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HEADQUARTERS 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 84, U. S. Army
23 April 1945

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I - AWARDS OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE: Under the provisions of Section 1, War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

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Headquarters Company, 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Attached 84th Infantry Division), United States Army. For superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks, 18 November 1944 to 18 March 1945. During this period, the members of this unit, maintaining a high standard of discipline and displaying loyalty, initiative and tireless effort, performed their multiple duties under the hazards of combat conditions and adverse circumstances in a manner which contributed materially to the success of the battalion's military operations. The exemplary action and commendable conduct of the members of Headquarters Company, 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion, reflect high credit upon the unit and the armed forces of the United States.

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By command of Major General BOLLING:

/t/ L. W. TRUMAN
Col G3C
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ B E Craig
Lt Col AGD
Adjutant General

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FREEMAN BURCHAM
CWO USA
Personnel Officer

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II - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

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First Lieutenant JOSEPH E HERKNESS O1182382, Field Artillery, 638th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Attached 84th Infantry Division), United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany, 10 April 1945. When the advance of a reconnaissance party which he was leading into a large German city was delayed by automatic weapons fire from an enemy force, First Lieutenant Herkness, after directing other members of his party to a sheltered position, advanced to the flank of the hostile group and armed with only a pistol, killed two Germans, forcing the remainder to withdraw. The superior leadership, disdain for danger and fighting spirit displayed by First Lieutenant Herkness enabled the party to complete its mission and are in accordance with the finest traditions of the military service of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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/t/ B.E. CRAIG
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II - AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS): By direction of the President and under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

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Staff Sergeant OLIVER G KASH 35 666 749, 638th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Attached 84th Infantry Division), United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in Germany, 7 April 1945. When enemy antitank fire hit a tank destroyer and seriously wounded his platoon leader, Staff Sergeant Kash, with complete disregard for his safety, advanced under intense hostile sniper and rocket launcher fire to rescue the stricken officer. In the performance of this courageous act, Staff Sergeant Kash received wounds from which he later died. The brave, unselfish conduct, loyalty and exemplary action displayed by Staff Sergeant Kash reflect high credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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