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- I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR.
II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS).
III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. 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 Silver Star is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Elmore I. Martin, 37590707, (then Private), Infantry, 6622nd War Crimes Investigating Team, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Belgium on 13 January 1945. Without heed of his own peril, Technician Martin aggressively entered an enemy town by crawling through an intense mortar barrage in order to photograph the action between friendly troops and the enemy. Completely disregarding the known hazards involved and on his own initiative, Technician Martin exposed himself on the outside of a tank destroyer to gain the most strategic position whereby he could fulfill his mission. The gallantry and courage of Technician Martin reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Arion V. Everson, 16092235, Field Artillery, 265th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 23 April 1945. Posted as a guide to an important road intersection, Private Everson was forced to leave his post due to enemy artillery fire. Upon hearing his battery column approaching, he left his cover and with utter disregard for his own safety, went to the cross road and guided the battery to a position of relative safety. His devotion to duty, cool headedness and display of courage probably saved his comrades from injury and possible death. The gallantry and courage of Private Everson reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private Harlan J. Thompson, 39692018, Corps of Engineers, 164th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 9 March 1945. In the midst of intense enemy shell fire, Private Thompson, disregarding his personal safety, ran for his truck and trailer which were loaded with high explosives. Although he was seriously wounded, Private Thompson managed to move his truck, which was a hazard to the safety of men in the area, thereby saving them from almost certain death. The gallantry and courage of Private Thompson reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

II. 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:

Technician Fourth Grade Leota C. Huntberger, 32145781, Ordnance Department, 512th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 15 October 1944 to 12 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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Sergeant Robert H. Conerly, 34272773, Ordnance Department, Headquarters Detachment, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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 550th Quartermaster Laundry Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 23 February 1945 to 15 May 1945, the 550th Quartermaster Laundry 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 550th Quartermaster Laundry Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 195th Ordnance Depot Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 15 June 1944 to 15 August 1944, the 195th Ordnance 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 195th Ordnance Depot Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 507th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 13 July 1944 to 12 September 1944, the 507th Ordnance Heavy 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 507th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General STIMPSON:

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

