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I. 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:

First Lieutenant William T. Worrall, CL15804, Infantry, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 27 November 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire, Lieutenant Worrall fearlessly crawled under a hail of bullets and silenced the weapon with hand grenades. While he was maneuvering into a position from which he could engage an enemy sniper, Lieutenant Worrall was killed by shrapnel. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Lieutenant Worrall reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Paul Beck, 69L0022, Infantry, 273rd Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 7 April 1945. Sergeant Beck crawled across open terrain, outflanked an enemy machine-gun position, killed the gunner and captured two prisoners thereby permitting a column of tanks and tank destroyers to continue their mission. Later, while riding on the outside of a tank, Sergeant Beck opened fire on an enemy machine-gun nest, destroying it, killing the gunners and forcing the surrender of nearby enemy infantry. During this course of action, Sergeant Beck was fatally wounded. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Beck reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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 Donald R. Stross, CL1575199, Quartermaster Corps, 3rd Quartermaster Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 23 February 1945 to 2 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Master Sergeant Peter Elias, 19128924, Ordnance Department, 277th Ordnance Maintenance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 15 October 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Joseph R. Guy, 3235121, Quartermaster Corps, 402nd Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 29 March 1945 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Michael Martinek, 3601224, Quartermaster Corps, 3808th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 4 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Edward P. Czech, 35324227, Medical Department, 10th Medical Laboratory, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 17 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal Edward E. Peters, 32801774, Quartermaster Corps, 3811th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 20 February 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

III. 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 3809th Quartermaster Truck Company, for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 16 December 1944 to 16 February 1945, the 3809th Quartermaster Truck Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, the unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of 3809th Quartermaster Truck Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 871st Quartermaster Ammunition and Path Company for distinguishing itself by superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 3 November 1944 to 19 April 1945, the 871st QM Ammunition and Path 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 871st Quartermaster Ammunition and Path Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

J. E. MOORE,

Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

