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I. LT COL THOSS B. BECK, 0309434, Inf, HQ, is announced as Acting Chief of Staff.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

JOSEPH M. BRESNAHAN, 33890680, Pfc (then Pvt), Co D, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA, from 31 December 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period, Pfc BRESNAHAN exhibited great skill and courage in performing his duties as machine gunner. At all times he disregarded personal safety and severe enemy action to deliver effective fire on hostile forces, and contributed immeasurably to his company's success. Pfc BRESNAHAN's courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

JAMES R. SUGGS, 34374170, Tec 5 (then Pvt), Hq Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA from 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During this period, Tec 5 SUGGS performed his duties as code clerk in a superior manner. Regardless of enemy action, difficult terrain, and adverse weather, he persisted in his efforts to deliver many vital messages and contribute immeasurably to his regiment's success. Tec 5 SUGGS' courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

ANDREW G. BOURDOW, 01301772, 1st Lt, Inf, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 8 November 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

JAMES F. CHAMBERS, 35359684, Tec 4, Co A, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from INDIANA.

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SAM J. DIACOYANIS, 33440486, Pfc, Hq Co, 3d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

PANFILO DIFONZO, 33320704, Sgt, Btry C, 314th FA Battalion, United States Army. For the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

DELVERT H. ESSER, 36830502, Tec 5, MP Platoon, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For the period 10 September 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

JOHN H. HOLLER, 33269629, Pfc, Co B, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

CONSTANTINE E. NECRIS, 32515461, S Sgt, MP Platoon, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For the period 6 February 1945, to 8 May 1945, in LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

THOMAS M. OVERSTREET, 33213340, Pfc, Hq Btry, 314th FA Battalion, United States Army. For the period 8 August 1944, to 15 January 1945, in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

JOSEPH J. SAPUDER, 33355188, Pfc, Hq Co, 3d Bn, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM F. SPADE JR., 33354640, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co G, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, and AUSTRIA. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in countries and on dates indicated:

| <u>RANK AND NAME</u> | <u>ASN</u> | <u>ARM OR SERVICE</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| PFC RUDOLFO O. ZUNIGA | 39147775 | Inf | France | 23 Nov 44 |
| S SGT JOHN E. THOMPSON | 39621107 | Inf | France | 26 Nov 44 |
| 2D LT HARRY RAYFIELD JR. | 02015792 | Inf | Belgium | 26 Dec 44 |
| T SGT DAN CANAK | 39905650 | Inf | Austria | 4 May 45 |

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LAUER:

THOSS B. BECK
Lt Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

A. D. O'Meara
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Major, AGD,
Asst Adj General.

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ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

V. Under the provisions of paragraph 4, AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 80th Infantry Division effective 15 October 1945.

[Handwritten Signature]

WALTER E. LAUER
Major General, United States Army
Commanding.

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