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**I..FORT MEADE NATIONAL CEMETERY, SOUTH DAKOTA.**—*Effective as of 15 July 1948*, the following-described parcel of land was designated the Fort Meade National Cemetery, South Dakota, and placed under the jurisdiction of The Quartermaster General:

**Black Hills Meridian.**—T. 5 N., R. 5 E., those portions of sections 25 and 26 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 1-inch round iron pin from which the southeast corner of said section 26 bears S. 00°01'59" E., 2,937.0 feet; thence S. 87°44'39" W., 90.91 feet to a 1-inch round iron pin on the west right-of-way line of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad; thence S. 87°44'39" W. 2,853.0 feet to a 1-inch round iron pin; thence N. 40°49'51" W. 029.00 feet to a 1-inch round iron pin; thence N. 50°03'05" E. 1,264.92 feet to a 1-inch round iron pin; thence S. 77°20'32" E. 461.00 feet to a 1-inch round iron pin; thence N. 39°20'23" E. 815.51 feet to a round iron pin on the west right-of-way line of Chicago Northwestern Railroad; thence N. 39°20'23" E. 214.86 feet to a point on the west right-of-way line of the U. S. Highway No. 14; thence S. 40°57'00" along said west right-of-way line a distance of 2,533.16 feet to a point of curve on said highway right-of-way line; thence southeasterly along a curve of said highway right-of-way line, 221.69 feet to the intersection between said highway right-of-way line and south boundary of Fort Meade Military Reservation; thence S. 87°44'39" W. 326.38 feet to the point of beginning.

The parcel of land described contains 105.9 acres, more or less.

[AG 687 (16 Jun 48)]

**II..ROTC UNITS.**—1. The senior division ROTC units indicated below are withdrawn from the following universities:

University	Unit
Stanford University, Stanford, California.....	Ordnance.
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.....	{ Corps of Military Police.
	{ Corps of Engineers.
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota....	{ Transportation Corps.
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.....	{ Chemical Corps.
	{ Ordnance.

[AG 000.8 (14 Jun 48)]

2. So much of section IV, General Orders 45, Department of the Army, 1948, as reads "University of California, College of Dentistry, San Francisco, California," is amended to read "University of California Medical School, San Francisco, California."

[AG 000.8 (15 Jun 48)]

**III.--BATTLE HONORS.**—As authorized by Executive Order 9896 (sec. I, Bul. 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, Bul. 11, WD, 1942), the following units are cited under the provisions of AR 260-15, in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The *3d Battalion, 117th Infantry Regiment*, and the *3d Platoon Antitank Company, 117th Infantry Regiment*, attached, are cited for exceptionally outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy, on 3 and 4 October 1944, in the vicinity of Ubach, Germany. Passing through other elements of the 117th Infantry Regiment to further expand the initial penetration of the Siegfried Line and to seize and secure the town of Ubach, the battalion encountered stubborn resistance and engaged in bitter house-to-house fighting. Beginning at dawn on 4 October, the battalion was subjected to a series of three determined counterattacks by strong enemy forces, supported by tanks, self-propelled guns, and intense artillery and mortar fire. Every available man was employed in repulsing these enemy thrusts. Even though severe casualties were inflicted on this unit, it accomplished its mission successfully and contributed materially to the complete penetration of the formidable Siegfried Line defenses, as well as the subsequent successful offensive action by other troops in adjacent areas. Throughout this heroic action, the personnel of the *3d Battalion, 117th Infantry Regiment*, and the *3d Platoon Antitank Company, 117th Infantry Regiment*, attached, distinguished themselves by displaying determination, aggressiveness, high combat efficiency, and indomitable courage in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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