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I -- AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE (331ST MEDICAL BATTALION) -- Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 331st Medical Battalion, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 12 December 1944 to 12 February 1945.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant Crawford Wheeler, Jr, O 554 174, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944, in Germany. During a ferocious assault on his platoon positions by overwhelming numbers of hostile troops supported by tanks and artillery, Second Lieutenant Wheeler, although subjected to severe small arms fire whenever he moved among the emplacements, encouraged his men and effectively directed their fire. At the height of the assault, while he attempted to repair a disabled machine gun, an enemy tank approached. Second Lieutenant Wheeler grabbed a bazooka and three rounds of ammunition, heroically ignoring the devastating machine gun and 88mm fire, moved to an exposed position and valiantly fired at the approaching tank until fatally wounded by the tank's point blank fire. Entered military service from New York.

III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following officers and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant Paul E. Rutledge, O1 103 901, 81st Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Eric F. Wood, Jr, O 517 724, 589th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Arthur J. Fishman, 42 055 042, 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 New York.

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IV — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel Donald Washington, 020 894, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 January 1945 to 29 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Maine.

Technician Third Grade Charles F. Pfeiffer, 33 282 631, Medical Detachment, 423d Infantry (detached service with 424th Infantry), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Guadalupe Reyes, 38 033 447, Medical Detachment, 589th Field Artillery Battalion (detached service with 424th Infantry), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

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