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ORIGINAL ORDERS

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

Staff Sergeant Stephen W. O'Connell, 20111559, Infantry, 47th Armored Infantry Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 6 December 1944 in Germany, Sergeant O'Connell, a squad leader, with complete disregard to his personal safety exposed himself to artillery, mortar and small arms fire to advance seventy-five yards from his shelter where he captured one German officer and eleven enlisted men. Later in the day Sergeant O'Connell again exposed himself to the same fire to obtain ammunition for the tank with his squad. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant O'Connell reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Willis D. Wyatt, 37021770, Corps of Engineers, 17th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 7 January 1945 in Belgium, Sergeant Wyatt, a platoon sergeant, with complete disregard to his own personal safety crawled from a covered position to clear an enemy mine field which was under direct cover of enemy small arms and artillery fire. Sergeant Wyatt gallantly made twelve trips to and from the mine field with German Infantry fifty yards from him. Sergeant Wyatt's courageous action in clearing the mine field enabled his unit to continue on its mission. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Wyatt reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Angelo Squitieri, 32062608, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 46th Armored Infantry Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 21 December 1944, in Germany, Technician Squitieri, a medical aid man, though severely wounded, courageously continued to administer first aid to casualties in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire. Technician Squitieri, despite his condition, established a temporary aid station in a nearby town. With complete disregard to his own injury, Technician Squitieri continued caring for the wounded until he was relieved the following day. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Technician Squitieri reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II. 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

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States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Martin P. Luber, 0407979, Corps of Engineers, 625th Engineer Light Equipment Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 October 1944 to 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Albert I. Duckworth, 3823114, Corps of Engineers, 37th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 June 1944 to 5 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Private First Class Leroy W. Raddatz, 36698907, Signal Corps, Photo Detachment 125, 167th Signal Photo Company, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 23 February 1945 in Germany.

IV. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under authority contained in Section I, Circular No 346, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

The 482nd Ordnance Evacuation Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 9 December 1944 to 5 March 1945, the 482nd Ordnance Evacuation 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 482nd Ordnance Evacuation Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 488th Ambulance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 1 January 1945 to 10 March 1945 the 488th 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 in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 488th Ambulance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

