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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS).
II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (MISSING IN ACTION).
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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: -

Second Lieutenant Charles I. McCaskey, Jr., 01326105, Infantry, 335th Infantry Regiment, 84th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 November 1944 and 1 December 1944. Under constant enemy fire, Lieutenant McCaskey voluntarily led a patrol which destroyed six by-passed hostile pockets thereby enabling friendly wounded to be evacuated. The following day, after voluntarily crawling over 200 yards exposed to hostile observation and intense fire, he threw several grenades inside a pillbox wiping out all resistance. While returning to report to his commanding officer, Lieutenant McCaskey was fatally wounded by an enemy sniper. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant McCaskey reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

✓ Staff Sergeant George D. Thomas, 14050622, Infantry, 26th Infantry Regiment, 6th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 24 and 25 February 1945. After Sergeant Thomas had blasted a hole in a building of an enemy held chateau, he led his men across the moat and succeeded in clearing the building. He then fearlessly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire and succeeded in blasting a hole in another building, thereby enabling his company to capture its entire objective. The following morning Sergeant Thomas boldly assaulted and knocked out an enemy machine-gun position that had hindered his company's advance. Sergeant Thomas was killed a short time later while he attempted to stop three enemy tanks with bazooka fire. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Thomas reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (MISSING IN ACTION). 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 the following named officer, missing in action:

Second Lieutenant Archer I. Bradshaw, 02000965, Infantry, 415th Infantry Regiment, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. Lieutenant Bradshaw crossed a mine field, charged an enemy position and forced the surrender of an enemy machine-gun crew. With two other men, Lieutenant Bradshaw advanced and forced the enemy from trenches, bunkers and haystacks. After setting fire to haystacks, Lieutenant Bradshaw and his companions outflanked the enemy concealed herein and forced them to surrender. Lieutenant Bradshaw killed two, captured another of the enemy and wiped out numerous enemy installations which had temporarily halted his platoon. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Bradshaw reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the

Highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

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 107th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 24 December 1944 to 22 February 1945 the 107th Ordnance Medium 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 107th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 345th Quartermaster Depot Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 19 December 1944 to 28 February 1945 the 345th Quartermaster Depot 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 345th Quartermaster Depot Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 362nd Medical Laboratory for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 24 February 1945 to 26 April 1945, the 362nd Medical Laboratory 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 362nd Medical Laboratory is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 3504th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 17 November 1944 to 17 January 1945, the 3504th 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 3504th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General SLEPSON:

J. E. MOORE,
Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

