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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army 27 May 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM A BUSTER, 6395030, Troop "B", 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action at L'HOPITAL, FRANCE, on 2 December 1944. Technician Fifth Grade BUSTER was one of eight men surrounded by the enemy at L'HOPITAL. The enemy, with automatic weapons and rocket launchers, occupied positions covering all windows and doors of the building. Repeated attempts to escape had failed by reason of this concentrated short range enemy fire. Sergeant Daily, senior non-commissioned officer present decided that the only hope for escape lay in diverting enemy fire temporarily from the building exits. Technician Fifth Grade BUSTER volunteered to set up a 30 caliber machine-gun in the open to draw enemy fire to himself or to pin it down while the rest attempted to escape. Coolly, without regard for his own life, Technician Fifth Grade BUSTER put his gun into position, and opened fire on the enemy only 50 yards distant. Miraculously he escaped enemy fire. His own accurate fire pinned down the enemy while the remainder of the group escaped from the building and took up positions to cover Technician Fifth Grade BUSTER's retirement. The cool and courageous manner in which Technician Fifth Grade BUSTER conducted himself, oblivious to his own danger, demonstrates the highest degree of combat efficiency, and is in keeping with the highest combat traditions of the United States Army.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade ARTHUR BERNATH, 16127642, 531st Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company (Tank), United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 14 October 1944, Technician Fourth Grade BERNATH, aided by two other enlisted men and two officers, attempted to save or recover the body of an English officer whose vehicle had crashed through a railing and plunged into the MEUSE RIVER at COMBERCY, FRANCE. Disregarding the swift current and 17-foot depth of the river, this soldier dove into the cold water and searched through the wreckage until he ascertained that the body of the officer was not pinned under the wrecked vehicle. This heroic act of Technician Fourth Grade BERNATH reflects great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

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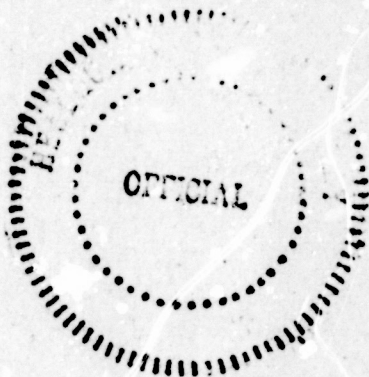
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III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq EPC US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, 1st EPC US Army 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant LEWIS S DILELLO, O1326046, Infantry, Company "G", 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 October 1944, the third platoon of Company "G", 11th Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant DILELLO, attempted to secure one of the entrances of the heavily defended FORT BRIANT, FRANCE, but was forced to withdraw because of intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. Of his own volition and with complete disregard for his safety Lieutenant DILELLO covered the withdrawal of his men. Taking an automatic rifle he held the enemy at bay with intense and accurate fire so that his men could return to positions of greater safety. While courageously holding his position he was killed by an enemy hand grenade. The conspicuous courage of Lieutenant DILELLO, his heroic, inspiring leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

IV. REVOCATION OF PAR 1, SEC I, CG NO. 1, THIS HQ CS - Paragraph 1, Section I, General Orders No. 1, this Headquarters, 4 January 1945 awarding a Distinguished Service Cross to Second Lieutenant LEWIS S DILELLO, O1326046, Infantry, is revoked. This award is republished as a Bronze Star Medal in Sec III, of this General Order.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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