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I -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (106TH MILITARY POLICE PLATOON) --

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 106th Military Police Platoon, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 15 December 1944 to 12 February 1945.

II -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (106TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY) --

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 106th Quartermaster Company, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 1 December 1944 to 29 January 1945.

III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private James E. Heffner, 34 630 461, Coast Artillery Corps (Antiaircraft 634th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. While the Bofors gun, supported by his machine gun, was being displaced to a more effective defensive position, Private Heffner, despite the devastating small arms fire concentrated on the position, the proximity of German forces, and a hostile tank approaching the Bofors' revetment, voluntarily remained at his gun to cover the withdrawal. Intense and well-directed fire from his weapon forced the enemy to take cover and diverted the tank from its primary objective. Valiantly ignoring the withering fire until fatally wounded by a direct hit from the tank's 88mm gun, Private Heffner successfully delayed the hostile forces long enough to permit the section's safe displacement. Entered military service from Mississippi.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant John J. O'Brien, 01 305 100, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 January 1945 to 26 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

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First Sergeant Gerald J. Schauf, 33 320 307, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Norman J. Richey, 35 570 142, (then Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Third Grade Frank Franek, Jr, 36 648 953, Medical Detachment, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Frank C. Andrews, 32 077 827, (then Private), Medical Detachment, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Charles J. Zalutsky, 33 827 353, Medical Detachment, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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