonel Bartron's devotion to duty and resourcefulness has justly earned him the admiration of his subordinates. His performance of services of a high degree of merit is a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home state at time of appointment: Indiana.

WARD E. BECKER, 09302, Colonel, Ord., Ordnance Officer, Eastern Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He planned, organized and commanded the Ordnance Service of the Base Section. Colonel Becker anticipated and met the tremendous and complicated requirements of an active and widespread combat operation for weapons, motor transport, tactical vehicles, ordnance supplies, ammunition and maintenance. With keen foresight, comprehensive planning, superior leadership, indefatigable energy, determination and resourcefulness, he organized, trained and led the ordnance service in such an effective manner that the combat troops were continuously furnished with their vital ordnance support, in spite of growing requirements, major shifts in the fighting front, a long supply line and a general shortage of facilities and transportation. He was responsible for similar service for American equipment in the hands of our allies. Colonel Becker performed these duties in a highly efficient and tactful manner which reflected great credit on the American Army. Entered service from Minnesota.

JOHN F. CONKLIN, 03777, Colonel, C.E., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Since the activation of the Western Task Force on 11 September 1942, in his capacity of

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Engineer Officer, until relieved from assignment and returned to duty in the United States on 25 November 1942, by his sound judgment, outstanding administrative and executive ability, and exceptional technical knowledge, contributed to the successful landing of the Western Task Force in French Morocco, Africa, on 8 November 1942. Entered service from New York.

ROBERT B. CUMMINGS, 07512, Colonel, A.G.D., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He joined the [illegible] Corps on 22 August 1942, just prior to its reorganization as Task Force "A" (subsequently Western Task Force). He was assigned as Adjutant General, and in the organization and conduct of his office he displayed forethought, drive and energy to the highest degree. His exceptional thoroughness in planning all the necessary administrative functions of this command, contributed greatly to the successful landing and subsequent operations of the Western Task Force from 8 November 1942 to date. Prior to the above assignment, by his experience and thorough planning, he contributed largely in the initial development and final adoption of the Reorganized Army Personnel System, while a member of the Executive Division, Adjutant General's Department, 1940-1941. Entered the service from Houston, Texas.

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON, 016755, Colonel, C.E., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Assistant and later Engineer Officer of the [illegible] Corps, he was responsible for the coordination of the many and varied details relative to planning the engineer functions in the "Torch" operations. The successful manner in which these problems were solved was proven by the speed in which the harbors and docks were prepared for the receipt of troops and supplies despite the damage caused by active operations, the limited facilities and the difficult supply situation. In preparing for future operations, Colonel Davidson has brought about exceptional teamwork on the part of all engineer elements and his grasp of the tactical considerations has prompted the detailed preparations in bringing these elements to the highest state of efficiency and combat readiness. Residence at appointment: New York City, New York.

RAY A. DUNN, 09561, Colonel, A.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Throughout September and October 1942, as Assistant to the Commanding General, [illegible] Command, he helped organize and train the command for the quick establishment, supply and maintenance of air bases in North Africa. During the invasion of North Africa, he assumed command of the advanced echelon. The remarkable operation of this command during the early part of the campaign was largely due to his ability and resourcefulness. On 13 December 1942, he assumed command of the [illegible] Service Area Command (Prov), now [illegible] Service Area Command (Sp), and was responsible for the establishment, maintenance and supply of air bases in the forward area during the Tunisian campaign. Colonel Dunn's devotion to duty, initiative, and resourcefulness have instilled in his subordinates the spirit to accomplish the difficult missions which have been set before them. His performance of services of a high degree of merit is a credit to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home state at time of appointment: New York.

HOBART R. GAY, 07323, Colonel, GSC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Chief of Staff of [illegible]

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Corps, later Western Task Force and now [redacted] Corps, Reinforced. Colonel Gay continually demonstrated the keenest ability to grasp many problems in their true perspective and give clear cut, forceful decisions that gave confidence and encouragement to the entire command. During the period of training, planning and performing the difficult mission assigned to this command during "Torch" operations, he coordinated the varying needs of the staff sections with complete impartiality and with sound judgment. His energy, initiative, and devotion to duty have continued during the many changes of organization of this Corps, and his loyalty and enthusiasm kept all elements alert and active, a tremendous asset in preparing for future operations. The keen understanding of both tactical and administrative problems which Colonel Gay has demonstrated is proof of his ability to occupy this position of the highest responsibility. Residence at appointment: Illinois.

PAUL D. HARKINS, 017625, Colonel, GSC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Deputy Chief of Staff, [redacted] Corps, Colonel Harkins demonstrated exceptional capabilities in his duties of Deputy Chief of Staff during the difficult planning and operational stages of "Torch" operations and during the subsequent period of reorganization of the Corps in its preparation for future operations. Colonel Harkins met difficult problems with energy and directness that brought them to a swift, successful conclusion. His relations with the staff and with the staffs of subordinate units brought about a spirit of cooperation that greatly facilitated the development of the entire command. His influence on the tactical training was materially responsible for the high state of efficiency throughout the Sub-Task Forces and his thorough perception of combat principles served to establish confidence and coordination, bringing the combat units to a superior state of preparedness in relatively short time despite the many handicaps with which they were faced. Residence at appointment: Boston, Massachusetts.

BARTLEY M. HARRIS, 03501, Colonel, GSC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Chief Assistant in the planning and the organizing of the Atlantic Base Section for the support of the operations in North Africa, he demonstrated exceptional foresight. He moved with this installation to its overseas station; and by his untiring efforts, able leadership and sound initiative, aided his commander in the prompt establishment of an efficient supply system. He subsequently became Chief of Staff of the Services of Supply of the theater, where he not only exhibited organizational and executive ability of the highest degree, but also transmitted his force, initiative and poise to the members of the newly-formed staff. He thus contributed in a distinguished manner to the successful establishment of a new important headquarters in this theater of operations. Entered U. S. Military Academy from Massachusetts.

OSCAR W. KOCH, 010351, Colonel, GSC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Colonel Koch, in his position as Chief of Staff of Sub-Task Force Blackstone of the Western Task Force, by his broad military background and his energetic unremitting and intelligent efforts, greatly influenced the successful operations of that Sub-Task Force prior to and during landing operations on French Morocco, 8 November 1942. Subsequently, he has displayed the highest character of devotion to duty, energy

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and enthusiasm, and keen analysis in his position as G-2, ***** Corps, Reinforced, during the planning of important operations. Residence at appointment: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HALLEY G. MADDOX, 012052, Colonel, CAC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Colonel Maddox, as Assistant G-3, Western Task Force, contributed immeasurably to the successful operations during the landing of that Force on French Morocco, 8 November 1942. Subsequently, as G-3 ***** Corps, Reinforced, Colonel Maddox has consistently displayed the utmost energy, great breadth of concept and organizational ability and the highest order of responsibility in the planning of important operations. Residence at appointment: Central City, Kentucky.

ANDREW T. McNAMARA, 017324, Colonel, Q.M.C., ***** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while supervising the distribution of an immense quantity of supplies during operations of American forces in Tunisia, North Africa, 17 March 1943 to 9 May 1943. The supplies included rations, gasoline, oil, lubricants, and ammunition. He supervised the employment of quartermaster trucks which, in addition to transporting supplies, also transported ammunition and combat troops. Without close supervision and accurate dispatching, traffic congestion would have resulted, leaving supplies undelivered and missions unaccomplished. Residence at appointment: Watertown, New York.

WALTER J. MILLER, 013224, Colonel, G. S. C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 of the Western Task Force from its organization on 11 September 1942, and continuing in the same capacity with the ***** Corps, Colonel Miller performed miracles in organization, procurement, training and leadership. He was tireless, very effective and forceful in the performance of his onerous duties, preserving his equanimity throughout difficult situations. He was a strong influence in the successful landing of Western Task Force in French Morocco on 8 November 1942, and its subsequent operations. Entered service from Oakland, California.

THOMAS H. HERON, 0932b, Colonel, Ord., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. After the creation of the Western Task Force, 11 September 1942, he performed the seemingly impossible in assembling the material and equipment and organization for the present operation. He was tireless, intelligent, and resourceful in securing adequate amounts of the most suitable ordnance equipment and replacement parts. Due to his efforts, the inevitable confusion incident to the rapid loading of vast quantities of diversified mechanical and technical equipment and supplies was reduced to a minimum. His performance preceding, during and since the landing in French Morocco on 8 November 1942 has contributed greatly to the success of the operations. Entered service from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS R. STANLEY, 012608, Colonel, T.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Chief of Transportation, Headquarters, SOS, Task Force "A" (later Western Task Force), and as acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Western Task Force, landed at Fedala, French Morocco, on 8 November 1942 with the combat forces and immediately

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established and organized the Transportation Service. The organizing ability, energetic leadership, outstanding performance of duty, and tact displayed by Colonel Stanley in establishing and maintaining the transportation system embracing water, rail and motor in French Morocco for the American Forces is indicative of military duty exceptionally well performed, reflecting the highest administrative and technical traditions of our Army. Entered U. S. Military Academy from Texas.

RALPH H. TATE, 03149, Colonel, GSC, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, SOS, Western Task Force and as Chief of Staff, Atlantic Base Section, brought to these headquarters detailed, painstaking and thorough going staff work in not only advance planning which proved logistically sound when translated to operational procedure in the theater of operations, but whose leadership, aggressiveness and drive inspired all to insure the continuing service mission being well done. By his superlative background in staff work, administrative procedure, logistics and sound judgment, he organized a cohesive staff section and an operating headquarters that is guaranteeing service for the ground, air, naval and French forces in Morocco. By these accomplishments, he demonstrated capabilities reflecting the highest traditions of the Army. Entered U.S. Military Academy from Michigan.

REUBEN E. TUCKER, 03561, Major General, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. General Tucker demonstrated leadership and organizational abilities of a superior quality during the preliminary organization of Western Task Force and the planning of operations. During the above period and particularly during landing operations, and subsequent combat operations, his tireless energy, devotion and sound judgment were outstanding. On 10 November, his personal intervention at the front stabilized a bad situation and prevented a withdrawal from becoming much more serious. Entered service from Santiago, California.

V — ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award by the War Department of the Legion of Merit to the following named officer:

DONALD A. DAVISON, Brigadier General, 03703, ...U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As a member of the Special Army Observers Group, London, England, and later as Engineer of the European Theater of Operations, from May 1941 to June 1942, General Davison displayed unusual professional attainments, superior judgment, and devotion to duty, and rendered service of distinctive value to the government in the construction of quarters, airdromes, and supply installations for the United States Army Forces in the United Kingdom, and in the later establishment of the European Theater of Operations.

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AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT

Under authority contained in Section II, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to each of the following individuals:

STEPHEN I. HALL, 39019459, Technician 5th Grade, * Signal Photographic Company (Mob.), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 8 November 1942 to date. During the landing operation at Fedala, he photographed the fighting on shore and the advance into Casablanca. During the Anfa Conference he worked indefatigably, and performed all of his duties in an exceptional manner. From the period 20 January to 6 February, 1943, Technician 5th Grade Hall participated in a flight to Dakar, and aided in obtaining photographic records of the American activities of that point. Residence at enlistment: Hollywood, California.

[illegible] V. UTTER, 39011138, Technician 3rd Grade, Company "B", ** Signal Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 May 1941 to date. Sergeant Utter, through a high degree of ability, and untiring effort, is responsible for the operation of teletype over long commercial circuits in poor condition. His keen foresight and ingenuity in designing, while in the staging area, a simple teletype relay, which could be constructed out of spare standard radio and telephone parts under field conditions, resulted in a saving of time and money to the Government. While establishing teletype communication between the Western and Eastern Task Forces the need for such a piece of equipment arose. By the immediate construction and application of his relays to satisfactorily complete the circuits. Sergeant Utter set a high example of diligence and devotion to duty. Residence at enlistment: Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

THOMAS J. [illegible], 32015284, 1st Sergeant, Company C, ** Engineer Battalion (C), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As a member of the Engineer Reconnaissance Party at Fedala, French Morocco, from 8 to 10 November 1942 on Beach Red 3, he displayed character, leadership, coolness and sense of reasoning, when after beach parole had been destroyed, he devised substitutes in order to avoid confusion and battling of the boats. In the evacuation of beach casualties, he directed our soldiers to proper cover from shell and plane fire and then to their respective units. He accomplished these feats, under fire, with no regard to personal safety.

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CHARLES H. BROWN, 13060186, Master Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, ** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He displayed exceptional ability and devotion to duty and performed particularly meritorious service in preparing for the operations of Western Task Force in Washington, on the flagship of the convoy where he had charge of the CP message center, and during the attack of our forces on Fedala, 8-11 November 1942. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WALTER F. FYE, 6035788, Master Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, ** Service Group, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 October 1942 to 8 April 1943. He manages a mess which normally feeds about 300 men, but which has fed as many as 1100. In the opinion of the men who eat at it, his is consistently one of the best messes in the Army Air Forces. That it is so is due to Master Sergeant Fye's long experience, his skill in cooking and baking, and the time and patience that he cheerfully puts into his work. He has imbued his staff with the same spirit.

OSCAR PAULSEN, W2102190, Warrant Officer (JG), Headquarters, ** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Chief Clerk to the Adjutant of troops on a large convoy to North Africa during the latter part of October and early part of November 1942. Warrant Officer Paulsen displayed outstanding initiative, resourcefulness, tact, and extraordinary devotion to duty without regard to hours under many trying conditions. His confidence, calmness, and superior judgment in the performance of his duties were invaluable in the maintenance of order aboard a crowded troop transport. Residence at enlistment: Sylvan Grove, Kansas.

KENNEDY H. BISHOP, W2109253, Chief Warrant Officer, Headquarters, NATOUSA, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As confidential clerk in the G-1 Division, AFHQ and Headquarters, NATOUSA, from August 1942 to date, Chief Warrant Officer Bishop has served with distinction, handling ultra-secret matters with absolute discretion and utmost reticence. His understanding, ability and endurance have been beyond reasonable expectation.

ORVILLE R. LINDSTROM, 01577481, Second Lieutenant, QMC., Quartermaster Section, Headquarters ** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. In assuming all responsibilities for burial and graves registration throughout French Morocco upon his arrival, 13 November 1942, Lieutenant Lindstrom, by his superior intelligence, great initiative and devotion to duty far beyond the normal standards, performed an inestimable service to the Government. With no Graves Registration personnel available to him, he organized and personally supervised a provisional unit. He took over French cemeteries, developed and beautified them, and by moving American dead from isolated graves to these cemeteries, military personnel and the local population were impressed with the care given by the United States Army to its honored dead. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

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OWEN ELLIOT, C1000025, Captain, AGD., for exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of outstanding services as Officer in Charge of Casualty Branch, Adjutant General's Section, Allied Force Headquarters, during the North African Campaign. He had direct charge of processing and reporting U.S. battle casualties during the entire operations. The highly efficient services rendered by the Casualty Branch under extremely difficult conditions are evidence of his exceptional ability and the high type of leadership displayed in directing the functions of this vitally important activity.

ALFRED I. HOWES, 0547343, Captain, MI., Headquarters ** Corps, Reinforced, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Executive Officer, C.I.C. Detachment, Task Force "A". On 8 November 1942, Captain Howes landed at Fedala under enemy fire in command of a detail of C.I.C. Agents whom he had trained to a high degree of efficiency. He supervised the detention of captured members of the German Armistice Commission and the seizure of their documents, which proved of great value. During the following two months, when he was stationed in Casablanca, he displayed superior ability and splendid leadership in accomplishing unusually difficult investigations which required great resourcefulness and untiring work. Entered military service from New York, New York.

EDWARD T. BARRETT, 0410364, Lieutenant Colonel, T.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 8-9 of November 1942. He displayed great foresight, superb judgment, shrewd organizational and executive ability, courageous initiative and impressive force and strength of character. The need for the ammunition by the ** Infantry was acute, and the railroad was within range of enemy fire. Although not charged at the time with the movement of supplies, he voluntarily made a personal reconnaissance from the port to the scene of battle, and, upon his return, commandeered a train in spite of serious obstacles and with indefatigable energy and effort, he supervised the coordination of the loading, delivery, and supply of the ammunition to the ** Infantry Regiment. The timely receipt of this ammunition was a decisive factor in the successful and speedy conclusion of the action in the vicinity of St. Cloud, Algeria. Lt. Colonel Barrett's performance demonstrated courage and intelligence. Entered the service from the State of Minnesota.

ROBERT G. BROWN, 016520, Lieutenant Colonel, FA, Headquarters Command, Allied Force, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period from 23 August 1942 to 1 March 1943. In the movement of Allied Force Headquarters and Headquarters Command from England to North Africa, his initiative and zeal displayed in the logistical planning and execution of this difficult undertaking, were largely responsible for its success. He preceded the Headquarters to North Africa and under most difficult conditions, secured the necessary accommodations while retaining the friendship and close cooperation of the French officials. His exemplary performance of these duties in addition to his sound judgment and superior leadership as commander of Special Troops, Headquarters Command, are consistent with the highest traditions of the service.

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WILLIAM A. CARTER, 0-15023, Lieutenant Colonel, C.E., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Corps Engineer, X Corps, during the period of 17 March to 10 April 1943. He successfully and carefully planned and supervised the clearing of extensive mine fields. The manner in which he promptly accomplished the clearing of roads and maintained them in good condition was highly commendable. The skill with which he located mine fields, his handling of demolitions and the construction and removal of obstacles was a great assistance to the successful outcome of the battles of Mareth and El Guetar. Colonel Carter's personal reconnaissances often under fire, his thorough planning and execution of orders was highly meritorious and is a credit to the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army. Residence: New Haven, Connecticut.

ROBERT H. CLARKSON, 0-295357, Lieutenant Colonel, T.C., Atlantic Base Section, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services at Casablanca, French Morocco, from December 1942 to date. Lt. Colonel Clarkson, through his exceptional organizing ability, his superior qualities of leadership and peculiar abilities to inspire the maximum of performance in his subordinates, and his own untiring devotion to duty, was largely responsible for the excellent performance of the American Forces in unloading and reloading military cargo at the Port. Residence at appointment as a commissioned officer from civil life: Belmead Farms, New Mexico.

EMIL C. LOEHNIS, 0219902, Colonel, AGD, for exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of outstanding services as Executive Officer, Adjutant General's Section, Allied Force Headquarters, during the North African Campaign. He personally planned and prepared all Force regulations and directives relative to battle casualty reports and directed the consolidation and dispatch of these reports to the War Department. The excellent results achieved under extraordinarily difficult circumstances incident to limited communication facilities for administrative purposes and the greatly dispersed nature of the various operations are evidence of the professional skill and outstanding devotion to duty exhibited by Colonel Loehnis in the performance of these extremely important duties.

EDGAR A. NICHOLS, 0-24467, Colonel, T.A.C., Headquarters XX Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, throughout the North African campaign. Colonel Nichols's profound knowledge of the German and Italian armies and his considerable linguistic abilities enabled him to evaluate and interpret military information accurately and promptly. His careful supervision of counter-intelligence was highly effective. His pertinent reports and estimates of enemy capabilities formed an excellent basis for the Corps Commander's decisions and for staff plans. They were vital contributions to the victory of the American Forces in North Africa. Residence: Scrafford, Pennsylvania.

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WILLIAM P. DEAN, JR., 01[illegible]6, Colonel, G.S.C., Headquarters, NATOUSA, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Colonel Dean served from August 1942 to date as Executive Officer, G-1 Division, Allied Force Headquarters, and later Headquarters NATOUSA. During this period he participated in the planning and execution of the Landings in North Africa and the subsequent Tunisian Campaign. He translated into effective action all decisions as they were made, working tirelessly and without demur for the best interests of the Allied cause. His judgment, tact and ability to weigh needs and adhere to policy have been outstanding. Entered the Military Academy from Rhode Island.

ERNEST C. HAHN, 0[illegible]912, Colonel, A.G.D., for exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of outstanding services as Chief Postal Officer, Allied Force Headquarters, during the North African Campaign. He personally initiated the postal plans and directed the subsequent execution of those plans and the ultimate establishment of the United States Army Postal Service in North Africa. The excellent postal service rendered, despite critical shortages in transportation facilities, equipment, and trained personnel, are evidence of the exceptional professional postal ability, knowledge of the military establishment, and aggressive leadership displayed by Colonel Hahn in directing this extremely important service.

ELTON F. HAMMOND, 012291, Colonel, S.C., ** Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Signal Officer of the Western Force from 11 September 1942, and continuing in the same capacity with the ** Corps, Colonel Hammond has displayed expert professional knowledge, sound judgment and unusual energy, in carrying out the many and diverse problems of coordination. His efficiency and continued drive contributed in a large measure to the success of the landing in French Morocco, Africa, on 8 November 1942. Entered United States Military Academy from Nattapoisett, Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. HART, 015708, Colonel, F.A., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Artillery Officer, ** Corps, 17 March to 10 April 1943. His successful plan for the coordination and distribution of the Corps Artillery showed excellent technical knowledge and foresight. At one time he was able to bring five battalions of artillery fire in a sudden and effective concentration on a target of advancing enemy tanks, destroying or disabling some thirty-five. His plans for artillery missions and their effective support of infantry and other troops showed great skill. His supervision of the artillery and intercommunication system, was most useful. The collection and quick dissemination of information pertaining to hostile artillery, and other targets, was accurate and timely. In skill, knowledge and accomplishments of Colonel Hart reflected great credit upon the effectiveness of our field artillery. Residence: Washington, D.C.

HENRY C. LAMBERT, 05591, Colonel, G.S.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, ** Corps, 17 March to 10 April, 1943. His tactical and strategical 1309 cgical studies and estimates reflected a keen insight and a profound

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knowledge of the art of war. His plans showed definiteness and thoroughness. He was constantly alert to any changes in the development of the tactical situation and he was always able to give what proved to be sound advice for meeting the change. His advice for troop movements was farsighted and the location of the units was always sound. The coordinated action which the units were able to render, because of his skill and forethought proved an important factor in winning the battles of El Guettar and Kalmasey.

SAMUEL L. METCALFE, 017180, Colonel, C.A.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while in command of the General Supply Depot at Tebessa, Southeastern Algeria. He distinguished himself by his excellent planning and thorough organization in the distribution of all supplies for American operations which took place in Southern Tunisia. He was in command of the American Supply Depot, Tebessa, Southeastern Algeria, and devoted his entire energies to the successful distribution of all supplies to American Forces. On numerous occasions he personally directed and administered the successful delivery of the necessary supplies to units in forward positions. The efficient and capable manner in which Colonel Metcalfe carried on his duties inspired the greatest cooperation among the men of his command, and is deserving of the highest recommendation. Residence: Marfa, Texas.

EDWARD PARRISH, 011317, Colonel, G.S.C., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Eastern Base Section during the period 22 February 1943 to 6 June 1943. He materially assisted in the organization of the Eastern Base Section and planned, organized and supervised its personnel replacement program during and subsequent to the Tunisian campaign. With tact, energetic action, leadership, and determination he accomplished the difficult task of keeping personnel replacements immediately available to the U.S. forces engaged in combat. The fine results achieved by Colonel Parrish were due to his determined effort to do everything possible to accomplish the tasks assigned him. His work is a great credit to him and the U.S. Army and worthy of recognition. Entered the service from Atlanta, Georgia.

JOHN W. RAMSEY, JR., 015624, Colonel, Inf., Hq. Commdg. Allied Force, exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Colonel Ramsey served from August 1942 to date as the Commander of Headquarters Command, Allied Force. During his tenure of office, he has exercised command over a force comparable in size to an infantry division, has successfully moved AFHQ over a long distance without interruption of service or protection and has distinguished himself by his outstanding soldierly qualities and ability. Entered the Military Academy from Louisiana.

HOWARD R. SIMS, 08333, Colonel, F.D., Hq. NATOUSA, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Colonel Sims acted as Chief Finance Officer, ATSC, and in NATOUSA from 26 November 1942 to date. In this capacity he negotiated the preparation of the Finance Plan, as well as to its successful application under most trying conditions and with limited personnel. His sound judgment and competent advice have been of value beyond measure in the financial affairs and activities of this headquarters, involving large sums and major policies as to rates of exchange. Appointed from Tennessee.

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GEORGE C. STEWART, 015249, Colonel, Inf., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period 9 November 1942 to 11 January 1943. As Chief of Transportation of Center Task Force in the occupation of North Africa, he participated in all phases of Operation Torch. In the initial planning stages, he displayed superior ability and foresight in the preparation of the transportation estimates. He exhibited executive and directional ability of the highest order in organizing the movement of the convoys, and in planning the operation of the Oran Port. Subsequently he served as Transportation Officer of the Mediterranean Base Section, with marked success and ability. Throughout operations incident to the occupation, Colonel Stewart displayed planning, organizational and executive ability of the highest order and in his successful execution of all duties assigned him reflected great credit upon the Army of the United States. Entered the United States Military Academy from Alabama.

THOMAS J. TULLY, 022923, Colonel, C.E., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Signal Officer, Corps, between the dates of 17 March and 30 April 1943. Colonel Tully planned and supervised the installation of a highly successful communication net for the Corps in the vicinity of Feriana, Gafsa, El Guettar and Maknassy. There was no instance during this period when Corps Headquarters was out of contact with any major or subordinate unit. His determination of the requirements and the distribution of signal equipment was of a very high order. The operation of codes and ciphers and their safeguarding appeared to be entirely effective. His performance was of a high order and was a material element in shedding the success of the Corps during this period. Residence: Augusta, Georgia.

ROBERT H. ..ILSON, 013954, Colonel, C.E., Headquarters ... Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, from the landing of the Corps at Oran on 8 November 1942 until 6 January 1943, and as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, from 6 January until the end of the Tunisian Campaign on 9 May 1943. Colonel Wilson formulated the policy for the procurement and distribution of all supplies and equipment used by the Corps, and displayed self sacrifice and devotion to duty by working for periods of several days without rest in order to personally expedite the functions of his department. For the last phase of the battle of North Africa, the ... Corps was shifted from the vicinity of Gafsa to the extreme north of the Allied line. This required a complete shift in supply lines. In spite of the limited time, by energetic action and proper planning, he built up the supplies necessary to start the operation on time. Colonel Wilson's skillful handling of the difficult problem of logistics was a vital contribution to the victory of the American Forces in North Africa. Residence: Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

JOHN P. ..ITTON, 020012, Brigadier General, U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. During the planning and preparation for the landings in North Africa, General

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Cannon commanded and was responsible for the organization and specialized training of the 9th Air Support Command. His skill and sound judgment was responsible for the early establishment of our air forces on suitable airdromes. During operations in Tunisia, he commanded the 9th Bomber Command and was largely responsible for the air superiority in the area. Later, he was assigned to the Northwest African Training Command where he created an organization and quickly brought it from a mere plan to such a state of efficiency as to handle all Air Force training and combat replacement activities. General Cannon has consistently displayed a keen knowledge of Air Force problems and exceptional qualities of leadership.

EDWARD P. CURTIS, 0246277, Brigadier General, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Chief of Staff of the Northwest African Air Forces. His unusual organizing and coordinating ability together with a background of distinguished World War I air combat experience, enable him to solve complex problems and play a highly important part in the development and expansion of the Allied Air Forces. The exceptional manner in which he inculcated teamwork, his calm judgment, resourcefulness and superior leadership contributed immensurably to the successful conclusion of the North African Campaign.

LAURIS NORSTAD, 0181[illegible], Brigadier General, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, as a member of the Air Planning Staff for the North African Expedition, as Assistant Chief of Staff, A-3, 9th Air Force, and then as Assistant Chief of Staff, A-3, of the Northwest African Air Forces. He assisted in the preparation of air plans for the execution of the North African Operation from its inception. His careful and considered selection of targets for the air forces, his zealous and outstanding initiative in the performance of duties, his clear judgment, resourcefulness and courage, contributed in a highly marked degree to the successful culmination of the North African Campaign.

ELWOOD R. QUESADA, 016731, Brigadier General, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He organized the 1st, 2d and 3d Advance Wings in the United States. He commanded the 33d Air Defense Wing in North Africa until the amalgamation of the British and American forces into the Northwest African Air Forces, of which he became Deputy Commander. His tact and impartial cooperation were of the greatest value in consolidating the British and American air units into a single fighting force. His knowledge of air tactics, his excellent judgment, initiative and leadership contributed to a marked degree to the success of the Tunisian Campaign.

HOYT S. VANDENBERG, 015355, Brigadier General, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. As Chief of Staff, he was largely responsible for the excellent organization of the 9th Air Force. This was accomplished in the face of almost insuperable difficulties due to lack of time, experienced personnel, and equipment. The achievement of the Force in the initial and succeeding stages of operations is a tribute to his organizational and administrative ability. Subsequently, as Chief of Staff of the Northwest African Strategic Air Force during operations in Tunisia, he was responsible for planning and carrying into effect, aerial operations which were instrumental in nullifying efforts of the enemy to bring

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in vital supplies and reinforcements. During the entire period General Vandenberg has displayed personal courage and coolness and unusual qualities of leadership.

HENRY C. WOLFE, JR., 011349, Brigadier General, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, during the period 7 November 1942 to 25 February 1943. As the Commander of the 1st Engineer Amphibian Brigade he trained and supplied the shore parties and several batch crews for the landing of the Center Task Force. By his tireless attention to duty, his consistent foresight in anticipating and meeting numerous difficulties and by his application of thorough, intelligent training procedures, he added materially to the success of the landing. As principal Military Landing Officer he organized and controlled the unloading of assault cargo ships in a very superior manner. Emergency needs were met with a minimum of confusion and delay. By his outstanding performance he succeeded in unloading all of the stores of the assault cargo ships within the limited time set by the naval escort commander, and thereby made it unnecessary to return the cargo ships, and a large part of the stores, to their port of origin. Immediately following the initial operations, General Wolfe was placed in charge of the Port of Arzew where he rendered outstanding services in the supervision of cargo handling. Entered United States Military Service from Pennsylvania.

DELMAR H. DUNTON, 011495, Major General, (then Brigadier General), A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. He assumed command of the XII Air Force Service Command 30 September 1942, and expeditiously organized and trained it for efficient movement to any operation in North Africa. As the North African Theater expanded, the receipt, transportation and distribution of supplies, as well as the assembly, maintenance and repair of aircraft and vehicles became an ever-increasing task. When the American and British air forces were consolidated, the XII Air Service Command absorbed most of the units of the Eastern Air Command and became the Northwest African Air Service Command and was charged with the same responsibilities for the combined air forces. During the entire period General Dunton demonstrated devotion to duty, initiative, and resourcefulness which inspired his subordinates to greater efforts than they believed possible, and which contributed in a large degree to the successful conclusion of the North African Campaign.

MANTON S. EDDY, 04657, Major General, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Commanding General, 9th Infantry Division, 17 March to 13 April 1943. Though many elements of the 9th Infantry Division had not experienced combat, the Division successfully attacked a strongly fortified position held by the 10th Panzer Division and the Centauro Division of the enemy. His resolute and energetic execution of orders was an important factor in this success. His example of coolness and courage was an inspiration to his subordinates. His demonstrated knowledge of tactics and his comprehension of the situation were of a very high order and was an important factor in the success of his command. Residence at appointment: Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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ERNEST N. HARMON, 05282, Major General, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Commanding General, *** Division in the Northern Tunisian Campaign, 23 April to 9 May 1943. When on 3 May 1943 the *** Division was given the mission of occupying Mateur, Major General Harmon, by instant and aggressive action pushed reconnaissance elements into Mateur and quickly followed with combat elements of his command. By his aggressive action, he caused serious interference with the enemy's plan of withdrawal and occupied Mateur before enemy defensive positions were thoroughly organized. Except for the constant pressure exerted by the *** Division under the energetic leadership of Major General Harmon, the enemy might have been able to organize their position and hold out for several days longer. The comparatively small number of casualties among American troops during these operations is attributed to his effective use of artillery, tanks, and infantry. Throughout the Northern Tunisian Campaign, as in the occupation of Mateur, the successes of the *** Division were attributable to the aggressive leadership, tenacity, and tactical skill of Major General Harmon. Residence at appointment: Camp Sutton, North Carolina.

CHARLES W. RYDER, 03802, Major General, A.U.S., for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Commanding General, *** Division, in the Northern Tunisian Campaign, 23 April to 9 May 1943. The effect upon the *** Division of the inspiring leadership of Major General Ryder was demonstrated in the advance on Hill 609, a strategic Axis strong point. One battalion of the *** Infantry reached the hill on the morning of 29 April 1943 but was forced to withdraw after receiving heavy shell fire. Later in the day the same battalion, responding to the determination of Major General Ryder to capture this position, made a second advance and occupied an Arab village at the base of the hill. On 30 April, Hill 609 was assaulted and captured, and a strong enemy counter-attack was repulsed by the *** Infantry supported by one company of medium tanks. Fighting all day was intense and bloody, the enemy was engaged with bayonet and grenade, and there were many instances of outstanding bravery. Throughout the Campaign, as in the capture of Hill 609, the inspiring leadership of Major General Ryder was evidenced by the high morale, gallant efforts and effective fighting of his men. The success of the *** Division was largely attributable to the tenacity, tactical skill, and untiring efforts of Major General Ryder. Residence at appointment: New York City, New York.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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Chief of Staff.

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I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer:

EDWIN H. RANDLE, 06745, Colonel, Infantry, U. S. Army. For extraordinary heroism in action on the morning of ***, 1943, and the afternoon of ***, 1943, in the sector west of ***. As commanding officer of the *** Infantry Regiment, Colonel Randle, on the morning of *** personally led his reserve battalion into position, braving severe enemy artillery fire to implement his attack. Although subjected to heavy fire from enemy machine guns, mortars and artillery, Colonel Randle moved his observation post to the forward lines of his assault battalion, directing the battle with skill and bravery from that advanced position. When his battalion commander was subsequently wounded, Colonel Randle declined the scanty protection of his own position to administer first aid. Again on *** Colonel Randle personally directed the assault of his first battalion, remaining conspicuously under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. His constant presence in the assault where he shared the dangers and sometimes exceeded the risks of his troops in exposing himself to fire was largely responsible for the aggressive advance of his command.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer:

ALLERTON CUSHMAN, 0-265242, Major, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action on ***, 1943, near ***, Tunisia. Major Cushman, a War Department observer, voluntarily remained well forward of our troops and under heavy enemy fire to obtain vital photographic information and report enemy dispositions to the battalion commander. On another occasion Major Cushman took command of a company of a Tank Destroyer Battalion after the commanding officer had been killed, and effected a successful tactical mission against a strong enemy force. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Major Cushman are an inspiration and a credit to the armed forces of the United States.

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III -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

1. ARTHUR (NMI) RUBIO, 6249387, Private, Headquarters Company, *** Command, for heroism between ***, 1943, at ***, Algeria. Private Rubio, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the *** Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Private Rubio brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

2. GEORGE J. LECUYER, 32045006, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, *** Command, for heroism between ***, 1943, at ***, Algeria. Sergeant LeCuyer, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the *** Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Sergeant LeCuyer brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

IV -- AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

Announcement is made of the award by the War Department of the Legion of Merit to the following named officers:

1. JOHN W. COFFEY, O-2046584, Colonel, Ordnance Department, United States Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As a member of the Special Army Observers Group, ***, England, and later as Chief Ordnance Officer of the European Theater of Operations from May 1941 to June 1942, Colonel Coffey displayed high professional attainments, rare judgment and devotion to duty, and rendered service of outstanding value to the Government in the planning for and reception of the United States Army Forces in the United Kingdom and the subsequent establishment of the European Theater of Operations.

2. WILLIAM H. MIDDLESWART, O-8358, Colonel, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As a member of the Special Army Observers Group, London, England, and later as Quartermaster of the European Theater of Operations from May 1941 to June 1942, Colonel Middleswart displayed unusual professional skill, marked judgment and devotion to duty, and rendered service of outstanding value to the Government in the establishment of an adequate Quartermaster supply system prior to the arrival of the United States Army Forces in the United Kingdom. His plans and coordination with the British supply agencies were the basis on which all subsequent Quartermaster supply in the European Theater of Operations rested.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

1. EDWARD J. ALLEN, 39236100, T/5, Company **, *** Engineers, for heroism between *** 1943, at *, Algeria. T/5 Allen, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the * Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by T/5 Allen brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

2. ROBERT CARPENTER, 19102389, Private, Company **, *** Engineers, for heroism between *** 1943, at *, Algeria. Private Carpenter without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the * Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Private Carpenter brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

3. MICHAEL DUDASH, 36334532, Sergeant, Company **, *** Engineers, for heroism between *** 1943, at *, Algeria. Sergeant Dudash, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the * Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Sergeant Dudash brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

4. FRANK CUCCIA, 32325504, Private, Company **, *** Engineers, for heroism between *** 1943, at *, Algeria. Private Cuccia, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the * Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Private Cuccia brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

5. WALTER MARCUS, 20540093, Staff Sergeant, Company **, *** Engineers, for heroism between *** 1943, at *, Algeria. Staff Sergeant Marcus, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldier

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the barracks of the * Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Staff Sergeant Hargiss brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

6. ANTHONY HOGAN, 16088417, Staff Sergeant, Company **, *** Engineers, for heroism between *** 1943 at *, Algeria. Staff Sergeant Hogan, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the * Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Staff Sergeant Hogan brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

7. D. H. SMITH, 16098305, Sergeant, Company **, *** Engineers, for heroism between *** 1943, at *, Algeria. Sergeant Smith, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the * Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Sergeant Smith brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

8. JAMES F. PIERCE, 38156177, Corporal, Company **, *** Engineers, for heroism between *** 1943, at *, Algeria. Corporal Pierce, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the * Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Corporal Pierce brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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SUBJECT: General Order No. 43

TO : All concerned.

General Order No. 43, this headquarters, dated 29 June 1943, subject "Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished Service Cross" "Award, of Soldier's Medal" is corrected to read: General Order No. 44.

By command of the Theater Commander:

A. D. KING
Major, A.G.D.,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished Service Cross. I
Award, of Soldier's Medal. II

I -- AWARD POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is posthumously awarded to the following named officer:

RUFUS E. O'FARRELL, 0492739, 2D LIEUTENANT, Company **, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on ** April 1943, near ***, Tunisia. Lieutenant O'Farrell was leading his platoon across open terrain in the assault on *** Gap. His men were subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, but under his leadership they continued the advance until a new concentration pinned them to the ground. Lieutenant O'Farrell was wounded but continued to advance on a machine gun nest and demanded its surrender. When the demand was refused, he fired tracers on the position. He received mortal wounds when his gun became jammed and he exposed himself in order to drew the enemy fire. These gallant actions enabled his flank scouts to destroy the enemy gun and its crew, and his platoon to gain its objective. In spite of his wounds he called his platoon Sergeant, gave him his final instructions for continuing the attack, and refused to permit any of his men to stay behind to aid him. The leadership and courage displayed by Lieutenant O'Farrell were an inspiration to the entire battalion in which he served and reflect the highest Army traditions. Next of kin: Mr. Rufus E. O'Farrell, Sr., 1701 Park Road, N.W., Washington, D.C.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

1. GAINES V. MOORE, O-204420, CAPTAIN, Adjutant, ** Battalion, *** Engineers, for heroism between *** and ** June, 1943, at ***, Algeria. Captain Moore directed and participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French troops trapped in the barracks of the *** Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The initiative and courage of Captain Moore, who worked tirelessly, and frequently in grave danger of being crushed from falling debris inspired others to greater efforts and was a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. JOHN F. KIEFFER, 0-336307, CAPTAIN, Headquarters, *** Command, for heroism between *** and ** June 1943, at ***, Algeria. Captain Kieffer directed and participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French ***

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trapped in the barracks of the [illegible] Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The initiative and courage of Captain Wiffler, who worked tirelessly, and frequently in grave danger of being crushed from falling debris inspired others to greater efforts and was a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. GERALD E. WILKERSON, 0-1102[illegible], 2D LIEUTENANT, [illegible] Engineer Regiment, for heroism on 20 June 1943 near [illegible], Algeria. Lieutenant Wilkerson while working on a pier, observed a wooden barge being buffeted by high wind and waves to the extent that a valuable machine, which was on the barge, was about to be thrown into the sea. Lieutenant Wilkerson, of his own volition, picked up a line and swam approximately one hundred feet through the extremely rough water to the barge. The waves sweeping over the barge, several times threw him against the machine and almost into the sea, but with the assistance of an enlisted man he succeeded in lashing the machine to the barge. The initiative courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Wilkerson reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Forces of the United States.

4. [illegible], 32[illegible]8, Private, Headquarters and Service Company, [illegible] Engineer Regiment, for heroism on [illegible] June 1943 near [illegible], Algeria. Pvt. Wheeler observed a valuable piece of machinery in imminent danger of being washed overboard from a barge about 100 feet from shore. Without regard for his personal safety Pvt. Wheeler voluntarily dove into the rough sea and swam to the barge. Although knocked down several times by the high waves he nevertheless was able to assist in lashing the machine to the barge and thereby save valuable government property. The heroism and determination displayed by Pvt. Wheeler reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

5. [illegible], 32[illegible]807, Sergeant, Company [illegible], [illegible] Engineers, for heroism between [illegible] and [illegible] June 1943, at [illegible], Algeria. Sergeant Sawyer, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the [illegible] Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Sergeant Sawyer brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

6. JOHN D. FRANKI, 32329827, Private, Company [illegible], [illegible] Engineers, for heroism between [illegible] and [illegible] June 1943, at [illegible], Algeria. Private Franki, without thought of danger to his own life, voluntarily participated in the rescue and attempted rescue of French soldiers from the barracks of the [illegible] Regiment of Senegalais Tirailleurs, which had been destroyed by enemy bombs. The courage and selflessness displayed by Private Franki brought great credit to the Army of the United States.

By command of the Theater Commander:

E. L. NOLD
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
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GENERAL ORDERS)
:
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26 June 1943

Announcement of Assignment..... I
Award of Distinguished Service Cross..... II
Award of Soldier's Medal.....III

I - ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT

General Order number 26, this headquarters, 26 April 1943, is amended to read as follows:

"By direction of the President, announcement is made of the designation of COLONEL HERBERT S. CLARKSON, O-3605, INF, as Inspector General, North African Theater of Operations."

II - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officers:

1. ERNEST N. HARMON, O-5232, Major General, Commanding, [redacted] Armored Division, for extraordinary heroism in action on [redacted] May 1943, near [redacted], Tunisia. When stubborn resistance of the enemy defending a defile delayed the advance of his division, General Harmon, mounted in a quarter ton truck, visited the foremost elements of his command in contact with the enemy. He moved along the line of tanks which were engaging the enemy, and thoroughly disregarding his own safety, exposed himself to intense fire. By his presence and leadership, he so encouraged his men that the defile was promptly forced and the capitulation of the enemy expedited. He personally went forward and negotiated the surrender of enemy battalions. The heroic action of General Harmon is an inspiring example for his division, in accordance with highest traditions of the military service.

2. WILLIAM [redacted] MOYER, O-22962, Colonel, [redacted] Fighter Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism on [redacted], March 1943, near [redacted], Tunisia. While returning from a successful bombing and strafing of a concentration of enemy troops threatening the position of our ground troops near [redacted], Colonel Moyer led his flight in intercepting 12 ME-109's. Two enemy craft were destroyed and one damaged in this encounter. The flight became scattered and he emerged with but one wingman he noted 18 JU-87's, escorted by 3 ME-109's maneuvering to attack our ground positions. Realizing their mission, he

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instantly turned to attack. His wingman's plane was damaged and the pilot wounded by the first burst of enemy fire. Then, with utter disregard to his personal safety and the odds against him, Colonel Mamyer attacked the formation single handed, destroyed four and damaged seven. A friendly high-cover flight counted seven burning planes on the ground. He continued to press his attack until fuel ran low and then was forced to return to his base through a concentration of anti-aircraft fire. His outstanding skill as a combat pilot, his courage and devotion to duty in the face of extreme danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service of the United States.

III- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

JOHN WILLIAM SWETISH, 6562009, Staff Sergeant, *****, AFHQ. For heroism on ** May 1943, at ****, Algieria. When the bomber upon which he was a passenger crashed upon landing and burst into flames, Sergeant Swetish and another crew member managed to force open a door and escape. Upon leaving the burning plane, Sergeant Swetish heard the rear gunner calling for help and found that he was trapped due to his inability to rotate the turret. Knowing that the high explosives in the bomb bay were in danger of being detonated at any moment, he nevertheless re-entered the plane and after three attempts managed to effect the trapped gunner's escape. A few moments after he and the gunner left the plane it was disintegrated by the explosives. The courage and selflessness displayed by Sergeant Swetish are exemplary of the traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

By command of the Theater Commander:

E. L. FORD
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Civil Defense Advisor Section, Establishment of I
Announcement of Designation of Chief, Civil Defense Advisor Section II
Announcement of Designation of Exchange Officer III
Award of the Distinguished Service Cross IV
Award of the Silver Star V
Awards of Soldier's Medal VI

I -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISOR SECTION

Announcement is made of the establishment of a Civil Defense Advisor Section, this Headquarters.

II - ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF CHIEF, CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISOR SECTION

Announcement is made of the designation of Col. HENRY L. [illegible], 0[illegible], CE, as Chief, Civil Defense Advisor Section, this Headquarters.

III - ANNOUNCEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF EXCHANGE OFFICER

Announcement is made of the designation of Col. HENRY S. [illegible], [illegible], Infantry, as Exchange Officer, North African Theater of Operations, vice Col. OSCAR C. HOOD, 0[illegible], Infantry, relieved.

IV - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

1. So much of Section I, General Order No. 12, this headquarters, dated 20 March 1943, pertaining to 1st Lieutenant VICTOR H. KARPASS, [illegible]-396[illegible], is revoked.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer:

VICTOR H. KARPASS (ASN 0396[illegible]), 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps, [illegible] Detachment, [illegible] Armored Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism and attention to duty in action against an armed enemy. On 8 November 1942 in Bone Harbor, Algeria, Lieutenant Karpass distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism by leaving his sick bed and taking his station in the sick bay. He refused to abandon his ship but remained behind to perform an operation on a severely wounded sailor, heedless of imminent danger. Lieutenant Karpass' [illegible] in action since this operation. By his devotion to duty, his complete disregard for his own welfare, and his heroic actions, Lieutenant Karpass upheld the finest traditions of the Armed Forces.

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V -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer:

PAUL A. HEEGAARD-JENSEN, O-452513, First Lieutenant, M I, for gallantry on 08 November 1942, near ****, French Morocco. Lt. Heegaard-Jensen crossed the enemy lines under fire and led a small detail over forty miles behind the enemy lines to capture a dangerous enemy agent and return with him in his custody. While enroute, on his own initiative, he succeeded in surprising and disarming the Fort at Oulidia. His heroism, devotion to duty and resourcefulness merit high praise.

VI - AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named officer:

JOHN R. HELLAMS, JR., O-277819, Major, C.A.C., for heroism on 08 November 1942 at ****, Algeria, while attached as an observer to the British First Army. Major Hellams saw a loading ramp, a tank and the crew of eight, fall into the sea. After having thrown a life raft into the water, with disregard for his personal safety, Major Hellams lowered himself between the sea wall and the pitching landing craft, and was able to assist all but one of the tank crew to safety. The courage and initiative displayed by Major Hellams, at the risk of his own life, was exemplary and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of the tank crew.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

WILLIAM B. CRAIG, 39377346, Staff Sergeant, Group Headquarters Detachment, ****** Replacement Battalion, for heroism on ** May 1943, in North Africa. A gasoline explosion occurred in an M-10 Tank Destroyer vehicle. The vehicle and its complete load of combat ammunition and the resultant fire was burning fiercely, near and about the ammunition and grenade racks. Although the smoke grenades were then exploding, Staff Sergeant Craig climbed into the tank, and in the face of great danger and difficulty extinguished the blaze with a fire extinguisher. By this heroic act, Staff Sergeant Craig saved not only a valuable government vehicle but no doubt the lives of several men who were in the immediate area. His initiative and resourcefulness are exemplary and reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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Designation of Air Field. I
Award, Posthumous, of the Distinguished Service Cross II
Award of the Distinguished Service Cross III
Award of Legion of Merit IV
Award of Silver Star V

I -- DESIGNATION OF AIR FIELD

The air field situated at the location indicated is named as follows:

Elmes Field (named in honor of Captain Orval Elmes, O-413633, Air Corps) located in Dakar near the village of Rufisque.

II AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

SIDNEY RAPEPORT, 35012603, Private First Class, Company ***, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action * May 1943 in the vicinity of *** **** **, Tunisia, Private First Class Rapeport distinguished himself in a manner so courageous that his conduct was brought to the attention of the entire regiment. When his Company was under heavy machine gun fire and engaged in hand to hand bayonet fighting on Hill ***, Pfc. Rapeport, armed with a carbine, led a group of men from one machine gun nest to another until four had been eliminated. When his ammunition was exhausted he used his weapon as a club until it was shattered on a German helmet. He then continued his amazing attack and actually took part in the destruction of a fifth machine gun crew. While helping to eliminate this last nest he was killed. By his daring actions and superb courage Pfc. Rapeport inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and upheld the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin, Mr. Nathan Rapeport, 11316 Somerset Street, Cleveland, Ohio, Father.

III AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

ROY W. SPENCE, (AGN 15056046), Sergeant, Company *** *** Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on ** March 1943 near *** ***, Tunisia. He observed an infantry company approaching concealed enemy positions and realized they were in grave danger. He voluntarily and on his own initiative crossed open terrain under continuous observation and subjection to heavy and very close enemy machine gun and mortar fire. He attacked two enemy machine gun positions, killing two men, capturing one, and routing

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forty more. His daring and heroic act[illegible] prevented a surprise attack on the infantry company and saved the lives of many men. The extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Spence reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and are deserving of the highest praise. Enlisted Military Service from Fellworth, Kentucky.

IV - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

GORDON (NMI) HUTCHINS, A10, Captain, U. S. Navy, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services. Captain Hutchins was in command of the USS Augusta, flagship in the operations of the Western Task Force. From the time of embarkation, October **, 1942, until the time of debarkation, November **, 1942, through submarine infested waters, he exhibited the highest degree of technical skill and leadership. The efficiency of his planning, and coordination, and the strength of the support he afforded the ground forces is attested by the success of the operation. His conduct merits high commendation.

V -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer:

DICKSON KNOTT, 0-492779, Second Lieutenant, Company ***, *** ** Regiment. For gallantry in action on ** April 1943, at ****, Tunisia. Lieutenant Knott, with a message from the Battalion Commander to his company commander, of necessity crossed about 800 yards of open flat terrain under enemy observation, machine gun and mortar fire. Later, the officer commanding the third platoon, Company *** was wounded and Lieutenant Knott was ordered to reorganize the platoon and resume the attack. In a short period of time, he had the platoon under control and continued forward under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Although wounded in the thigh, he continued to lead the attack to within 400 yards of the enemy position. There the platoon was pinned down till darkness. Under cover of the night, Lieutenant Knott supervised the evacuation of the wounded and successfully led a night attack to take his objective. His initiative, coolness and courage under fire were an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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1. So much of Section III, GO 25, this headquarters, cc, as pertains to the constitution of the "U. S. Mail and POW Censorship Section" as a special staff section of this headquarters is rescinded.

2. Censorship of U. S. and POW mail will hereafter be handled within the G-2 Section.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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Awards of Distinguished Serivce Cross.....I
Award of Silver Star.....II
Award, Posthumous, of Soldier's Medal.....III
Awards of Soldier's Medal.....IV

I - AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officers:

FELIX F. SETTLEMIRE, 0406539, Captain, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near Sedjenane, Tunisia on 23 April 1943. While in command of a small observation party he was surrounded by enemy troops. Captain Settlemire, still alert to opportunity even beyond his predicament, noticed that the Regimental Commander and his observation party had been captured. With bold initiative and acute judgement, regardless of his own safety, he escaped and contacted a nearby platoon. Then heroically inspiring all under him, shouting encouragement, he proceeded ahead of the platoon, under heavy machine gun fir and hand grenades. Although wounded in this action, his efforts were responsible for the rescue of the Regimental Commander and his party. Captain Settlemire's initiative and epic heroism were a profound inspiration to all who saw him, and were performed in a manner exemplary of the most notable in Army tradition.

ALBERT A. SVOBODA, (0103869), Lieutenant Colonel, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action on 30 April 1943, in Tunisia. As commander of the 2nd Battalion, Colonel Svoboda was assigned the mission of taking hill 861. Under heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire, he personally led his heavy weapons platoon into position against the enemy. He then moved forward to the leading elements of his battalion, and utterly disregarding his own safety, directed their action and fire. His courage, bravery and coolness under fire inspired his men, contributed greatly to the accomplishment of his objective and stand as an example of the highest traditions of the Service.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer:

HARK T. MARTIN, JR., 0408197, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, *** Infantry. For gallantry in action near Bizerte, Tunisia, between 30 November and 4 December 1942. The British Commando unit, with which Captain Martin was serving in a supriae assault against enemy lines of communication was attacked by superior enemy forces consisting of tanks and armored cars. Acting immediately, with great courage and without regard for his own safety, he organ-

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ised a covering force, and engaged the enemy so effectively with only small arms fire that the safe withdrawal of the main body was made possible. Then coolly and with fearless leadership he effected the withdrawal of the covering force without a casualty. He was the last man to seek safety. By his brilliant leadership and gallantry, Captain Martin undoubtedly prevented the loss of many lives in a manner reflecting great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

III - AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

GERALD E. MOTTER, 6950291, Sergeant *** Engineer Battalion, for heroism on 31 March 1943, near Maison Carree, Algeria. Sergeant Motter, an experienced swimmer, could easily have reached shore alone when he and a companion were caught in a treacherous undertow. Instead, disregarding his own safety, he chose to remain with his companion, whom he sustained until both were exhausted and pulled beneath the water. His sacrifice of his own life in a noble effort to save the life of another is of the highest order of heroism. Next of kin: Mrs. Virginia M. Mullins - Mother, RR No. 9, St. Joe Center Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

IV - AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted man:

ROY E. HARTZEL, 0461363, First Lieutenant, *** Company, *** Railway Operating Battalion, for heroism on 25 March 1943, at Bizot, Algeria. The lowest boxes of a freight car loaded with ammunition having caught fire during the movement, the train was switched to a point where water could be played on the blazing cases. Lieutenant Hartzel, in complete disregard of his own safety, entered the car, directed the hose into the flames and supervised the movement of the burning boxes of ammunition to reach the source of the flames. His heroism at the risk of his life saved much valuable and essential equipment and property, and exemplify the highest standards of the Service.

WILLIE M. BUCKINGHAM, 17075133, Master Sergeant, *** Company, *** Railway Operating Battalion, and HOMER A. JENKINS, 39609100, Technician Fifth Grade, Locomotive Fireman of Company ***, *** Railway Operating Battalion, for heroism on 25 March 1943, at Bizot, Algeria. A freight car loaded with ammunition caught fire from below. With utter disregard for their safety, Sergeant Buckingham and Corporal Jenkins entered the car and moved burning ammunition cases so that the fire could be extinguished. Working until almost exhausted, at the risk of their lives, they prevented a serious explosion which would have destroyed a great amou. of property and equipment.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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MEDITERRANEAN BASE SECTION
CENTER DISTRICT.

1. The Center District, Mediterranean Base Section, will be organized by the Commanding General, Mediterranean Base Section, effective at a date to be announced by him.

2. The eastern boundary of the Mediterranean Base Section, and the western boundary of the Eastern Base Section is redesignated as PT. GARDON - BIR MAR SER - MASSOUTA - GUELMA - OLED DJELLAL - LAGHOUAT. The Center District of the Mediterranean Base Section is defined as the area west of the eastern boundary of the Mediterranean Base Section to a line TEBESSA - TEBESSEL - LAGHOUAT and North of the line LAGHOUAT - OLED DJELLAL.

3. This amends paragraph 2, General Orders No. 5, this headquarters, as amended by General Orders No. 38, Allied Force Headquarters, 30 December 1942, as amended by General Orders No. 24, Allied Force Headquarters, 4 March 1943, is being amended accordingly.

4. Such activities, now pertaining to the office of the area commander and of Headquarters Command Allied Force Headquarters which best can be performed by the Center District, will be progressively transferred to the Mediterranean Base Section at such time as is mutually determined by the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force Headquarters, and the Commanding General, Mediterranean Base Section. (AG 320/093 C/S-c)

By command of the Theater Commander:

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Award, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Awards of Distinguished Service Cross.....II
Award of Soldier's Medal.....III

I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted m

WALLACE L. BUNKER, 20702944, Private, Company ***, *** Infantry, *** Divisi For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy near Sbiba, North Africa, o 20 February 1943. Pvt. Bunker, who was on a water detail, was trapped by enemy artillery fire, followed by automatic weapon fire and tanks. Hearing cries of th wounded for help, he secured first aid equipment, and regardless of his own safet went to their assistance. He had started to carry one man to cover when he recei ed fatal wounds. The undaunted bravery of Pvt. Bunker, who gave his life to save his comrades, inspired all the men of his company, and reflects the highest tradi tions of the service. Next of kin, Albert B. Bunker, Sheldon, Iowa.

II - AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

THEODORE HILL, 36240936, Private, Company ***, *** Infantry. For extraordi ary heroism in action during the period 9-10 April 1943, in the vicinity of Fonde Tunisia. Private Hill, although wounded and weak from loss of blood, refused to evacuated and continued to move his machine gun forward, keeping the enemy under continuous heavy fire to cover the advance of his company. Ten hours after he wa wounded he was ordered to the aid station for treatment and evacuation, but after receiving first aid he returned to his organization and assisted in the final assault, leading his machine gun squad until the final objective was reached. Th courage, coolness under fire and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all his platoon, and reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United St

ANTHONY P. COLL, 33245951, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, *** Inf try. For extraordinary heroism in action on 6 May 1943 in Tebourba Pass, Tunisia. North Africa. Private First Class Coll observed six men of an adjacent unit, wounded by a mortar shell. With complete disregard for his own safety he left hi own unit's position and although under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, administered first aid to the four men who were still alive and returned them to position of safety. Subsequently, when an officer was wounded by an enemy sniper, Private Coll left his position of safety, although shelling was heavy, and the sniper still active, and ran to his aid. He selflessly and fearlessly supplied machine gunners, mortarmen and riflemen with water during the battle. Private Coll's devotion to duty, perseverance, coolness under fire and bravery in the fac of great danger, were an inspiration to all who observed him and reflect the hig est traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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CHARLEY H. WISE, 20703749, Staff Sergeant, Anti-Tank Company, *** Infantry

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Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action near Sbiba, Tunisia,,on 20 Februar 1943. A member of his section was severly wounded and lay exposed in open terra under continuing enemy machine gun fire. Completely disregarding his own safety Staff Sergeant Wise went to rescue the wounded man, but was himself severely wounded. The position was then subjected to heavy artillery fire. Notwithstanding that his wound deprived him of speech, by dint of great determination he heroically retained command of his section, and issuing his orders in writing and by signs, kept his men in position until dark. His outstanding bravery and noble concern for others' safety, his retention of the responsibilities of leadership, even in pain and deprived of speech, maintained the morale of the section, and served as a brilliant example of the high traditions of the service.

ARNOLD G. KLAWITTER, 20707707, First Sergeant, Company ***, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on 20 February 1943, near Sbiba, Tunisia, North Africa. With his position under heavy enemy direct artillery fire and fire from four enemy tanks that had penetrated the lines, First Sergeant Klawitter observed five wounded American soldiers lying out in front of his fox hole. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he made five trips through this heavy enemy fire carrying the wounded men back to a place of safety, where first-aid could be given them. First Sergeant Klawitter's coolness under fire, devotion to duty and his desire to sacrifice himself, if necessary, for the safety of his comrades, reflect the highest traditions of the service.

MILTON M. GOLDBERG, 0413468, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps. For extraordinary heroism in action on 6 April 1943 against enemy shipping off the coast of Tunisia. On a high altitude bombardment mission, the plane of which he was bombardier was attacked before it reached the target and a 20mm cannon shell struck him, exploded and wounded him critically. Unwilling to forsake his mission, he demanded to be lifted to his bomb sight. He found his target, dropped his bombs and effected his mission skillfully with great loss to enemy ships. On the return journey, he declined personal aid in order that the utmost attention might be given to enemy fighters in pursuit. In this action, Lieutenant Goldberg, heroically overcoming pain, suffering and physical weakness due to his wounds, summoned his whole skill and, thoughtless of peril, devoted himself to his single mission. His determined perseverance in important service inspires other soldiers to new effort, and earns the highest praise.

III - ARMY OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier' Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

WILLIE F. REDFORD, 35109527, Private, Company ***, *** Infantry, for heroism on 1 April 1943, near Maison Carre, Algeria. Private Redford was a member of a detail guarding rations on a freight train. He observed a fire in a car loaded with ammunition and warned the corporal of the detail, who caused the train to be stopped. Private Redford, at the risk of his life, regardless of the imminent danger of explosion of the ammunition, with the corporal, extinguished the fire. This example of courage, heroism and devotion to duty is of the highest order.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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Announcement of Provost Marshal General.....I
Announcement of Theater Photographic Officer.....II

I - ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH T. DILLON, 012936, USA, is announced as Provost Marshal General, Headquarters, NATOUSA, vice COLONEL WILLIAM E. MARTIN, 016012, CAC, relieved.

II - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEATER PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT M. SHAW, 01115, Signal Corps, Signal Section, Headquarters, NATOUSA, is announced as Theater Photographic Officer.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMANDING GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY PERSONNEL
HEADQUARTERS FORCE 141

Major General C. R. HUEBNER, 04552, is announced as Commanding General, United States Army Personnel, Headquarters Force 141.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT TO THE DEPUTY THEATER COMMANDER:

Brigadier General WILLIAM C. CRANE, 03539, AUS, this headquarters, is designated as the Assistant to the Deputy Theater Commander. He is responsible for all matters pertaining to discipline and maintenance of law and order. The responsibility of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, for the aforementioned functions is terminated upon the assumption of these duties by Brigadier General Crane.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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Awards, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....II
Award of Soldier's Medal.....III

I - AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officers:

HAROLD L. PEDERSON, (0668527), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, *** Fighter Squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action. Pilot of a fighter plane on a mission over hostile territory in Tunisia, on *** February 1943, the formation in which he was flying was attacked and scattered by enemy planes. When he observed that a fellow pilot had bailed out of his plane, Lieutenant Pederson in the face of superior enemy strength, mindless of his own safety, circled the falling man to protect him from enemy machine guns. His fellow pilot reached the ground safely, but Lieutenant Pederson, whose plane was vulnerable to the attacking enemy planes, was shot down and killed. His brave disregard for his own safety and noble sacrifice for another are exemplary of the highest military traditions. Residence at appointment: Corvallis, Oregon.

FRANK H. VANCE, (0317964), Captain, Company ***, *** Armored Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on the night of *** March 1943 near *** in Tunisia. When his company, attacking prepared enemy positions, met mortar and machine gun fire, Captain Vance personally led them, and when they hesitated in the face of its intensity, he encouraged them by words and example, to press forward. Thoughtless of danger, he constantly exposed himself and was killed in the final assault. His heroic self-sacrifice and devotion to duty, his brilliant leadership, are an inspiration to all. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucille E. Vance (widow), Sacramento, California.

II - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations, 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer:

LEONARD B. BESSLER, (0434641), First Lieutenant, Field Security Detachment, Headquarters,*** Corps for extraordinary heroism against an armed enemy. On *** April 1943, Lieutenant Besemer attempted to enter *** in advance of armored reconnaissance elements for the purpose of securing documents and other identification in the area vacated by the enemy. He found a strong natural position, held by enemy machine guns, two field pieces and a tank.

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With great presence of mind, he sent his driver to the rear with information of the situation while he engaged the enemy with rifle fire, after calling upon them to surrender. He maintained a fire-fight against overwhelming odds for at least two hours, enabling his messenger to warn friendly troops of the presence of this enemy force, which was in position to do great damage to any force approaching it on the *** road. Lieutenant Rossman never rejoined his unit, but has been reported as missing in action. His conduct was in accordance with the highest standards of the military service and reflected great credit both on himself and on the Army of the United States.

III - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

CLAUDE ROMERO, 20459998, Corporal, Co "E", *** Infantry, for heroism on 1 April 1943, near Maison Carree, Algeria. Corporal Romero was in charge of a detail guarding rations on a freight train when a fire was observed in a car loaded with ammunition. Climbing from car to car of the moving train, he caused the train to be stopped, and at the risk of his life, regardless of the imminent danger of the explosion of the ammunition, he extinguished the fire. His resourcefulness, initiative and independent courage are exemplary of the highest traditions of our Army.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

The following are paraphrases of messages received from the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces. They will be brought to the attention of all individuals in the United States Army in NATOUSA.

FROM THE BRITISH WAR CABINET:

"Our warmest congratulations to you and to all the Allied Forces in North Africa upon the fall of Tunis and Bizerte. We know that your supreme command has forged the complete unity of purpose and action upon which these splendid victories were founded. We are confident that this unity of the Allies will lead us to complete and final victory."

FROM THE PRIME MINISTER:

"Please accept my heartfelt congratulations in addition to those of His Majesty and the War Cabinet on the successful culmination of the North African Campaign. Solid foundations of victory have been laid between British, United States forces, and with our French allies by the comradeship, understanding, and harmony preserved amidst the shock of war in the fierce and prolonged battle in Tunisia. British and United States Armies advancing side by side into Tunis and Bizerta is a hopeful augury for the future of the World. May they long continue to march together against the tyrants and oppressors of mankind."

By command of the Theater Commander:

E.L. FORD
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The following message has been received from the Commanding General, Allied Forces. It will be brought to the attention of all individuals in the United States Army in NATOUSA.

"With the virtual destruction of all Axis troops in North Africa, I want to express my sincere thanks to all those portions of the Allied Forces whose work has kept them along lines of communication and in vital ports and bases instead of on the actual battleline. No Allied success in this region could have been possible except as our supply and maintenance problems have been met and conquered. Every tactical commander - Air, Ground and Naval - is keenly aware of the debt he owes to the officers and enlisted men of the Allied service forces who have so loyally and efficiently provided the means needed at the front. I should like every one of these men to know that I thank him personally for his part in the great victory that the Allies have won. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander-in-Chief."

By command of the Theater Commander:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

Announcement is made of the assignment of the following named officers, as Assistant Chiefs of Staff, North African Theater of Operations, United States Army, as indicated:

Colonel	THEODORE R. T. HALEY	06637	GSC	G-2
Colonel	SAMUEL A. GIBSON	03586	GSC	G-3
Colonel	LAURENCE E. HEYDUCK	011983	GSC	G-4

By command of the Theater Commander:

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 29) 9 May 1943

Award of Silver Star..... I
Awards of Legion of Merit (Officer Degree)..... II

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

THOMAS E. DEARY, (ASN 31 [illegible]), Sergeant, ***** Chemical Smoke Generator Company. For gallantry in action at *****, Algeria, ***** March 1943. Sergeant Deary was stationed with a radio in a command car with the assigned duty of transmitting messages for smoke which as instructed by the operations headquarters near which he was stationed. When enemy low level bombing planes suddenly appeared and began bombing and strafing his immediate area, he exhibited great personal courage and disregard for his own safety by proceeding to the operations headquarters to secure instructions. Finding this installation destroyed, Sergeant Deary assumed full responsibility for the completion of his mission, returning to his radio, adjusting it while under machine-gun fire from an enemy plane, and succeeded in sending a timely message which aided in protecting vital areas from attack. Sergeant Deary remained at his exposed post through the air raid, refusing any relief. This devotion to duty and personal conduct of Sergeant Deary exemplifies the highest traditions of the service. (AG 201-Deary, Thomas E. F-H)

II -- AWARDS OF LEGION OF MERIT (OFFICER DEGREE)

Under the provisions of Executive Order 9260, dated 29 October 1942, and Section V, War Department Circular Number 31, 1943, the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, is awarded to the following named officers:

GEORGE C. McDOWELL, 0-20709, Lieutenant Colonel, Ordnance, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct of a high degree in the performance of outstanding services, as Ordnance Officer, Aviation, of the ***** Air Support Command in the performance of duties in connection with the planning and execution of air support of Task Force ***** in the landing at, and occupation of, French Morocco on ***** November 1942. Entered United States Military Academy from Texarkana, Texas.

(AG 201-McDowell, George C. F-M)

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VIRGIL C. GORDON, O-207502, Colonel, Air Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct of a high degree in the performance of outstanding service, as A-4 of the ***** Air Support Command in the planning and execution of air support of Task Force ***** in the landing at, and occupation of, French Morocco on ***** November 1942. Entered military service from El Paso, Illinois.
(AG 201-Gordon, Virgil C. P-M)

CHARLES A. PIDDOCK, O-18813, Colonel, Air Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious service of a high degree, as A-3 of ***** Air Support Command in the planning and execution of air support of Task Force ***** in the landing at, and occupation of, French Morocco on ***** November 1942. Entered United States Military Academy from Bellows Falls, Vermont.
(AG 201-Piddock, Charles A. P-M)

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Designation Certain Staff Officers, Allied Force Headquarters as Chiefs of Staff Sections, NATOUSA, Rescinded.....I
Transfer Special Staff Sections to NATOUSA.....II
Constitution of Staff Sections.....III
Coordination of Agencies with General Staff Sections.....IV

I - DESIGNATION CERTAIN STAFF OFFICERS, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS AS CHIEFS OF STAFF SECTIONS, NATOUSA, RESCINDED.

Section V, General Orders No. 1, this headquarters, as, assigning the senior United States Army Officer of each general and special staff section, AFHQ, to additional duty as chief of the corresponding section of Headquarters, NATOUSA, is rescinded, insofar as it pertains to the following sections:

G-2 Section, General Staff
G-3 Section, General Staff
G-4 Section, General Staff
Finance Section
Inspector General's Section
Claims Section
Special Service Section
Judge Advocate General's Section
Chaplain's Section
Provost Marshal General's Section
Transportation, (U.S.) Section

II - TRANSFER SPECIAL STAFF SECTIONS TO NATOUSA.

1. Following special staff sections, now assigned to Allied Force Headquarters, are transferred to this headquarters:

Finance Section
Claims Section
Inspector General's Section
Special Service Section
Judge Advocate General's Section
Chaplain's Section
Provost Marshal General's Section
Transportation, (U.S.) Section

2. Transfers of individual officers and warrant officers will be effected by special orders.

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III - CONSTITUTION OF STAFF SECTIONS.

The following general and special staff sections are constituted as sections of this headquarters. The assignment of a chief of section and additional officers required, will be announced at a later date:

G-2 Section, General Staff
G-3 Section, General Staff
G-4 Section, General Staff
Engineer Section
Signal Section
Medical Section
Ordnance Section
Chemical Warfare Section
Quartermaster Section
Anti-Aircraft Section
Liaison Section
U.S. Mail and Prisoner of War Censorship Section

Rescinded GO # 40

IV - COORDINATION OF AGENCIES WITH GENERAL STAFF SECTIONS.

The activities of the following special staff sections and boards, Allied Force, as they pertain to Headquarters, NATOUSA, will be coordinated with the general staff section, this headquarters, as indicated below:

Civil Affairs Section with AC of S., G-1
Petroleum Section with AC of S., G-4
Civil Defense Section with AC of S., G-3
Psychological Warfare Section with AC of S., G-1
North African Shipping Board with AC of S., G-4
North African Economic Board with AC of S., G-1 and G-4

(AG 320/1G1 C/S-M).

By command of the Theater Commander:

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DESIGNATION OF THEATER POST EXCHANGE OFFICER

Announcement is made of the designation of Colonel OSCAR W. HOOP, 01561, INF., as Post Exchange Officer, North African Theater of Operations.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT

Amended Sec. 1 GO #43

Announcement is made of the designation of Colonel HERBERT S. CLARKSON, C3605, IGD, as Inspector General, North African Theater of Operations. (AG 201-Clarkson, Herbert S. Col)

By command of the Theater Commander:

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AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

CLENDON R. DAVIS, (ASN 37132004), Private First Class, Company ***, *** Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On the morning of *** January 1943, the tank in which Private First Class Davis was the assistant gunner, was engaged in a tank battle near ***, Tunisia. His tank was hit by an enemy anti-tank gun and set afire. He was forced to abandon it and return to the rear. As he was returning, he noticed that the tank's turret was in such a position that it blocked the escape hatches of the tank driver and his assistant. Private First Class Davis, with complete disregard for his own welfare, voluntarily returned to the blazing tank under intense enemy fire. He then, knowing that the tank might explode at any moment, climbed up to it, entered the turret, and rotated it to a position which permitted the escape of the trapped men. By his heroic actions, he saved the lives of these two men. This example of extraordinary heroism, self-sacrifice and concern for the welfare of others, is an inspiration to all, and deserves the highest praise. (AG 201 Davis, Clendon R. (Enl)

DONALD L. SNYDER, (ASN 15013522), Technical Sergeant, *** Bombardment Squadron, *** Bombardment Group. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in North Africa. On *** January 1943, during an attach by enemy aircraft, flares were ignited aboard a friendly airplane that was fully serviced with gasoline and bombs. Sergeant Snyder, from a position of comparative safety, took a fire extinguisher and ran one hundred (100) yards or more to the burning airplane. With complete disregard for the danger from the attaching planes and the possibility that the aircraft would explode at any moment, he climbed into the cockpit, opened the bomb bay doors, jumped to the ground, rushed to the rear bomb bay and succeeded in extinguishing the rapidly spreading fire in the bomb bay and flare compartment. The probable injury or death to the personnel nearby and complete destruction of the airplane were avoided by the heroic action of Sergeant Snyder. Such courage and coolness at great personal risk and danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service of the United States. Residence at enlistment: Warren, Ohio. (AG 201 Snyder, Donald L. (Enl).

STEPHEN M. BARKER, (0453303), First Lieutenant, Company ***, *** Armored Engineer Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action during the period ***

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to *** February 1943, in the ***, Tunisia, the platoon commanded by Lieutenant Barker was attacked by superior enemy forces. Although severely wounded and weakened from loss of blood, he refused to permit his men to evacuate him in order that he might remain with them, direct their continued resistance, and lead them to safety. After rejoining the remnants of his company and other units, the group was surprised and badly disorganized by an overwhelming enemy attack. Lieutenant Barker assumed command of the entire group, organized it into an effective defensive organization, and with calmness and excellent leadership, so skillfully directed resistance that greatly superior enemy forces were driven off. Retaining leadership of this group, which was later joined by others, he led them over 100 miles under extreme hardships and frequent enemy attacks until friendly positions were reached. He continuously disregarded his own welfare and his first concern was always for others. Throughout this prolonged trip, his excellent judgement of position, personal reconnaissance for food and water, and continuous control of the men, saved all of them from capture or destruction by the enemy and set an example of determination and leadership worthy of the highest praise. (AG 201 Barker, Stephen M. (Off).

BILLY H. KERR, (0405427), First Lieutenant, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For extraordinary heroism on *** February 1943, at ***, Tunisia. As forward artillery observer, Lieutenant Kerr accompanied a tank battalion in an attack. Initially the battalion received fire from a strong enemy artillery position, but his accurate information enabled our artillery to quickly silence it. He completely disregarded his own safety by observing from the tank commander's post. When his tank was set on fire and had to be evacuated, he remained under intense fire and assisted in extinguishing the blaze. He then threw out smoke grenades to create the impression that the tank was still burning and continued to use the tank as a stationary observation post. His tank received many hits and he was painfully wounded, but he remained at this post and calmly continued to send back accurate fire data, until the battle ended at darkness. After darkness, although surrounded by the enemy, he removed valuable equipment, destroyed the tank, and led the crew through the enemy lines to safety. The efficiency, calm presence of mind, and outstanding heroism of Lieutenant Kerr exemplify the finest traditions of our service and are worthy of emulation. (AG 201 Kerr, Billy H.(Off)

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Award, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Awards of Distinguished Service Cross.....II
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I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer:

JOHN S. RAWORTH, (75752), Major *** Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. For extraordinary heroism against an armed enemy. On *** February 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Tunisia, the *** Battery, Royal Artillery, commanded by Major Raworth was attacked and surrounded by vastly superior forces. The superb leadership and heroic action of Major Raworth were responsible for the splendid action of the Battery which decisively influenced the battle in our favor. His actions were a great inspiration to his men and reflect the highest traditions of the Royal Artillery. Next of kin: Mrs. S. E. M. Raworth, Roslyn, London Road, Salbridgeworth, Hertfordshire. (AG 301 - Raworth, John S.)

II - AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officers:

FREDERICK W. DALLAS JR., (0404865), Captain, *** Bomb Sq, *** Bomb Gp (H) Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism over ***, Tunisia, on *** January 1943. Captain Dallas' plane was attacked by six enemy fighter aircraft, after it had been severely damaged and forced out of formation by enemy aircraft fire. In the course of this attack, Captain Dallas suffered two severe wounds in the chest. All of the members of his crew were also wounded. Realizing that his crew could not jump to safety because of their wounds and the low altitude and despite the intense pain and weakness from the loss of blood from his wounds, Captain Dallas skillfully manoeuvered his ship to a crash landing on a mountain side in friendly territory. Upon landing, the plane burst into flames, and Captain Dallas saw that the co-pilot was unable to extricate himself. Despite his greatly weakened condition, and ignoring the danger to himself, he ran around the plane, entered the cockpit from the other side, and pulled the co-pilot to safety. The great skill, courage, and determination displayed by Captain Dallas saved the life of his crew, and upheld the highest traditions of the Armed Service. Residence of appointment: Houston, Texas. (AG 210.5/001)

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CARLEY L. MARSHALL, (011705), Lieutenant Colonel, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism on *** April 1943, near ***, Tunisia. As battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Marshall received orders to close immediately with the enemy. Knowing that his men were nearly exhausted and that all signal communications had been disrupted, he proceeded across the entire battalion front, contacting each group, reorganizing the units, and giving detailed instructions and encouragement. This act required several hours of arduous crawling and creeping under constant enemy fire. Having thus prepared his battalion, fearlessly and unmindful of his own fatigue, he personally led the assault and was among the first to reach the objective. Through his heroic leadership and courageous example, tired men who had been under heavy and continuous fire went forward to the attack, and overran an exceedingly strong enemy position. (AG 210.5/8

III - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

ED H. SNIPES, (ASN 34175668), Private, Company ***, *** Port Battalion, Transportation Corps. For heroism on *** December 1942. A smoke pot, wedged between two drums of 100 octane gasoline, had become ignited. Fearing that the heat and flames generated by the smoke pot would soon cause the gasoline to explode, Private Snipes, without thought of his own welfare, reached to the ignited pot and carried it in his arms to an open area where it could burn without damage. This act of heroism occurred on the docks in the harbor of ***, Algeria, and prevented great damage and probable loss of life. (AG 201 - Snipes, Ed H.)

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Award, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross..... I
Awards of Distinguished Service Cross..... II
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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer:

VICTOR H. H. WALES, JR., (O-408850), First Lieutenant, Company ***, ****, Armored Infantry, U. S. Army. For extraordinary heroism in action at *****, Algeria, on **** November 1942. Lieutenant Wales, aboard a British Naval Cutter in the attack at ***** Harbor, Algeria, after being fatally wounded by a machine gun burst, continued to give his orders and to assist wounded men overboard. He gave his own life preserver to a soldier who was without one. While swimming ashore with the aid of an oar, he saw a soldier struggling desperately in the water, which was covered with hostile machine gun fire. Again Lieutenant Wales disregarded his own personal safety by giving the oar to the distressed soldier. By his courage and coolness under fire, and his consideration for the welfare of others, Lieutenant Wales upheld the highest traditions of the Military Forces of the United States.

II -- AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

MALCOLM R. PRESSELL, (ASN 36109319), Private, Company *****, ***** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism on **** February 1943, near *****, Tunisia. The company of which Private Pressell was a member occupied a new position under cover of darkness and found itself, the following morning, partially surrounded by the enemy. It was immediately subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, and, not knowing its identity, friendly artillery also shelled the position. Private Pressell, on his own initiative, volunteered to carry a message to the friendly artillery commander. Heedless of the danger to himself, he crossed more than 1500 yards of open ground under intense fire. After contacting the friendly troops, and pointing out his company's position, he then designated the location of many of the enemy strong points, which enabled our artillery and tanks to promptly dispose of them. His heroism and alert initiative saved the lives of many of his comrades, and are deserving of the highest praise.

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JAMES H. BOMER, (ASN 32216[illegible]), Sergeant, Company ****, **** Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism on **** January 1943, near *** *, Tunisia. His tank was engaged in action with a strong enemy force. A round jammed in the breech of the 75mm tank gun. Sergeant Bomer voluntarily and without hesitation took the rammer staff, dismounted from the tank and with complete disregard for his own welfare while under intense enemy fire pushed the shell back out of the breech of the gun. His tank remained in operation until set afire by enemy fire. In leaving the battlefield he assisted, while under enemy aircraft strafing, to render the first aid to wounded men and in carrying them to the rear. The heroism, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Bomer reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and are deserving of the highest praise.

III -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Announcement is made of the award by the War Department of the Distinguished Service Medal to Brigadier General Paul McD. Robinett, with the following citation:

PAUL McD. ROBINETT, (O-10258), Brigadier General, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious service in positions of great responsibility. During the period of preparation for the landings in North Africa, General (then Colonel) Robinett was largely responsible for the specialized training of an entire sub-task force. As commander of this force, he executed his assigned missions with skill and good judgment and his leadership was a prime factor in the success of the operation. Subsequently, he commanded an Armored Combat Command during operations in Tunisia and was responsible in great measure for the repulse of strong enemy attacks and his ultimate dislodgement from positions in an important mountain pass. During the entire period General Robinett has displayed personal daring and coolness and exceptional qualities of leadership.

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....II
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I - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer:

WILLIAM H. PFEIL, (0449502), Second Lieutenant, Company ***, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action on *** November 1942, on the ridge ***, Algeria when his platoon, which was attacking a strong enemy position, was pinned down by machine gun and rifle fire, Lt.Pfeil advanced alone, in complete disregard for his own safety. He worked his way near enough to an enemy machine gun nest to destroy it with hand grenades. He was killed by machine gun fire in a similar attack against another position. His splendid example of gallant heroism in making the supreme sacrifice typifies the finest traditions of our Service. Residence at appointment: West Point, New York.

II - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer:

HENRY E. GARDINER, (0397013), Lieutenant Colonel, Cavalry, *** Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** February 1943, near ***, Tunisia Lt. Col. Gardiner was given the mission of protecting the withdrawal of the remainder of the *** Division. He conducted his defense with such skill and good judgement that an orderly withdrawal was effected in the face of overwhelming numbers of enemy tanks. He made personal reconnaissance under heavy enemy fire and assisted in the evacuation of wounded men, remaining on the field of battle for this purpose even after it was apparent that he would be cut off from friendly troops. Later, under cover of darkness, he walked more than twenty miles through the enemy lines to rejoin his command. His brilliant leadership, calm courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who came in contact with him.

III - AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT (LEGIONNAIRE DEGREE).

Under the provisions of Executive Order 9260, dated 29 October 1942, and Section V, War Department Circular Number 31, 1943, the Legion of Merit, in the

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Degree of Legionnaire, is awarded to the following named officer:

FRED W. OLDIE, (0259965), Lieutenant Colonel, Transportation Corps, *** Railway Operating Battalion. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the period *** to *** February 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Oldie organized and led a detachment of his battalion beyond our own lines to the vicinity of ***, Russia, to attempt to bring out two trains of ammunition which had been abandoned after a rapid enemy advance. When enemy forces closed in and made movement of the trains into our lines impossible, he supervised the destruction of the locomotives, assembled his detachment and a number of civilian refugees, and led them all to safety by a circuitous route through the desert to ***. Residence at time of appointment: Somerset, Kentucky.

IV- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

WILLIAM ROSS PRESTON, (ASN 7031179?), Technical Sergeant, Company ***, *** Port Battalion T. C. For heroism on *** August 1942, at *** England. A fellow soldier had been knocked into the water by a swaying sling of steel bars being unloaded from a vessel. Technical Sergeant Preston observed that the man could not swim and was in a helpless condition. Without hesitation, and at great risk to his own life, he plunged into the icy waters, secured a rope, tied it about the drowning soldier and himself, and thereby enabled those on shore to pull them both to safety.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT

Announcement is made of the designation of Colonel HAROLD V. ROBERTS, AGD, O-16357, as Adjutant General, North African Theater of Operations, vice Brigadier General THOMAS J. DAVIS, AGD, O-10471, Adjutant General, Allied Force, hereby relieved of this additional duty.

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award of Silver Star.....II
Awards of Soldier's Medal.....III
Announcement of Citation of Unit.....IV

I - AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer:

SAMUEL N. JOHNS, (*****), Captain, Company ***, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action on *** and *** February, 1943, near ***, Tunisia. When its position became untenable by an enemy attack with vastly superior numbers, Captain Johns ordered his Company to withdraw to a stronger defensive position. Speeding forward with the last vehicle, and heedless of intense fire from enemy artillery, tanks, and mortars, he so effectively harassed and delayed the attack by fire from the vehicle's machine gun, which he personally manned, that his Company was enabled to withdraw successfully. Rejoining his men, he rapidly reorganized his units and drove off the enemy. Later, on February ***, against another enemy attack, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire throughout the day to better lead and direct the fire of his troops and guns. He was wounded in this engagement, but his heroism again so inspired his men to perform beyond their normal capabilities that superior enemy forces and armament were stopped and forced to withdraw.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer:

JOHN B. FURSTENBERG, Lieutenant (J.G.), USNR. For gallantry in action on *** November, 1942, at ***, French Morocco, during landing operations of the Western Task Force. As Naval air liaison officer with the *** Infantry, Lieutenant Furstenberg constantly exposed himself beyond the ordinary call of duty in order to save and repair his radio equipment. His vehicle was at first marooned in the sand and was under intense artillery fire. After assisting in its removal, he ignored continuous strafing fire from enemy aircraft while repairing the radio equipment. After succeeding in making the repairs, he established contact with supporting naval vessels, and succeeded in securing timely air support. The gallant actions of Lieutenant Furstenberg serve as an inspiring example and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

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III - AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOSEPH SMOLKOVICH, (ASN 32375396), Technician Fourth Grade, Company ***, *** Signal Service Regiment. For heroism on November ***, 1942, at ***, French Morocco. Technician Fourth Grade Smolkovich, at great risk to his own life, saved a drowning American sailor, by swimming more than 150 yards through heavy surf li***ered w**h. Meeting wreckage, bringing the sailor safely ashore.

MILTON C. BRAHAM, (01548554), Second Lieutenant, *** Ordnance Company (Amm). For heroism at ***, French Morocco, January ***, 1943. Lt. Braham was in charge of a detail which was unloading ammunition from a freight car in an area crowded with vast quantities of ammunition and many types of explosives. When a fire broke out in one of the piles of explosives, he ordered all of his detail to positions of safety while he alone, at great risk to his life, moved the burning box to a safe distance.

IV - ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITATION OF UNIT.

The Theater Commander is pleased to announce that the War Department has cited, in General Orders, a unit of the Command. The citation reads as follows:

The Third Battalion, 6th Armored Infantry, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action on November ***, 1942. Charged with the seizure of Port Installations at ***,***, the Battalion entered the Harbor aboard 2 cutters in the face of powerful shore batteries and guns of ships at anchor; upon reaching the harbor proper, the cutters promptly came under terrific artillery and small arms fire accurately laid through the help of searchlights. Using the only available Infantry weapons and small caliber guns mounted on the boats, the Battalion continued towards its object so until both cutters were sunk with severe loss of personnel. Despite the odds, surviving members of the Battalion swam ashore, supporting their wounded and fought their way through machine gun fire in a desperate attempt to carry out their mission. In the face of great odds, and with no expectancy of aid, the action of the Battalion was marked by gallant, fearlessness and devotion to duty.

By command of General ***:

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1 April 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 19)

ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICER PATROL IN ALGIERS

1. The Area Commander has been directed to establish an officer patrol in the Algiers area for the purpose of taking immediate corrective action in cases of uniform and similar violations on the part of American Military Personnel.

2. Officers of this patrol will take summary court action, such as the imposition of fines, etc., in cases warranting such action and which are within summary court jurisdiction.

3. Report of offense and action taken will be made, through proper channels at the earliest practicable date, to the commander of the organization to which the offender is assigned or attached.

4. In the matter of proper uniform, the following will be strenuously:

a Uniforms will not be mixed, i.e., the fatigue hat will not be worn with service uniform.

b The fatigue uniform will be worn only in the performance of duty for which this uniform is prescribed. The fatigue hat will be worn with the brim completely turned down.

c All authorized uniforms will be worn in the prescribed manner, properly buttoned and presenting as neat and smart an appearance as circumstances permit.

5. Organization commanders are responsible that the provisions of this General Order are brought to the attention of all enlisted men in their organizations.

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31 March 1943

Award, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross..... I
Award of Distinguished Service Cross..... II
Announcement of award of Distinguished Service Medal..... III
Award of Legion of Merit (Officer Degree)..... IV

I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer:

JAMES K. DARCY, (0560035), Captain, Company ****, *** Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On **** January 1943, near ****, Tunisia, Captain Darcy personally led his tank company in an attack against a very strong enemy position which included a large number of tanks. He was the first to locate, and take under fire from his own tank, the hostile forces. During the battle he constantly exposed himself to enemy fire from the ground and his tank in order to locate targets and direct fire on them. When finally forced to withdraw he calmly issued the necessary orders to his command and covered their withdrawal by fire from his own tank. He then, with complete disregard for his own welfare, dismounted under fire, sent his tank out of range and remained on the battle field under heavy enemy fire to direct the evacuation of the crews of his burning tanks. His utter disregard of personal safety, his coolness and gallant leadership and his devotion to duty were an inspiration to his command and reflect the finest traditions of the armed forces.

II -- AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

1. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 11, this headquarters, 1943, as pertains to "KENNETH C. SPRINGETT, (ASN 2076322), Private," is amended to read, "KENNETH C. SPRINGETT, (ASN 2076322), Private."

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer:

HORST HEINRICH CARLOS SEYDLITZ, M.C., (NCV), Lieutenant Colonel, *** Hampshire Regiment, British army. For extraordinary heroism. On **** February 1943 in the vicinity of ****, Tunisia, Lieutenant Colonel Seydlitz so conducted the defense of his position against overwhelming odds that the leading echelon of the enemy ultimately encountered the broken in our favor. His fortitude in hostile bombardment and utter disregard for his own personal

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safety were an inspiration to his men and reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

III -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Announcement is made of the award by the War Department of the Distinguished Service Medal to JOSEPH M. ANDERSON, JR., Major General, **** Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility. General Anderson conducted in a superior manner the complicated training for the landing operations of not only his own division, but the elements of the **** Infantry Division and **** Armored Division pertaining to the Western Task Force. By his keen, deep understanding and superior leadership in development and maintained harmonious relationships with Navy and Port authorities under circumstances of the utmost difficulty. On **** November 1942, when his division, the largest unit to take part in the invasion operations, landed on the coast of Africa, and during succeeding days, his calmness in battle and the tireless effectiveness with which he moved his command relentlessly Forward in exact accord with a preconceived time schedule, demonstrated the highest type of leadership.

IV -- AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT (OFFICER GRADE)

Under the provisions of Executive Order 9260, dated 29 October 1942, and Section V, War Department Circular Number 31, 1943, the Legion of Merit, in the degree of Officer, is awarded to the following named officer:

BRADLEY T. GAYLORD, (0-396838), Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps, AUS, having voluntarily to take part in an important and dangerous mission to remove General Henri Giraud from the southern coast of France by submarine, contributed substantially to the success of the mission by his courage, tact and judgment and in so doing rendered meritorious service of a high degree to the United States and to the Allied Cause.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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24 March 1943

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NUMBER 17)

Awards of Distinguished Service Cross..... I
Announcement of Assignment of Chief Chaplain, North African Theater of Operations..... II

I -- AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officers:

GLENN S. HORNE, JR., (0412761), First Lieutenant, Company ***, *** Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On *** January 1943, Lieutenant Horne led the attack of his platoon against the enemy-prepared defensive positions near *, Tunisia. His tank was hit and disabled by anti-tank guns but he kept his vehicular weapons in operation. The tank was hit again and set afire. He ordered his crew to evacuate the tank while he remained in it firing the weapons, covering the evacuation of the men and directing the movements of his platoon. The extraordinary heroism, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Horne reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and are deserving of the highest praise.

SYDNEY S. COMBS, (0407693), Captain, Headquarters, *** Armored Division. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on *** February 1943, near ***, Tunisia. Upon seeing a platoon of tanks starting to attack a position he knew to contain enemy anti-tank guns he ran across a fire-swept field to warn the tanks of their presence. Failing to reach the platoon leader he got in one of the tanks and directed its course to avoid the anti-tank guns. The extraordinary heroism, initiative, and leadership; the exceptional devotion to duty displayed by Captain Combs are worthy of the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and deserving of the highest praise.

LOUIS V. HIGHTOWER, (015502), Lieutenant Colonel, *** Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On *** February 1943, near ***, Tunisia, Lieutenant Colonel Hightower and his tank crew received word that seven enemy tanks were attacking a command post and artillery vehicles which were withdrawing to a new position. His was the only friendly tank in the vicinity but without hesitation he moved at to protect the helpless unarmored vehicles, and engaged the enemy tanks unaided and alone. After destroying four of the enemy tanks and securing the withdrawal of the friendly convoy, his own tank received four heavy shots and was set afire. He evacuated the crew and brought them on foot to the friendly defensive position. But for the prompt and heroic action of Lieutenant Colonel Hightower and his tank crew, the command post and a battery of artillery would have been overrun by the hostile tanks. His extraordinary heroism, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty are an inspiration to all, worthy of the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and deserving of the highest praise.

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II -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT OF CHIEF CHAPLAIN, NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

Announcement is made of the assignment of Chaplain (Colonel) Roy H. Parker, 012565, as Chief Chaplain, North African Theater of Operations, vice Chaplain (Lt. Col) Henry F. Ford, 0310906, relieved.

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:
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Eastern Base Section..... I
Designation of Chief of Chaplains, North African Theater of Operations. II

I -- EASTERN BASE SECTION

Paragraph 5, General Order Number 5, this headquarters, ea, is rescinded. (General Order No. 5 is Secret with limited distribution)

II -- DESIGNATION OF CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS, NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

Chaplain (Major) HENRY F. FORD, 0-10306, is designated Chief of Chaplains, North African Theater of Operations.

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross..... I
Award of Legion of Merit (Officer Degree)..... II

I -- AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

CLYDE V. COBB, (ASN 6521520), Staff Sergeant, Company ****, ***** Tank Destroyer Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action on **** December 1942 near ****, Tunisia. When strong enemy resistance stopped the advance of French infantry which his battalion supported, Staff Sergeant Cobb, acting on his own initiative, beyond the ordinary call of duty and heedless of his own safety, exposed himself throughout the day in order to lead and direct the fire of his platoon. In full view of the enemy, he manned a machine gun and fired tracers to designate targets. He climbed upon the hood of his half-track, under heavy enemy fire, and forced out a high explosive 75mm shell which had stuck in the chamber of the gun. By his good judgment in the selection of targets, numerous enemy emplacements were destroyed. The excellent leadership and heroic actions of Staff Sergeant Cobb reflect the highest traditions of our Service and were a great inspiration to the men of his battalion and to the French troops as well.

II -- AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT (OFFICER DEGREE)

Under the provisions of Executive Order 9260, dated 29 October 1942, and Section V, War Department Circular 31, 1943, a Legion of Merit (Officer Degree) is awarded to the following named officer.

RAYMOND E. FOOTE, (0-****), Lieutenant Colonel, AUS, Third Photographic Group, USAAF. The outstanding organizational ability of Lieutenant Colonel Foote contributed greatly to the closest collaboration between the Royal Air Force and Army Air Force personnel in the organization and operation of the first Photographic Reconnaissance Wing to be composed of personnel of both services. He so skillfully coordinated and supervised the photographic laboratory of his group that all tactical and strategical requirements were met although the laboratory was less than 1/10 of its authorized equipment. He developed photographic techniques and formulae which enabled the laboratory to produce pictures in a fraction of the time

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required by standard procedures. In the performance of these acts, Lieutenant Colonel Powers rendered meritorious service of a high degree.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT OF ASSISTANT JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

Colonel Alan Richmond, 0[illegible], J.A.G.D., is announced as Assistant Judge Advocate General, in charge of branch office of the Judge Advocate General with station at this headquarters.

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Awards, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Awards of Distinguished Service Cross.....II
Award of Silver Star.....III

I - AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

GLYNN W. HICKS, (AS 1595720), Technician Fourth Grade, *** Detachment, *** Battalion, *** Armored Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism and attention to duty in action against an armed enemy. On *** November 1942 in ***, Algeria, Technician Fourth Grade Hicks distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism by refusing to abandon his ship after it was brought under heavy shell fire although he had the opportunity to abandon the ship. Technician Fourth Grade Hicks, with complete disregard for his own welfare, courageously remained at his station in the mickbay, administering to the wounded, until he was killed by a shell which landed in the sick bay. The heroic actions of Technician Fourth Grade Hicks in remaining under fire to administer aid to his wounded comrades reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

WILLIS S. LAYTON, (AS 6[illegible]), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Armored Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism and attention to duty in action against an armed enemy. On *** November 1942, in ***, Algeria, Sergeant Layton distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism while evacuating the abandonment by his men of their ship. The ship was under heavy fire and Sergeant Layton, although seriously wounded, coolly, calmly and with complete disregard for his own welfare, directed and assisted the men in leaving the ship. He refused to leave until all of his men had gone. His leadership, bravery and concern for his men displayed by Sergeant Layton reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

[illegible] E. [illegible], (AS 6[illegible]), Staff Sergeant, *** Company, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion (If). For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** February 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Tunisia, from the vehicle which Staff Sergeant [illegible] commanded was hit by an enemy shell, put out of action, he and one of his men were seriously injured. After ordering the rest of his crew to return to safety, and despite his own serious injury, he remained behind to remove his wounded comrade from the vehicle. To do this, it was necessary for him to expose himself to direct enemy fire, which resulted in his receiving further wounds and caused his death. His great courage, complete disregard for his own welfare, and gallant heroism displayed by Staff Sergeant [illegible] reflects the highest credit upon the Armed Service.

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VICTOR H. KARGES, (AS 0436465), 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps, [illegible] Detachment, [illegible] Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism and attention to duty in action against an armed enemy. On [illegible] November 1942 in [illegible], Algeria, Lieutenant Karges distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism by leaving his sick bed and taking his station in the sick bay. He refused to abandon his ship but remained behind to perform an operation on a wounded sailor and was killed by an enemy shell while performing this operation. By his devotion to duty, his complete disregard for his own welfare, and his heroic actions, Lieutenant Karges upheld the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

II - AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

[illegible] MERRILL, Soldier, Second Class, [illegible] Regiment of Chasseurs [illegible], Algeria. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On [illegible] January 1943, during an attack on German positions in Tunisia, Private Merrill distinguished himself by his courageous actions. Although he received wounds, including the loss of an eye and a hand, which made it impossible for him to [illegible] his comrades, he refused to permit anyone to assist him, but made his way alone to a dressing station. His magnificent courage and indomitable will to win were a source of inspiration to his fellows and reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces of his nation.

[illegible] H. [illegible], (AS [illegible]), Private First Class, Company [illegible], [illegible] Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on [illegible] November 1942, in [illegible], Algeria. [illegible] Private First Class [illegible] fire by direct hits from many shore batteries, Private First Class Sinclair observed three men [illegible] struggling in the water. With complete disregard for his own safety, he [illegible] a rope, secured it to a [illegible] machine gun fire, he [illegible] and, making the trip [illegible], obtained a row boat, and pulled it to the three men who he realized into it. He then returned to the remaining boat, secured a wounded soldier, and took him [illegible] Sinclair's courageous [illegible] of Private First Class four already be shown. The courageous [illegible] Sinclair in delivering himself to extreme danger to save the lives of four men reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces.

[illegible] J. [illegible], (AS [illegible]), Corporal, Company [illegible], [illegible] Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on [illegible] November 1942, in [illegible], Algeria. Corporal [illegible] assisted in saving the lives of many of his comrades by helping them over the side and into the water. When [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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soldier struggling in the water, did with complete disregard for his own welfare and in the face of hostile machine gun fire, swim to the soldier and kept him afloat until they were picked up by a lifeboat. His courageous and heroic action of Corporal Nelson in deliberately exposing himself to extreme danger to save the life of one of his comrades reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

WRIGHT D. HINSON, (ASN 32060855), Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company ***, *** Armored Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action in ***, Algeria, on *** November 1942. Staff Sergeant Hinson was in the hold of a ship with many men who were injured or overcome by ammonia gas, when the ship they were on was set on fire by direct hits from shore batteries. Realizing the perilous position of his comrades, and with complete disregard for his own welfare, he climbed to the deck of the ship while it was being raked with machine gun fire, carried and assisted these soldiers out of the hold, and obtained a hose with which he sprayed water into the hold to settle the ammonia gas. He then left the ship, obtained a row boat, assisted the men into it, as well as others who were in the water, and rowed them all to the shore. The superior courage and devotion to duty exhibited by Staff Sergeant Hinson saved the lives of many men, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces.

A. THOMAS ROWE, (0-411276), 1st Lieutenant, *** Armored Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in connection with combat with an armed enemy. On *** November 1942, in ***, Algeria, Lieutenant Rowe distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism while conducting the disembarkment by his men of their ship. The ship was brought under heavy fire and set afire. Lieutenant Rowe, with complete disregard for his own welfare, went into the hold where men were wounded and overcome by ammonia gas; carried them out to the deck; put life preservers on them; and put them into the water. During this time the deck was raked by heavy machine gun fire. His leadership, bravery and concern only for the men under his command displayed by Lieutenant Rowe reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

III - AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer:

MARCEAU DUREUX, Lieutenant Colonel (then Commandant), *** Chasseur D'Afrique, French Army. For heroism in combat. Between *** November 1942 and *** November 1942, Lieutenant Colonel (then Commandant) Dureux led frequent patrols in the region *** Tunisia, to the Tripolitanian border, often leading his unit without hesitation to engage the enemy in combat with his obsolescent and inferior materiel. He obtained and transmitted intelligence of such accuracy and importance that ... section activities in the sector were enabled to achieve successes which would otherwise have been impossible. His outstanding courage under the most dangerous circumstances was a constant inspiration.

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DESIGNATION OF ASST. COMMANDER FOR UNITED STATES TROOPS IN ALGIERS AREA.

Colonel John T. Ramsey, Jr., 015524, Inf, is, in addition to his other duties, designated Area Commander for United States Troops in the Algiers Area, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to quartering, billeting, requisitioning, and associated functions.

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I -- AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named individuals:

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KENNETH C. SECESSIONS, (ASN 20759224), Private, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On *** December 1942, during a raid near ***, Tunisia, upon the ambush of his unit by the enemy, Private Secessions seeing two of his comrades attempting to crawl to safety, did, without regard for his own life, engage the enemy with his rifle and draw their entire fire upon his position. Only after his companions reached safety did Private Secessions attempt to withdraw, having accounted for approximately ten enemy soldiers. His coolness and courage under fire, and his willingness to sacrifice himself, if necessary, for the safety of his companions are a profound inspiration to members of the Armed Forces, and reflect the highest traditions of our Army.

FRANK SARGENT, (ASN 33172073), Private First Class, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On *** November 1942, near *** Algeria, Private First Class Sargent advanced voluntarily in the face of enemy machine gun fire, on three different occasions, to a position immediately in front of the enemy Coast Defense Battery to demand that the personnel surrender. His courageous actions greatly assisted in the successful campaign against this position and reflect the highest traditions of the service.

1LT G. A. TAYLOR, (O-357714), Second Lieutenant, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On *** December 1942, during a raid on the coast west of ***, Tunisia, Lieutenant (then Sergeant) Taylor, in daylight, voluntarily advanced from cover and concealment in the face of heavy enemy machine gun fire to a position where he could personally reconnoiter the strength of the enemy defenses. His action permitted the successful withdrawal of the attacking force which was then able to be reorganized and returned to its unit lines without loss. His gallantry is in the highest traditions of the service.

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II -- AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

[redacted] (AS 35270390), Private, [redacted] Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On [redacted] November 1942, near [redacted], Algeria, Private Sumners exhibiting great personal bravery and utter disregard for his own safety, did, upon fire with an automatic rifle on enemy planes strafing the train on which his unit was riding and continued firing although wounded until additional wounds prevented further action. His conduct exemplified the highest traditions of the service.

[redacted] (AS 36052037), Private First Class, [redacted] Infantry. For gallantry in action. On [redacted] November 1942, near [redacted], Algeria, Private First Class Chalbera, from the door of a troop carrier plane while in flight, operated a machine gun against attacking enemy planes until his plane was disabled. Then, unassisted and under strafing fire, he carried the machine gun from the plane to a nearby knoll, from which position he continued firing until the enemy planes were gone.

[redacted] (O-393718), Second Lieutenant, [redacted] Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On [redacted] December 1942, during a mid-ocean [redacted], United Lieutenant (then staff Surgeon) McFarland, upon his unit was attacked by the enemy downed several of twenty-two ton and exhibiting great leader ip and courage, [illegible] despite extremely difficult terrain and heavy enemy fire, guided and directed their withdrawal to enemy territory to safety.

III -- CITATIONS FOR AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT (OFFICER PERSONNEL).

JULIUS C. HOLMES, Colonel, Army of the United States, for meritorious service of a high degree in connection with activities by subordinates to [redacted], Algeria and negotiations with the French for that city prior to the occupation of North Africa by the Allied Forces. In this duty he displayed good judgment, tact, and solidarity qualities that reflect great credit to the Army of the United States.

DONALD DUNCAN, Captain, United States Navy, for meritorious service of a high degree in connection with activities by subordinates to [redacted], Algeria and negotiations with the French for that city prior to the occupation of North Africa by the Allied Forces. In this duty he displayed good judgment, tact, and solidarity qualities that reflect great credit to the United States Navy.

I. L. LEMNITZER, Brigadier General, Army of the United States, for meritorious service of a high degree in connection with activities by subordinates to [redacted], Algeria and negotiations with the French for that city prior to the occupation of North Africa by the Allied Forces. In this duty he displayed good judgment, tact, and solidarity qualities that reflect great credit to the Army of the United States.

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A. J. WARREN, Brigadier General (then Colonel), Army of the United States, for meritorious service of a high degree in connection with a mission by aircraft to Algiers, and negotiation with the French authorities prior to the occupation of North Africa by the Allied forces. In this duty he displayed good judgment, tact, and military qualities that reflect great credit on the Army of the United States.

IV — AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

JOE M. BRADLEY, (ASN 37347631), Private, Company ---, --- Engineers, (C). For extraordinary heroism. On --- November 1942, Private Bradley, after the torpedoing of the USS Leedstrom on which he was a passenger, and with total disregard for his own personal safety, succeeded through his heroic efforts in saving the lives of many of his fellow passengers.

WILLIAM D. LASH, (ASN 36287562), Private, Company ---, --- Engineers,(C) For extraordinary heroism. On --- November, 1942, Private Lash, after the torpedoing of the USS Leedstrom on which he was a passenger, and with total disregard for his own personal safety, succeeded through his heroic efforts in saving the lives of many of his fellow passengers.

CURTIS L. THOMAS, (ASN 37346692), Private, Company ---, --- Engineers,(C) For extraordinary heroism. On --- November 1942, Private Thomas, after the torpedoing of the USS Leedstrom on which he was a passenger, and with total disregard for his own personal safety, succeeded through his heroic efforts in saving the lives of many of his fellow passengers.

ARNOLD WEINSTEIN, (ASN 32107535), Private, Company ---, --- Engineers, (C). For extraordinary heroism. On --- November 1942, Private Weinstein, after the torpedoing of the USS Leedstrom on which he was a passenger, and with total disregard for his own personal safety, succeeded through his heroic efforts in saving the lives of many of his fellow passengers.

CHARLES VALENTINE, (ASN 36130,940), Private First Class, Company ---, --- C. E. (---). For heroism. On --- January 1943, near ---, Private First Class Valentine, without regard for his personal safety, gallantly swam to the aid of two British soldiers caught in an undertow and successful in rescuing one of them. This act added great luster to the fine record of our allied soldiers in accordance with the traditions of our Army.

W. [illegible] MILLS, (ASN 32035398), Technician Fifth Grade, Company ---, --- Engineers, (C). For extraordinary heroism. On --- November 1942, Technician Fifth Grade Mills, after the torpedoing of the [illegible] on which he was a passenger, and with total disregard for his own personal safety, suc-

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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Announcement is made of the award by the War Department of the Distinguished Service Medal (3353) to Brigadier General Everett S. Hughes, with the following citation:

EVERETT S. HUGHES, Brigadier General, Army of the United States. For exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility as Chief of Staff, Services of Supply, European Theater of Operations. His marked organizing ability, effecting coordination with British staffs, sensound supply knowledge, sound judgment, tenacious fidelity and courageous advice greatly contributed to the establishment of supply organization and methods successfully used in the occupation of North Africa and reflecting great credit upon the Army of the United States.

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GENERAL ORDER)
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT

Announcement is made of the assignment of Colonel RALEIGH R. HENDRIX, 016857, CAC, as Brigade Commander of the 2626th Coast Artillery Antiaircraft Brigade.

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GENERAL ORDER)
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Announcement of Award of Silver Star I
Award of Soldier's Medal II

I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Announcement is made of the award by the War Department of the Silver Star to Monsieur Rene Malvergne, French civilian, for gallantry in action while serving with the Army of the United States. M. Malvergne voluntarily, and in disregard for his own safety, piloted a United States naval vessel, bearing troops, through tortuous waters, so skillfully that a landing and the capture of a highly important objective was made possible.

II--- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

ALEXANDER G. BUTE, (ASN 32322714), Private, ***** Company, ***** Battalion, ***** Engineer Shore Regiment. For heroism. On the night of ***** January 1943, in the port of *****, Algeria, Private Bute saw a French sailor fall into the water. Efforts of other French seamen to save the drowning man were unsuccessful and he soon became exhausted, floating face down. Private Bute, at the risk of his own life, plunged into the water, swam to the man and pulled him to the side of a vessel. After helping to remove the man from the water, Private Bute revived him by artificial respiration. These acts saved the life of the sailor and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the Army.

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Award of Distinguished Service Cross..... I
Awards of Purple Heart..... II

I -- AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer:

RAY M. STRAIGHT, 0-470306, 1st Lieutenant, ***** Armored Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On ***** December 1942 in an attack against strong enemy positions on a hill, three (3) of the five (5) half-tracks, including the command car, were disabled by enemy fire. Though it was still possible to withdraw, Lt. Straight exhibited the finest qualities of determination and leadership when he dismounted his platoon and led his men forward on foot in the face of withering rifle and machine gun fire. This assault resulted in the occupation of a hill from which he and his men inflicted severe losses on superior enemy forces who repeatedly attacked. His position was outflanked and surrounded, but when last seen he and his platoon were continuing their resistance. The courage and tenacious devotion to duty displayed by Lt. Straight in the face of overwhelming enemy forces reflects the highest tradition of the armed forces.

II -- AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action:

				MEDAL NO.
Pvt	Irving Rosenberg	12020473	Co "I" 26th Inf	97370
Pvt	Carl A. Brown	17006918	Co "A" 6th Armd Inf	84659

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD
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Award, Posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross..... I
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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted man:

LEON D. STIPE, (ASN 17037932), Sergeant, Air Corps, ***** Troop Carrier Squadron. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On ***** November 1942, near *****, Algeria, Sergeant Stipe distinguished himself by exceptional bravery and coolness in action. Single-handed, from the door of a troop carrier airplane in flight, he operated a machine gun against attacking aircraft. When seriously wounded in the foot, he continued to operate his weapon until he was struck in the head by enemy fire. The courage and heroism displayed by Sergeant Stipe in an action which cost him his life reflects the greatest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

JAMES I. ISBELL, (ASN 6994608), Sergeant, Battery *****, ***** Field Artillery. For gallantry in action. On ***** December 1942, near *****, Tunisia, Sergeant Isbell displayed coolness and courage that inspired his gun section to continue its fire mission under heavy enemy fire. When he and six (6) of his men were wounded by shell fragments, he disregarded his own serious injuries and rendered aid to his men. His conduct exemplified the highest traditions of the service.

III -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTHUMOUS AWARD

Award, posthumously, of the Distinguished Service Cross to the late First Lieutenant Robert McN. Emery, 0-317400, CE, for extraordinary

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heroism in action has been announced by the War Department. Lieutenant Emery made the supreme sacrifice while attempting singlehandedly to eliminate an enemy machine gun nest holding up the advance of his unit at ***** , Algeria, on ***** November 1942.

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Announcement of Posthumous Award..... I
Awards of Purple Heart..... II

I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTHUMOUS AWARD

Award, posthumously, of the Congressional Medal of Honor to the late Colonel DEMAS T. CRAW, O-15650, AC, for extreme gallantry and intrepidity in action, has been announced by the War Department. Colonel Craw made the supreme sacrifice while attempting to carry a message through the lines to the French authorities at Casablanca on 8 November 1942 in order to bring about a cessation of hostilities and prevent unnecessary bloodshed.

II -- AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action:

				MEDAL NO.
Pvt	George Shaver	34162421	Btry "A" 107th Sep CA Bn(AA)	85151
Pvt	David Massler	12021012	Co "A" 1st Bn 18th Inf	98339
Pvt	Richard P. Leasgang	13033384	Co "E" 2d Bn 13th Armd Regt	95380
Pvt	Michael J. Kelly	32038263	Btry "B" 107th Sep CA Bn(AA)	85134
Pvt	Irving I. Kaplan	12021380	Co "F" 2d Bn 18th Inf	98341
Pvt	Edwin J. Jurewcz	32282431	Co "B" 3d Bn 13th Armd Regt	85031
Pvt	Joseph P. Higgins	6957808	Co "I" 3d Bn 26th Inf	98404
Pvt	Eugene N. Hargrove	34109223	Co "I" 3d Bn 26th Inf	98356
Pvt	Robert H. Guggenheimer	12021949	Hq Co 1st Bn 18th Inf	95579
Pvt	Gordon Garrett	35260269	Co "E" 2d Bn 13th Armd Regt	95440
Pvt	Sheldon L. Downey	20706924	168th Inf	98401
Pvt	Charles W. Cox	34177873	Btry "B" 107th Sep CA Bn(AA)	85197
Pvt	Earl D. Carson	38023244	Co "D" 2d Bn 13th Armd Regt	95421
Pvt	Gerald L. Campbell	20706164	168th Inf	95540
Pfc	Clyde R. Woodward	13014546	Co "M" 3d Bn 26th Inf	84621
Pfc	Carl A. Noyes	12004917	Co "B" 1st Engr Bn	98410
Pfc	Joseph F. Kasprzewski	33232732	Hq & Hq Sq 12th Fgt Comd	95469
Pfc	Hilary N. Hammer	32028913	Co "A" 1st Bn 6th Armd Div	95556
Pfc	Albert D. Reisler	37042137	Co "A" 1st Bn 168th Inf	84951
Pfc	William H. Hankins	32269378	Btry "G" 2d Bn 213th CA(AA)	95231
Pfc	Adolph H. Brunckhorst	32362282	Btry "G" 2d Bn 213th CA(AA)	85392
T/5	Roy H. Moody	34145661	Co "E" 2d Bn 13th Armd Regt	98352

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T/5	Anthony J. DeLuca	31052400	Co "B" 701st TD Bn (H)	95439
T/5	Doris E. Davis	14019312	Cannon Co 39th Inf	95439
Cpl	Thomas E. Melton	20442025	Btry "A" 107th Sep CA Bn(AA)	85055
Cpl	Richard F. Hermann	32059786	Co "E" 2d Bn 13th Armd Regt	98413
Cpl	Harry L. Goldberg	35328649	Med Det 55th Ord HM Bn (Q)	85077
Cpl	Bush B. Barr	20329760	Btry "G" 2d Bn 213th CA (AA)	85252
Sgt	Frank Simon	6695980	Co "B" 1st Bn 18th Inf	84725
Sgt	Louis A. Mocciaro	12017495	Co "B" 1st Bn 18th Inf	95185
Sgt	Emil L. Mantifel	20709565	Co "L" 3d Bn 135th Regt	85041
Sgt	James F. Donnelly, Jr.	6974219	Co "B" 1st Bn 18th Inf	84999
S/Sgt	George W. Mollett	6636854	Co "D" 2d Bn 13th Armd Regt	85008
S/Sgt	Edwin R. Isaac	13012470	353(H)Bomb Sq 301(H)Bomb Gp	95170
S/Sgt	Cleo J. Moody	37126665	32d Bomb Sq 301st Bomb Gp	84509
S/Sgt	Clifton Brown	6371231	Co "D" 2d Bn 13th Armd Regt	95571
S/Sgt	Sobeski L. Bond	20442082	Btry "B" 107th Sep CA Bn(AA)	85212
M/Sgt	Russell J. Ricketts	6816904		98375
2d Lt	PHILIP G. WALKER	O-429726	Co "E" 2d Bn 13th Armd Regt	98372
2d Lt	ROBERT M. SHUMAKER	O-451612	Co "B" 16th Armd Eng 1st AD	84719
Capt	WILLARD M. HAMBLIN	O-384143	Hq Co Supply Bn 1st Armd Div	84694

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