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I -- 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 officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant Edward J. Hurley, 0 545 531, Corps of Chaplains, 423d Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 25 December 1944 to 1 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Samuel R. Neel, Jr., 0 547 713, Corps of Chaplains, 422d Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 25 December 1944 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Roy G. Parrish, 34 547 241, Medical Detachment, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944 and 17 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Benjamin F. Dodge, 39 196 618, 423d Infantry,
United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 25 December 1944 to 1 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Leonard L. Gronski, 36 556 694, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944 in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) -- In addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded 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, to the following officer for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Northwest Europe, on date shown:

First Lieutenant Gerald S. Pratt, Jr., Ol 183 597, (then Second Lieutenant), 590th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- 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 Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Northwest Europe, on date shown:

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Staff Sergeant William C. Altice, 6.544 806, (then Private), 81st Engimeer Battalion, United States Army, on 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Kansas. .

Staff Sergeant Charles C. Hescox, 33 574 834, (then Corporal), 81st Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 20 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Thomas H. Pooley, 32 752 919, 590th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 27 December 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Williard Diehl, 35 003 686, (then Private First Class), 590th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Thaddeus J. Stefan, 36 775 814, (then Private First Class), 589th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 17 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Joseph A. DeLuca, Jr., 33 178 124, 590th Field Artillery Buttalion, United States army, on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 38 -- So much of Section IV, General Orders No. 38, 30 April 1945, pertaining to award of a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant Earle M. Uzzell, 0 537 872, as reads, "for meritorious service", is amended to read "for heroic achievement".

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