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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross
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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 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 CHARLES C WETZEL, O1320206, Infantry, Company "I", ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 12 June 1944, in the attack on APPEVILLE, FRANCE, Lieutenant WETZEL's battalion was heavily engaged with strongly resisting enemy forces, and the platoon under Lieutenant WETZEL's command, having suffered several casualties, was pinned down by intense enemy fire. Observing that the left flank of the platoon was in the greatest danger, Lieutenant WETZEL went to that part of the line. It was under extremely heavy machine-gun fire and the enemy was also throwing many hand grenades, several of which Lieutenant WETZEL picked up before they exploded and hurled back into their positions. At this point in the engagement he was wounded in the leg, but after satisfying himself as to the security of the left flank, Lieutenant WETZEL, despite his wounds, dragged himself to a position in the center of the platoon in order to better direct the fighting. Here he was again wounded, but still refusing to be evacuated he remained with the platoon, moving forward and closing with the enemy in hand to hand fighting until he was killed in action. The extraordinary courage of Lieutenant WETZEL, his heroic, determined leadership and his supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the award of the Bronze Star Medal to the following named officer on 25 November 1944 is announced:

Major General WILLIAM H H MORRIS JR, O3102, United States Army, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 November 1944 to 20 November 1944.

III. AWARD OF AIR 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 Air Medal is awarded to:

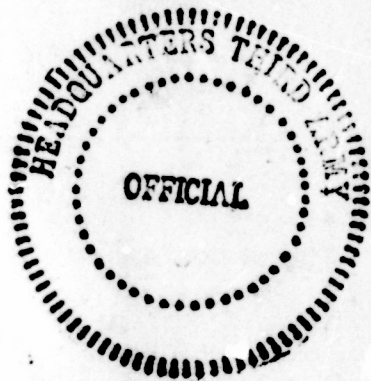
First Lieutenant MAX L GARLAND, O1165292, Field Artillery, ** Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the

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United States in FRANCE from 6 August 1944 to 30 October 1944.

IV. ~~AMENDMENT~~ IN GO NO. 96, THIS HQ, 23 NOV 1944 - So much of paragraph 2, Section I, General Order No. 96, this Headquarters, 23 November 1944, as awards the Distinguished Service Cross to Staff Sergeant LOUIS A ANTAL JR, 13088256 as reads: "Company "E", is amended to read: "Company "A".

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

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

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