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GENERAL ORDERS)

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NUMBER 98) SECTION I - Award of Bronze Star.
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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: 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 Officers and Enlisted Men:

Leo K. Alexander, 35504769, Tec 5, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Mike J. Banasiak, 36510609, Pfc, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Pfc Banasiak has performed his duties as Gun Recorder in a superior manner. As recorder at the gun position he has at times assumed the duties of Assistant Executive and has been an inspiration to all members of the gun crews. His accuracy in keeping data on barrages and preparations has inspired confidence in him by his officers, noncommissioned officers, and members of the crews. The tireless energy, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Banasiak reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

Joseph G. Berberick, 20268776, 1st Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 - 13 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Harold D. Burk, 35331016, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 28 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 28 October 1944, S Sgt Burk performed his duties as Wire Sergeant in a superior manner. His forcefulness and initiative were continually demonstrated and were a large factor in the high degree of efficiency of communication in the battalion. Often coming under enemy fire in the performance of his duties, S Sgt Burk, not only exhibited a high degree of technical skill and proficiency, but through his untiring and ceaseless efforts as a leader and example, contributed greatly to the installation and maintenance of the communication of the battalion. The tireless energy, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Burk reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Samuel B. Brown, 33320992, S Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the

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United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, S Sgt Brown has performed his duties as Motor Sergeant in a superior manner. His outstanding efforts and continual interest has contributed greatly to the excellent state of motor maintenance within the battery and to the few mechanical failures of vehicles under his supervision. The initiative, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Brown reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

OLIVER J. BUSSEN, 01594744, 2d Lt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

CARL W. CARLSON, 01304680, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Anthony B. Chismar, 33107941, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 10 September 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 10 September 1944, to 20 November 1944, Sgt Chismar has performed his duties as Chief of Section in a superior manner. Through constant supervision and devotion to his work, he has succeeded in organizing his men into one of the best howitzer sections of the battalion. His initiative, tireless energy, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Silas O. Cosby, 35358857, Tec 5, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Robert E. Dooley, 31304267, Pvt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 9 September 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 9 September 1944, to 20 November 1944, Pvt Dooley has performed his duties as radio operator in a superior manner. He has remained on the job for long periods of time without relief and on numerous occasions he has transmitted fire missions while subjected to heavy enemy fire. His skillful operation of the radio has greatly contributed to the successful completion of fire missions of the battery and support of the infantry. The resourcefulness, tireless energy, and devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Dooley reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Norbert L. Eicker, 33282303, Tec 5, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as driver and air compressor operator with his Engineer Combat Battalion, during the period 6 August 1944, to 27

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1944, Tec 5 Eicker has demonstrated his ability and efficiency in the maintenance, repair, and improved performance of the equipment under his supervision. On one occasion his quick decision under intense enemy artillery fire resulted in the rescue of considerable equipment. His sound judgment, courage, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

FRANK FELEPPA, 01114922, 1st Lt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

CLAUDE R. FONTAINE, 0371451, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, while in command of his rifle company, Capt Fontaine led an assault upon a vital enemy held town. Despite the intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Capt Fontaine advanced with his men and seized the fiercely contested enemy position. Although wounded by shrapnel during this engagement, Capt Fontaine refused to be evacuated until the assigned mission was accomplished. The personal bravery, inspiring leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Capt Fontaine exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Roland A. Gallagher, 35388428, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 21 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Robert J. Ginther, 33368218, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Cpl Ginther has performed his duties of Chief of Section in a superior manner. He has displayed exceptional skill in operation of his howitzer section. At all times he has served as an inspiration and example to the members of his and other howitzer sections and his fine handling of men has resulted in the excellent firing record of his gun crew. The tireless energy, initiative, and devotion to duty exhibited by Cpl Ginther reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Marshall F. Haas, 39181817, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France during the period 3 October 1944, to 23 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as a platoon sergeant during the period 3 October 1944, to 23 November 1944, T Sgt Haas successfully organized new and inexperienced men into an efficient and aggressive unit. With a patrol of volunteers, T Sgt Haas advanced under heavy enemy fire and adverse weather conditions to complete seven vital missions across the Seille River. Despite the danger of mines, T Sgt Haas and his men reconnoitered German occupied

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territory to return with extremely vital enemy information. The outstanding courage, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty demonstrated by T Sgt Haas are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

Ralph F. Hamilton, 17087637, Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Colorado.

Arthur C. Hanson, 37580926, Pvt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Pvt Hanson has performed his duties as radio operator in a superior manner. He has remained on the job for long periods of time without relief and on numerous occasions he has transmitted fire missions while subjected to heavy enemy fire. His skillful operation of the radio has greatly contributed to the successful completion of fire missions of the battery and support of the infantry. The resourcefulness, tireless energy, and devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Hanson reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Charles L. Hess, 35331089, Tec 5, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Olin Hill, 35386840, Tec 5, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

WILFRED N. HOBSON, 01647086, 1st Lt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 27 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Robert R. J. Koch, 19132949, Pvt, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Arizona.

II. Sections II, III, and IV, published as an extract.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: 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 Officers and Enlisted Men:

Walter Krafty, 33367793, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Tec 4 Krafty has performed his duties as S-3 Clerk in a superior manner. His ability to work conscientiously and thoroughly have contributed greatly to the operation of the battalion, command post, and fire direction center. His coolness when under great stress has set an example to others and has enabled them to better perform their own work. The tireless energy, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty exhibited by Tec 4 Krafty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Stanford B. Lambert, 33127336, Cpl, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

Alfred J. Mazzacca, 12038229, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 26 November 1944, Pfc Mazzacca distinguished himself in performing his duties as a SCR 300 radio operator in a superior manner in combat, maintaining communications with other elements of his unit under the most hazardous conditions. His accurate transmission of fire orders kept the unit completely informed of the situation and rendered valuable assistance to the forward observers. The industrious efforts, tireless energy, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Mazzacca exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Raymon L. McCraw, 33213219, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, Cpl McCraw has performed his duties as Wire Corporal in a superior manner. Often coming under enemy fire in the performance of his duties, Cpl McCraw not only exhibited a high degree of technical skill and proficiency, but through his untiring and ceaseless efforts as a leader and example, contributed greatly to the installation and maintenance of the communication of the battalion. The

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tireless energy, initiative, and devotion to duty demonstrated by Cpl McCraw reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

IRA T. MILLER, 01285623, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 24 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 24 November 1944, Capt Miller has rendered exceptional service in intelligently and forcefully maintaining a smoothly functioning Battalion CP under constant combat conditions. At a critical time he assumed command of a rifle company when the officers became casualties, reorganizing and molding them into an efficient combat team. The efficiency, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Capt Miller exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio. E-317

Eugene J. Nason, 32064787, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Ralph M. Orolim, 35916908, Pvt, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

William S. Pazik, 33185411, 1st Sgt., FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, 1st Sgt Pazik has performed his duties in a superior manner. Through his tireless efforts, the administrative detail of the battery has been accomplished with a high degree of skill and efficiency. The initiative, energy, and devotion to duty displayed by 1st Sgt Pazik reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Joe S. Perez, 39704087, Pvt, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

SIMEON PERLMAN, 01115060, 2d Lt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Alphonse H. Pyre, 31149405, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 28 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 28 October 1944, Cpl Pyre performed his duties as Wire Corporal in a superior manner. His forcefulness and initiative were continually demonstrated and were a large factor in the high degree of efficiency of communication in the battalion. Often coming

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under enemy fire in the performance of his duties, Cpl Pyre, not only exhibited a high degree of technical skill and proficiency, but through his untiring and ceaseless efforts as a leader and example, contributed greatly to the installation and maintenance of the communication in the battalion. The tireless energy, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Pyre reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Wilbur G. Short, 39528100, Tec 5, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

Floyd F. Small, 35484973, 1st Sgt, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 October 1944, to 12 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

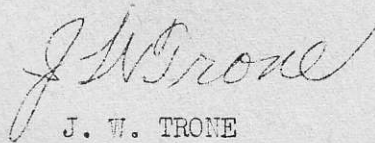
Andrew B. Zamba, 33593928, S Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 11 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While acting as platoon sergeant on 11 November 1944, S Sgt Zamba led his tanks in support of an infantry company in an assault upon an enemy occupied town. Despite the fierce resistance and heavy enemy fire, S Sgt Zamba successfully drove the enemy from their position. The outstanding leadership, personal bravery, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Zamba are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. 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 Pfc Joseph P. Casuccio, 42040921, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 12 Nov 44. Entered military service from New York.

IV. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 79, this Headquarters, dated 14 November 1944, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster), as reads "2D LT CHARLES A. S. RIGG 0539186 Inf 11 Nov 44 Montana" is rescinded. Officer was awarded Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster) per General Orders Number 16, Hq 95th Gen Hosp, dated 27 Nov 44.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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