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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Albert L. Kessler, 01173675, Field Artillery, 65th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations. On 23 November 1944, Lieutenant Kessler, demonstrated extraordinary courage as a forward observer for an 8" howitzer battalion. Throughout the night, in order to destroy enemy positions, Lieutenant Kessler called for and adjusted fire which landed near his position which was well within the known safety limits from the center of impact. Although his observation post was within one hundred yards of the enemy lines, his persistent devotion to duty and total disregard for personal safety was largely responsible for the destruction of the heavily defended town. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Kessler reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Michael F. Mishley, 01638093, Signal Corps, 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 December 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Master Sergeant Arthur A. Hermann, 36156560, Signal Corps, 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 September 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Master Sergeant William R. Thompson, 13048731, Signal Corps, 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 September 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant Frederick J. Zimmerman, 16006588, Signal Corps, 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 September 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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First Sergeant John A. Voorhees, 32013816, Signal Corps, 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 September 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Warren F. Leaman, 7032687, Signal Corps, 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 September 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Everett A. Brown, 31041655, Signal Corps, 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 September 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Charles W. Gullen, 35051054, Signal Corps, 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 September 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade James J. O'Hare, 32521772, Signal Corps, 137th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 September 1944 to 1 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to:

First Lieutenant Wilbur D. Hart, 01056739, Coast Artillery Corps, 4th Information and Historical Service, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 9 September 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

IV. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under authority contained in Section I, Circular No 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

The 3525th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 25 November 1944 to 20 February 1945, the 3525th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 3525th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

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