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I. KANSAS CITY RECORDS CENTER, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.—1. *Effective 1 October 1948*, the Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri, a class II installation under the control of The Quartermaster General, will be redesignated the Kansas City Records Center, a class II installation under the control of The Adjutant General.

2. The Army Effects Bureau and the American Graves Registration Distribution Center will be established as class II activities under the control of The Quartermaster General at the Kansas City Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

3. The redesignation of the Kansas City Quartermaster Depot will not affect the status of any other activities located thereat and they will remain in their present classification.

[AG 323361 (31 Aug 48)]

II. ROTC UNIT.—*Effective as of 10 September 1948*, the Antiaircraft Artillery ROTC unit at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was withdrawn.

[AG 000.8 (16 Sep 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 200-15 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The 1st Battalion, 415th Infantry Regiment, and the following attached units:

Company C, 329th Engineer Combat Battalion;

1st Platoon, Antitank Company, 415th Infantry Regiment;

Company C, 750th Tank Battalion;

Company A, 555th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (AW);

1st Platoon, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion,

are cited for exceptionally outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy from 23 through 25 February 1945 in the vicinity of Birkesdorf and Arnoldsweiler, Germany. On 23 February, the battalion forced a predawn crossing of the violent, flood-swollen Roer River and overran a well-established and heavily mined enemy position. Devastating counterfire failed to halt the attack on Birkesdorf and the adjacent high ground to the north. With these objectives well in hand, the battalion was committed to a night assault across unfamiliar ground to capture Arnoldsweiler. Advancing without hesitation, the unit met deadly artillery fire, but secured a portion of the town by dawn. At this point, the enemy launched six furious counterattacks heavily supported by artillery and self-propelled guns. The battalion frustrated all of these thrusts, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and, after 2½ days of furious fighting, secured Arnoldsweiler. The conspicuous gallantry, indomitable fighting spirit,

and outstanding performance of duty exhibited by the *1st Battalion, 415th Infantry Regiment*, and attached units, enabled the Roer River bridgehead to be firmly established and are 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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