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- I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Brigadier General Samuel L. McCroskey, 07003, USA, 55th AAA Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 4 September 1944 to 10 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

✓ Captain Darwin E. Fender, 0445763, Cavalry, 113th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 July 1944 to 30 January 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

Major Paul J. Keating, 01174020, Field Artillery, 34th Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 1 September 1944 to 29 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant John L. Shepard, 01187970, Field Artillery, 34th Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 28 August 1944 to 27 January 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

✓ III. REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS. Section II, General Orders Number 38, this headquarters, 2 November 1944, awarding Air Medals to First Lieutenant Alfred W. Johnson, 01167921, and First Lieutenant Robert E. Tapp, 0545263, 30th Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army, is revoked.

IV. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under authority contained in Section I, Circular No 345, War Department, 28 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

The 566th Ambulance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 14 November 1944 to 14 January 1945, the 566th Ambulance Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance.

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In every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 566th Ambulance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 16th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 20 August 1944 to 23 January 1945, the 16th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 16th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 611th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 10 November 1944 to 10 January 1945, the 611th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 611th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



(Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

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