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GENERAL ORDER

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- SECTION I - Award of Soldier's Medal.
- SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.
- SECTION III - Award of Purple Heart Medal.
- SECTION IV - Amendment of General Orders No. 336, this Hq, cs.

I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant DALE E SPECKMAN, 36734431, 771st Ordnance (LM) Company, 71st Infantry Division, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 3 November 1945, while Sergeant SPECKMAN was directing a prisoner of war detail in unloading enemy 105mm artillery shells from a truck into a demolition pit, one of the prisoners accidentally dropped a shell into the pit among twenty tons of explosives. When the shell began to smoke, and an explosion that would have endangered many lives and much government property threatened, Sergeant SPECKMAN calmly removed the missile from the pit and extinguished it. Sergeant SPECKMAN'S heroic, unselfish actions and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 52, 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:

Master Sergeant JEFFERSON M RICE, 33727157, 237th Quartermaster Salvage Collecting Company, United States Army. 9 February 1945 to 6 May 1945 in GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade JAMES MC ELY, 33086550, Detachment I-364, Company F, 3rd Military Government Regiment, United States Army. 2 October 1944 to 6 May 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to:

Staff sergeant GEORGE R GOMES, 31149557, Headquarters, Third United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 3 April 1945 in GERMANY.

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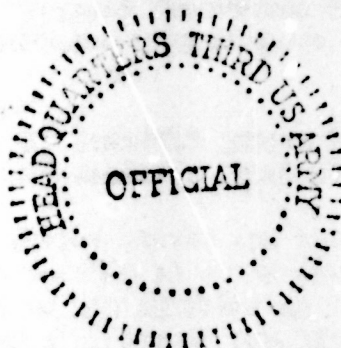
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IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 336, THIS HEADQUARTERS, CS. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 336, this Headquarters, cs, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant DAVID L BROWN, 0524369, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third United States Army, is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:



H. G. MADDOX,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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