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I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following officers:

Captain Edward J. Boyle, O 555 731, (then First Lieutenant), Corps of Chaplains, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 27 December 1944, in Belgium. Three platoons of Company "E", 424th Infantry, advancing down a heavily shelled road in an attack on Manhay, Belgium, were forced to take cover in a ditch. With complete disregard for the concentrated artillery and mortar fire, Chaplain Boyle drove his jeep down the road to aid in evacuating casualties. Thus exposed, Chaplain Boyle rendered first aid, carried a seriously wounded man to his vehicle, and successfully evacuated him to the rear. The unflinching coolness and bravery of Chaplain Boyle and his words of encouragement so inspired the pinned-down platoons that they resumed their advance and successfully cleared the town. Entered military service from Illinois.

Second Lieutenant John A. Carmichael, O2 005 506, (then Chief Warrant Officer), 81st Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944, in Belgium and Germany. To deliver ammunition to an Engineer company preparing an attack on Bleialf, Germany, Chief warrant Officer Carmichael was required to travel to Heum, Belgium, over a route which was under intense German artillery fire. Upon completion of this hazardous mission, Chief Warrant Officer Carmichael volunteered to accompany a reconnaissance patrol to the village. Intense enemy small arms fire made it necessary to split the patrol into two five-man sections. Commanding one section, he set forth on the left of the village, taking the enemy under fire and forcing them into two houses. Establishing his patrol to pin down the trapped Germans, Chief Warrant Officer Carmichael returned to the edge of town where he directed a tank destroyer in the demolition of the enemy strongpoints, thus nullifying resistance and winning the objective. Entered military service from Iowa.

First Lieutenant Thomas E. Lawrence, O26 835, (then Second Lieutenant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 25 December 1944, in Belgium. Leading a platoon of Company "F", 424th Infantry, in a company attack on Manhay, Belgium, Second Lieutenant Lawrence participated in a flanking movement against the enemy which caused them to concentrate tank and machine gun fire on his platoon. Completely exposed and heedless of his own safety, Second Lieutenant Lawrence ran from position to position, directing fire and when an enemy tank approached within fifty yards, Second Lieutenant Lawrence personally directed fire from a grenade launcher against the tank, killing one of its occupants and forcing the tank to retire. Later, when the company came under

extremely heavy artillery fire and was forced to withdraw, Second Lieutenant Lawrence remained behind, administered aid, and directed evacuation of casualties to the new line. Shortly thereafter, Second Lieutenant Lawrence observed enemy movement in the rear of the town and with another officer made reconnaissance, and although under friendly artillery fire, remained in the town, observed the enemy withdrawing, and returned to the battalion command post with the information. Entered the United States Military Academy from Minnesota.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond F. Lawler, Sr., 33 534 863, Division Headquarters, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Virginia.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant James E. Bass, 33 523 121, (then Private First Class) 19th Reinforcement Depot, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Second Lieutenant Harry L. Holder, 02 005 564, (then Technical Sergeant), 28th Infantry Division, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12-18 December 1944 and on 29 January 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

First Lieutenant Davis B. McCoy, 0 343 294, 28th Infantry Division, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant John M. Wolfenbarger, 34 922 571, (then Private First Class), 16th Reinforcement Depot, (then 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 Tennessee.

IV -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant George E. Stafford, 0 518 770, (then Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant), 592d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 17 December 1944 to 2 March 1945 in Belgium. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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V -- RESCISSION -- General Orders No.16, this headquarters, 17 June 1944,
Subject: "Sanitary Regulations", is rescinded.

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