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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 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 Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Technical Sergeant IRVIN F CONLEY, 20526726, Company "K", *** Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 13 July 1944 in the vicinity of ST LO, FRANCE, when the platoon led by Sergeant CONLEY was pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun fire from strongly fortified positions, Sergeant CONLEY, exhibiting great courage and coolness under fire, advanced toward the nearest machine-gun emplacement, fired his rifle until the weapon jammed, and then continued the attack with hand grenades, including several enemy grenades which he threw back before they exploded. Upon reaching the hedgerow, behind which the enemy machine-gun was emplaced, he leaped into the enemy position and killed the remaining members of the crew with the butt of his rifle. Determining that his platoon was still unable to advance, he returned to his own lines with the enemy machine-gun, thus weakening the network of enemy fire. Although wounded in the leg during the action, Sergeant CONLEY remained in active command of his platoon, and through his courageous leadership, inspired his troops to the subsequent capture of the strong enemy positions in the area. His heroic achievements exemplify the highest 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 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 Silver Star is awarded to:

Private PETER T KELLEHER, 31370763, Company "A", *** Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On the morning of 9 November 1944, while guarding a bridge over the canal of ST NICOLAS, Private KELLEHER discovered an explosive charge, with burning fuse, beneath the bridge. Private KELLEHER immediately grasped the charge and ran with it approximately fifty yards along the canal bank. He disposed of the charge and made his way back to the bridge to a place of safety. Immediately upon returning to the bridge the charge exploded. Private KELLEHER, in performing this act, fully realizing the hazards involved, undoubtedly prevented destruction of the portion of the bridge to which the charge was fixed. His achievement merits high commendation.

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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 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:

Captain JOHN C RAAEN JR, O25486, Infantry, *** Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. Captain RAAEN, Headquarters Commandant, *** Ranger Infantry Battalion, distinguished himself by his cool-headed leadership, initiative, and courage during a severe counter-attack by a superior enemy force. On 2 September 1944, when the situation had become extremely critical after commitment of the battalion reserve, Captain RAAEN formed a provisional company from available headquarters personnel and personally led and employed this company as a counter-attacking element. The enemy was stopped, thereby relieving the critical position of the battalion and enabling them to retain their advance position. His heroism and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

First Lieutenant ADOLF RUDOLF JR, O375845, Ordnance Department, *** Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. First Lieutenant RUDOLF, assigned to the *** Ordnance Depot Company, distinguished himself by his coolheaded leadership and courage under enemy aerial bombardment and strafing at ST HILAIRE du MARCOUET, FRANCE. On 7 August 1944, when enemy aircraft attacked the convoy of which he was commander, Lieutenant RUDOLF ordered all his men to get out of the vehicles and to seek shelter. Then, without regard for his own safety, he turned off the gasoline switches of all the vehicles in order to save valuable cargo from fires in case of a direct hit, meanwhile continually exposing himself to see that his men remained under cover and to attend to those already injured. Lieutenant RUDOLF's heroic actions, his resourcefulness, and his devotion to duty insured the safe delivery of his cargo, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Service.

Major CHARLES C DUNHAM, O397725, Ordnance Department, Headquarters *** Ordnance Group, 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 25 October 1944.

Warrant Officer (Junior Grade) GEORGE H BOOTH, W2129368, United States Army, 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 11 April 1944 to 31 October 1944.

First Sergeant FRANCIS J LYNCH, 32014403, Company "A", *** Military Police Battalion, 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 25 October 1944.

First Sergeant ARTHUR F McCLUSKEY, 20648965, Company "C", *** Military Police Battalion, 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 25 October 1944.

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Technical Sergeant HAROLD S GLAUDER, 20619815, Headquarters Detachment, *** Military Police Battalion, 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 25 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant HERMAN KORN, 32066106, Headquarters Detachment, *** Military Police Battalion, 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 25 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant ALFRED M WELCH, 34820966, Company "B", *** Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 10 September 1944 to 26 September 1944.

Sergeant JOSEPH E SHEPARD 34631357, Company "B", *** Military Police Battalion, 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 25 October 1944.

Sergeant MILTON R JONES, 34714322, Company "C", *** Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 31 July 1944 to 8 August 1944.

Sergeant JOHN F KROUT, 36464092, Company "C", *** Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 11 August 1944 to 21 August 1944.

Sergeant CLARENCE A SCHMIDLER, 36820262, Company "A", *** Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE on 7 August 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES L WATSON, 6967110, Headquarters Troop, *** Cavalry Group (Mechanized), 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 8 November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade ABRAM D GROY, 33581373, *** Engineer Light Equipment Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 12 November 1944 to 14 November 1944.

Private First Class NICHOLAS A TOTARO, 32921582, Company "B", *** Military Police Battalion, 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 25 October 1944.

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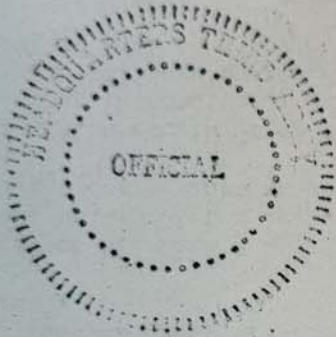
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IV. REVOCATIONS IN GO NO. 86, THIS HQ CS AND GO NO. 95, THIS HQ CS.

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 86, this Headquarters, 7 November 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant ADOLPH RUDOLF JR, 0375845, Ordnance Department, is revoked.

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 95, this Headquarters, 22 November 1944, as awards a Distinguished Service Cross to Technical Sergeant IRVIN F CONLEY, 20526726, is revoked.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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