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I--AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Arizona T. Harris (Army serial No. 6296272), technical sergeant, 369th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy of the United States. While on a combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, January 1943, the airplane on which he was serving as top-turret gunner was badly damaged by enemy antiaircraft fire and forced out of formation. A large force of enemy fighter planes then concentrated their attacks on this lone airplane, finally driving it to a crash landing in the sea. Throughout the descent, and as the airplane disappeared beneath the waves, Sergeant Harris was seen to be still firing his guns at the enemy airplanes. The dogged determination to fight against all odds and sheer bravery displayed by Sergeant Harris upon this occasion upholds the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Home address: 603 W. 3th St., Tempe, Arizona. (AG 220.5 M)

II--AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT, OFFICER'S DEGREE. Pursuant to authority contained in War Department cable No. R5690, a Legion of Merit, Officer's Degree, is awarded to the following enlisted man:

James C. Green (Army serial No. 18058542), staff sergeant, 367th Bombardment Squadron, Army Air Forces, United States Army, for outstanding services rendered in designing and fabricating, during the month of December 1942, a new type machine gun mount. Working long and arduous hours in cooperation with another soldier, he perfected the highly successful new type armament, thus undoubtedly aiding in the successful completion of many operational missions since its adoption. The initiative, skill, and craftsmanship displayed by Sergeant Green reflects credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Address: Cost, Texas.

Ben F. Marcilonis (Army serial No. 36115466), sergeant, 367th Bombardment Squadron, Army Air Forces, United States Army, for outstanding services rendered in designing and fabricating, during the month of December 1942, a new type machine gun mount. Working long and arduous hours in cooperation with another soldier, he perfected the highly successful new type armament, thus undoubtedly aiding in the successful completion of many operational missions since its adoption. The initiative, skill, and craftsmanship displayed by Sergeant Marcilonis reflects high credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Address: 7127 Reuter, Dearborn, Michigan. (AG 220.5 M)

III--AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT, LEGIONNAIRE'S DEGREE. Pursuant to authority contained in War Department cable No. R5690, a Legion of Merit, Legionnaire's Degree, is awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

Robert B. Wallace, second lieutenant, AUS, Hq ETOUSA, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in the conduct of surveys of the opinion of enlisted personnel in the Army of the United

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States, European Theater of Operations. His keen sense of organization, sound technical knowledge, close application, and persuasive cooperation have resulted in obtaining representative opinions of enlisted personnel of the Army of the United States, European Theater of Operations, on matters affecting them as individuals, which have contributed greatly to the maintenance of a high standard of morale and have reflected great credit upon the Army of the United States and upon himself.

Antoni Bednarchuk (Army serial No. 11043689), staff sergeant, 427th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Force, United States Army, for outstanding performance of duty, under extreme difficulties resulting from a crash landing of a B-17F airplane on 5 December 1942. The airplane crashed in a remote section of the country, disabling the No. 4 engine. Transportation facilities were exceedingly limited; Sergeant Bednarchuk, aerial engineer, working long and uninterrupted hours, with only an engineers' emergency kit and improvised devices, changed engines, installing an engine designed for another type of airplane, placed the craft in flying condition, then acted as co-pilot on the flight to the base. The efficiency, energy, and technical skill displayed by this soldier were of the highest order, are worthy of emulation, and reflect credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Address: The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (AG 210.5 x 220.5 M)

IV--ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT. Colonel James C. Longino, General Staff Corps, is announced as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, vice Brigadier General George W. Griner, Jr., General Staff Corps, transferred. (AG 210.31-0)

V--RESCISSION OF GENERAL ORDERS. Section II, General Orders No. 4, HQ ETOUSA, 19 June 1942, as amended by Section II, General Orders No. 28, 18 August 1942, is rescinded. (AG 322.2 X)

By command of Lieutenant General ANDREWS:

C. H. BARTIN,
Brigadier General, CSC, Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ RALPH PULSIFER,
t/ RALPH PULSIFER,

Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.
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