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I. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - 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, in addition to the Distinguished Service Cross previously awarded, the award of a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to following named officer on 16 November 1944 is announced:

Colonel DWIGHT T COLLEY, O166222, Infantry, \*\* Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 8 November 1944, the \*\* Infantry Regiment, commanded by Colonel COLLEY, as an integral part of a general offensive conducted by the 26th Infantry Division, was assigned the mission of reducing a succession of heavily fortified enemy positions east of MENCY, FRANCE, including strongly defended towns. Colonel COLLEY, exhibiting outstanding leadership and remarkable tactical ability skilfully organized his command and with great courage and initiative fearlessly led his regiment in the attack. His personal bravery under intense enemy fire inspired his men to take the assigned objective despite stubborn enemy resistance, contributing in great measure to the successful accomplishment of the Division's mission. Colonel COLLEY's heroism and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 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, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Second Lieutenant HERSHEL T HARDIN, O1325645, Infantry, \*\* Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 5 September 1944, Lieutenant HARDIN led his rifle platoon of the \*\* Infantry in an assault upon FORT VILLEY LE SEC near TOUL, FRANCE. The enemy position, a concrete and steel pillbox located on the crest of a hill, was well fortified, and when Lieutenant HARDIN's platoon had advanced a hundred yards it was pinned down by intense machine-gun fire. Lieutenant HARDIN, with complete disregard for his own safety, worked his way forward, located the concealed enemy gun position, and wiped it out with his submachine-gun. His platoon then advanced until it was again stopped by fire. Again, Lieutenant HARDIN courageously braved intense fire, moving forward until he located the gun. He pinned the enemy down with his submachine-gun

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until he was within thirty yards of their position and destroyed them with grenades. While he was so engaged, an enemy soldier wounded him in both legs with grenades. He killed that enemy and after having his wounds dressed by a medical corpsman continued to lead his platoon in the attack. The heroic, inspiring leadership of Lieutenant HARDIN; his courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

III. 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 to:

✓ Colonel PHILIP C CLAYTON, 05210, Cavalry, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 15 November 1944.

✓ Major CHARLES W FLINT, 0371887, Signal Corps, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 4 October 1944 to 30 October 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant DEVERTON CARPENTER, 01637156, Signal Corps, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 4 October 1944 to 31 October 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant FRANK E FISCHER, 01617881, Signal Corps, \*\* Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 4 October 1944 to 31 October 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant WILLIAM J RAY, 1609720, \*\* Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 4 October 1944 to 31 October 1944.

✓ Staff Sergeant FOREST G WHITE, 37204731, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 June 1944 to 15 November 1944.

IV. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE - 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 Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units for service between the dates indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
115th Signal Radio Intelligence Company	1 August 1944 to 19 November 1944
254th Quartermaster Depot Company	17 July 1944 to 31 October 1944
275th Ordnance Maintenance Company (Antiaircraft)	16 July 1944 to 16 November 1944
837th Ordnance Depot Company	1 August 1944 to 1 October 1944
904th Ordnance Depot Company	1 August 1944 to 1 October 1944

V. REVOCATIONS IN GO NO. 96 THIS HQ CS AND GO NO. 100 THIS HQ CS.

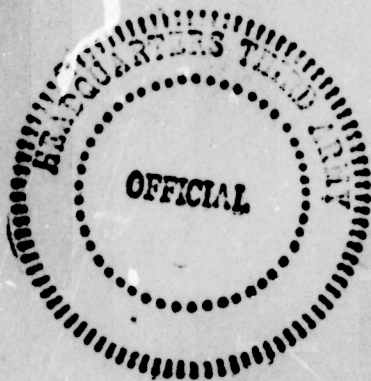
1. So much of paragraph 2, Section I, General Orders No. 96, this Headquarters, 23 November 1944 as awards the Distinguished Service Cross to Second Lieutenant HERSCHEL T HARDIN, 01325615, Infantry, is revoked. This award is republished in Sec II, of this General Order.

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GO No. 102 Hq Third US Army 3 Dec 1944, cont'd.

✓ 2. Paragraph 1, Section I, General Orders No. 100, this Headquarters, 30 November 1944 as awards the Distinguished Service Cross to Colonel DWIGHT T COLLEY, 0166222, Infantry, is revoked. This award is republished as an Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of a Distinguished Service Cross in Section I, of this General Order.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Acting Chief of Staff.

R. E. CUNNINGHAM,  
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Adjutant General.

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