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I. REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS. Section II, General Orders No 72, this headquarters, 17 December 1944, pertaining to the award of the Distinguished-Service Cross (posthumous) to Technical Sergeant Fred D. Steelman, 35717109, 119th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, is revoked.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (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 Distinguished-Service Cross is posthumously awarded to:

Technical Sergeant Fred D. Steelman, 35717109, 119th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 28-29 July 1944, near Troisgots, France, Sergeant Steelman was acting as platoon leader in an advance against the enemy. When his platoon was held up by two enemy tanks protected by foot personnel and at least two machine guns, he assumed the position of lead scout and again attempted to advance to a hedgerow. The machine guns covering the hedgerow rained withering fire through gaps in the hedgerow forcing him and his men back. Five times Sergeant Steelman led his men forward, only to be forced to withdraw when enemy action threatened to annihilate his platoon. Realizing that the enemy machine guns must be eliminated, Sergeant Steelman deliberately crossed a gap in the hedgerow twice and exposed himself, drawing the enemy fire upon himself so that his men might determine the exact location of the enemy weapons. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Steelman reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

III. 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:

Lieutenant Colonel William M. Hughes, 0328752, Field Artillery, 692d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 April 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain William G. Changes, Jr., 01541767, Medical Administrative Corps, 68th Medical Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 25 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Captain Nathaniel B. Watkins, Jr., 01590243; (then First Lieutenant and Captain) Transportation Corps, 461 Amphibian Truck Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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First Lieutenant Joseph G. Murphy, 01542994, Medical Administrative Corps, 621st Medical Clearing Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 16 June 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Kenneth W. Maust, 36123941, Adjutant General's Department, 46th Machine Records Unit, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 8 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade John M. Matchusky, 32116879, Medical Department, 621st Medical Clearing Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 16 June 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Earl V. Westman, 36403064, Medical Department, 621st Medical Clearing Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 16 June 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Norman Bricker, 36272550, Medical Department, 621st Medical Clearing Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 16 June 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal Alfred F. Mello, 31204140, Medical Department, 621st Medical Clearing Company, United States Army, for meritorious in connection with military operations from 16 June 1944 to 22 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph F. Zanotti, 39556836, Medical Department, 643d Medical Clearing Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations on 6 June 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class William C. Dean, 6410750, Medical Department, 547th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations on 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

At the command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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