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SECTION I - Announcement of Staff Officers.  
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF STAFF OFFICERS - Colonel PAUL D HARKINS, 017625, General Staff Corps, this Headquarters, is announced as Acting Chief of Staff, Third United States Army, during the temporary absence of Major General HOBART R GAY.

2. Colonel CHARLES L HEITMAN JR, 018059, Field Artillery, this Headquarters, is announced as Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Third United States Army, vice Colonel PAUL D HARKINS.

3. Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD J STILLMAN, 025038, General Staff Corps, this Headquarters, is announced as Secretary, General Staff, Third United States Army, vice Major GEORGE F MUEWANE JR, relieved.

4. Colonel THOMAS R LEBER, 09775, Ordnance Department, this Headquarters, is announced as Ordnance Officer, Third United States Army, vice Colonel THOMAS H NIXON, relieved.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

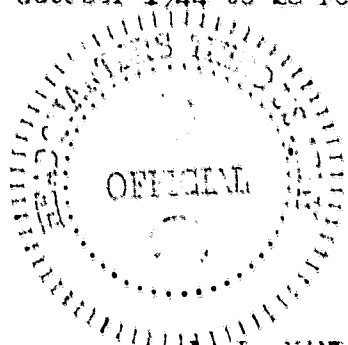
Major HUGH F RICHARDSON, 0461042, Infantry, Headquarters Third United States Army. 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA and AUSTRIA.

Major ALBERT LAINE, 905, Army of France, 1st French Truck Group "Bretagne", attached Headquarters Third United States Army. 17 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH LAINE, 1002, Army of France, 101st Company, 1st French Truck Group "Bretagne", attached Headquarters Third United States Army. 2 October 1944 to 28 February 1945 in FRANCE.

By command of General PATTON:

PAUL D HARKINS,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Acting Chief of Staff.



L. L. MANLY,  
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Acting Adjutant General.

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