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SECTION I — CORRECTED AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 192, cs, this Headquarters, as awards a Silver Star to Staff Sergeant LIEUTANT P. FRENCH, 20815335, and Technician Fourth Grade TOM M. PEBLES, 20815386, both of Battery A, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroism:

✓ LIEUTANT P. FRENCH, 20815335, Staff Sergeant, Battery A, 133d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

✓ TOM M. PEBLES, 20815386, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 133d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

For heroism on 24 April 1944 in Italy. The above named men were awakened at midnight when a gun section's equipment burst into flame, exploding antitank and small arms ammunition and fragmentation grenades. Although they were warned that more live ammunition might explode at any moment, they unhesitatingly approached the holocaust and began shoveling soil onto the fire. The above named men were successful in extinguishing the fire. By their valor and quick-thinking, they were instrumental in the saving of invaluable army materiel and vehicles from destruction."

SECTION II — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat in France.

✓ HENRY A. GILL, 0323789, Captain, Dental Corps, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 25 August 1944. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

✓ CLYDE E. STIELE, 016159, Colonel, Armored Force, War Department Observer, (on duty with the 36th Infantry Division), from 29 August to 7 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

✓ DOUGLAS N. BOYD, 0407154, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, from 9 September 1943 to 2 October 1944, Italy and France. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

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SECTION III — COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

FREDERICK B. BECKER, 0406995, Major (then Captain), 736th Ordnance (LM) Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 to 15 September 1943 in Italy. In preparation for the invasion of Italy, Captain Becker personally checked all plans relative to ammunition supply for the operation, secured all special types of ammunition needed, checked the loading of ammunition on all ships of D-day convoy and maintained an accurate record of this loading. He landed early in the morning of the invasion day and immediately established two beach dumps from which all units of the task force were supplied until an Army ASP was established six days after the landing. In spite of limited personnel and almost continuous artillery shelling and bombing and strafing attacks from enemy aircraft, Captain Becker supervised the segregating, stacking and handling of the ammunition in both dumps so efficiently that an adequate supply of ammunition was assured to all troops involved in the operation. Entered the Service from Ingram, Texas.

WILLIAM F. FISCHER, 0424656, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 20 June 1944 in Italy. During this period Captain Fischer, regimental personnel officer, demonstrated his great technical proficiency by the meticulous accuracy with which he handled the records of approximately 2800 battle casualties. In spite of adverse weather conditions and frequent shelling from enemy artillery, he constantly bolstered the morale of his men and maintained a high degree of administrative training in the section. Because of his excellent supervision, he was able to furnish, during a period of crisis, key personnel to regimental units which had been depleted by casualties. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

SEYMOUR STEIGLITZ, 01167235, Captain, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 26 June 1944 in Italy. During this period Captain Steiglitz was assigned first as forward observer with Battery A of his battalion and, later, as liaison officer with the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. He worked tirelessly, often for days without rest, under the most inclement weather conditions and frequently exposed to heavy enemy fire, in order to insure the infantry of continuous, effective support from the artillery. He distinguished himself by his skillful, courageous performance of duty and contributed materially to the success of the operations. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

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