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I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to:

no memo.
Private First Class KENNETH K. KESSLER, 35907900, Headquarters Special Troops, Third United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 1 March 1945 in FRANCE.

II - AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular Number 56, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 27 May 1944, the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to:

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First Lieutenant DAVID H. ESPERSON, 0527235, Field Artillery, 61st Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 17 April 1945 to 6 May 1945 in GERMANY.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular Number 56, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

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Captain BURROGES G. STEVENS, JR., 025950, Infantry, Company "B", 357th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. During the period 6 September 1944 to 10 September 1944, Captain STEVENS, commanding Company "B", 357th Infantry, had the mission of providing the advance guard for his battalion. Preceding the battalion, he seized ground at Trieux, France, repelling German counterattacks until the battalion could occupy the ground. Again preceding the battalion, he overcame German resistance and captured the town of Neufchef, France, which provided a springboard for the attack on Hayange, France, that followed a day later. Captain STEVENS' aggressiveness, sound military judgment and heroic achievement reflect credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular Number 56, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant GEORGE W. BRITTENHAM, 37579293, Company "I", 346th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 23 January 1945, in Jasserbillig, Germany, Staff Sergeant BRITTENHAM and another soldier were holding a three-story building against enemy attacks which were frequent and of intense ferocity. After being surrounded, a fresh counterattack was launched by the enemy. Sergeant BRITTENHAM, heroically exposing himself to heavy machine gun fire, fired at the leader of the enemy troops, killing him instantly. This act stalled the attack long enough to secure a better defensive position and repulse new attacks. Valuable information was obtained, upon inspection of the leader's body, in connection with enemy plans of future moves, used later to a great advantage. Sergeant BRITTENHAM'S courage and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

V - AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBERS 107, 110 AND 111, CURRENT SERIES

So much of paragraphs 1, Section I, General Orders Number 107, Section I, General Orders Number 110, and General Orders Number 111, this Headquarters, dated 29 May, 4 June and 4 June 1946, respectively, as reads: "Pursuant to the authority contained in Army Regulations 200-5, dated 16 December 1944, as amended", is amended to read: "Pursuant to the authority contained in Army Regulations 220-5, dated 16 December 1944, as amended".

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