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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 2 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A DELMONT, 32368386, Infantry, Company "I", *** Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 10 July 1944, during the action in the vicinity of LA HAYE DE PUIITS, FRANCE, two platoons of Company "I" were pinned down by fire from three well concealed enemy machine-gun positions, in addition to heavy fire from mortars, artillery, grenades, and snipers. Sergeant DELMONT (then Private First Class) rallied his platoon and led an assault on the enemy positions, displaying the highest degree of courage and leadership. He continually covered the movements of other men, clearing out hedgerows and killing snipers. Upon observing a squad of men entering terrain which he realized was covered by enemy machine-gun fire, Sergeant DELMONT, although under enemy fire himself, made his way to the men, warned them of their danger, and led them to a safer position. He completely routed the enemy with his platoon and personally killed at least five snipers. During this engagement Sergeant DELMONT captured two German prisoners. The conspicuous leadership of Sergeant DELMONT, his aggressive, heroic determination, and his supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. 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 to:

Lieutenant Colonel FRIDERICK H LOOMIS, 0280776, Infantry, *** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 12 July 1944, in vicinity of LA VELAISSE, FRANCE, Lieutenant Colonel LOOMIS, Executive Officer, *** Infantry, assumed temporary command of a much-depleted Infantry Battalion. Finding the battalion pinned to the ground by heavy, close-range, enemy fire, Colonel LOOMIS personally led four medium tanks forward to a position some 40 yards in front of our lines. Although on foot and under intense fire, Colonel LOOMIS directed the fire of the tanks on the enemy positions until they were reduced. He then moved across an open field covered by enemy fire and assembled a group of ten men with which he returned to assist the advance of the tanks. As a result of this officer's heroic efforts and unyielding determination the battalion reached and held

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its objective although the total strength of its rifle companies was less than that of two full strength platoons. Colonel LOMIS' brilliant and courageous leadership and his personal heroism exemplify the highest traditions of the service.

Captain LEROY R POIND, 0370275, Infantry, ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 4 July 1944, Captain POIND was commanding the 1st Battalion, ** Infantry Regiment, advancing in the vicinity of PRETOI, FRANCE. When his command was pinned down by heavy mortar and machine-gun fire, Captain POIND unhesitatingly and with utter disregard for his own safety, climbed a tree and from this exposed position directed effective artillery and small arms fire against the enemy, permitting his troops to advance. Later, upon encountering a strong enemy position on commanding terrain which halted the advance of his troops, Captain POIND organized his command for attack, then personally skirted a hedgerow to within a few yards of an enemy machine-gun which he silenced with hand grenades. He returned to his troops to obtain more grenades and again advanced against the enemy positions, leading his men in a renewed assault, and personally put a second machine-gun out of action, killed one of the enemy with pistol fire and routed others by his bold actions. The fearless courage of Captain Poind and his inspiring, heroic leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

First Sergeant JOHN R MORTON, 20716054, Field Artillery, ** Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 6th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in the vicinity of PONTORSON, FRANCE, on 1 August 1944. After his half-track was hit by an 80mm shell, Sergeant MORTON abandoned the vehicle, and started to aid the wounded personnel. While so doing, a bullet passed through his helmet, and, looking up, he saw enemy soldiers charging with bayonets. He fired on them with his carbine until it was empty then took a sub-machine gun and advanced while firing. In the action he accounted for 26 enemy dead and greatly contributed to neutralizing an enemy ambush. His gallantry and aggressiveness reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class TED HEFLEY, 58237091, Coast Artillery Corps, ** Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 23 August 1944 in the vicinity of FORD DU GUERRE, FRANCE, Private HEFLEY'S gun position was attacked by an enemy patrol during the hours of darkness. Although grenades were thrown into the position and continuous bursts of machine and machine pistol fire were received, Pvt HEFLEY ran through this fire and machine-gun with which he opened fire upon the enemy. Although wounded, the machine-gun jammed, he employed his M1 rifle with such effect that the attack was broken up. Pvt HEFLEY'S courageous action was largely instrumental in dispersing the enemy force and in saving the lives of his comrades. His courageous actions exemplify the finest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 32, HQ ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944 as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, HQ ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel FREDERICK H LOMIS, 0280778, Infantry, ** Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 July 1944 in the FORST DE MONS-CASTRA, FRANCE, Lieutenant Colonel LOMIS, then Regimental Executive Officer, ** Infantry, took command of the 1st Battalion

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When only five officers remained in the Battalion. Finding the advance of one of its companies held up by two enemy machine-guns, Colonel LOOMIS, personally leading a squad, crawled to within 30 yards of one gun and put it out of action with grenades. He then directed the fire of the squad on the second gun and silenced it. The actions of Colonel LOOMIS during this period were directly responsible for the combat successes of this regiment. His outstanding gallantry and heroism were an inspiration to his officers and men, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

III. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel BERNARD A BYRNE, 012404, Infantry, ** Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at FOLET DE GREBOZY, FRANCE on 1 October 1944.

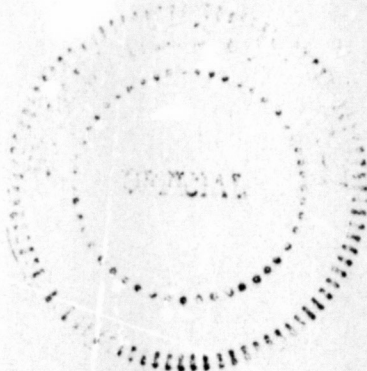
OK - IV. AMENDMENT OF PARAGRAPH 2, GO NO. 84, THIS HQ CS - So much of paragraph 2, General Orders No. 84, this Headquarters, 5 November 1944, awarding a Bronze Star Medal to Colonel ROBERT SEARS, 02652 as reads: "Ordnance Department," is amended to read: "Infantry."

V. REVOCATIONS IN GO NO. 75, THIS HQ CS AND GO NO. 84, THIS HQ CS.

So much of paragraph 2, General Orders No. 75, this Headquarters, 21 October 1944, awarding a Distinguished Service Cross to Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A DELMONT, 3240346, Infantry, is revoked.

OK ✓ So much of paragraph 2, General Orders No. 84, this Headquarters, 5 November 1944, awarding a Bronze Star Medal to Colonel BERNARD A BYRNE, 012404, Infantry, is revoked.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HUGH J. GAFFEY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

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