

GENERAL ORDERS }  
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**I. GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL.**—By direction of the President, the commanding officer, Signal Corps Center and Fort Monmouth, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, is empowered, pursuant to the eighth article of war, to appoint general courts martial, *effective as of 25, October 1949.*

[AG 250.4 (11 Oct 49)]

**II. BLACK HILLS NATIONAL CEMETERY, SOUTH DAKOTA.**—*Effective 11 November 1949*, that tract of land on Black Hills Meridian, described in DA General Orders 58, 1948, and designated therein Fort Meade National Cemetery, South Dakota, is redesignated Black Hills National Cemetery, South Dakota.

[AG 687 (20 Oct 49)]

**III. ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL WITH BERLIN AIRLIFT DEVICE.**—Paragraph 2, section III, DA General Orders 21, 1949, as amended, designating units as participating in the Berlin airlift, is further amended by adding the following units:

Units	Inclusive dates
97th General Hospital.....	26 June 1948 to 1 September 1949.
97th Labor Supervision Company.....	6 April 1949 to (date to be announced).
503d Engineer Light Equipment Company.	21 March to 25 July 1949.
609th Labor Supervision Company.....	6 April 1949 to (date to be announced).
7706th American Forces Network Company, Berlin Detachment.	8 October 1948 to 15 September 1949.
7933d United States Army Airlift Support Command.	6 April to 30 September 1949.

[AG 200.8 (18 Oct 49)]

**IV. UNITS ENTITLED TO FOREIGN DECORATIONS.**—Paragraphs 3 and 4a, section II, DA General Orders 24, 1947, as amended, are further amended as follows:

**3. Divisions.**

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## 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Add:

Hq & Hq Co, 79th Inf Div  
 79th Cav Rcn Troop (Mecz)  
 304th Engr Combat Bn  
 304th Medical Bn  
 313th Inf Regiment  
 314th Inf Regiment  
 315th Inf Regiment  
 Hq & Hq Btry, 79th Inf Div Arty  
   310th FA Bn (105-mm How)  
   311th FA Bn (105-mm How)  
   312th FA Bn (155-mm How)  
   904th FA Bn (105-mm How)  
 Hq, Sp Troops, 79th Inf Div  
   79th QM Co  
   79th Sig Co  
 Hq Sp Troops, 79th Inf Div  
   779th Ord Light Maint Co  
   Band, 79th Inf Div  
   MP Platoon, 79th Inf Div

**FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM**, awarded under Decision No. 5, 14 January 1940, by the Minister of National Defense, with the following citation:

Splendid unit incited by savage vigor, landed in Normandy in June 1944. Covered itself with glory in the battles of Saint-Lo and at Haye-du-Puits. Participated in the capture of Fougères, Laval, and Le Mans, then crossing the Seine at Maintes-Gassicourt, on 10 August 1944, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy before marching triumphantly into Paris on 27 August 1944. By its bold actions, contributed largely to the success of the Allied armies and the liberation of Paris.

**FRENCH FOURRAGERIE** in the colors of the Croix de Guerre (1939-1945), awarded under Decision No. 48, 16 August 1940, by the Minister of National Defense.

(Attached nondivisional units are listed in par. 4a)

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## 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

**FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM—**

So much as reads "6 to 8 June 1944" is amended to read "6 June to 8 July 1944."

463d Preht FA Bn (Atchd only, during the periods covered by these citations. Asgd on 1st March 1945)—

Delete: **FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM**, awarded under Decision No. 367, 22 July 1940, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic (for citation, see "101st Airborne Division," above).

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4. Nondivisional units.—a. *Army Ground Forces Units.*

Add:

38th Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz)

102d Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz), Troop A

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE,  
awarded under Decree No. 6133, 18  
June 1940, by the Ministry of National  
Defense, Regent of the Kingdom, with  
the following citation:

During the period 7 to 13 September  
1944, they penetrated into Belgian terri-  
tory and attacked the enemy in the  
Beaurain-St. Hubert-Marche-Laroche-  
St. Vith sector. This attack, conducted  
with success, drove the enemy from  
southeastern Belgium and forced them  
to fall back in this region, upon the de-  
fenses of the Siegfried Line.

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE,  
awarded under Decree No. 6133, 18  
June 1940, by the Ministry of National  
Defense, Regent of the Kingdom, with  
the following citation:

From 20 December 1944 until 26 Janu-  
ary 1945, during the German Ardennes  
offensive, the 9th United States Infantry  
Division and the units attached to it  
were assigned to defend the northern  
flank of the counteroffensive conducted  
by the V Corps of the United States in  
the Eupen, Belgium, Montjole, Ger-  
many, sector. Pressing the attack with-  
out respite in the face of a stubborn  
defense, the enemy was incapable of  
expanding the breach caused by this  
break-through. After the enemy attack  
had been contained successfully, the 9th  
United States Division and the units  
attached to it took up the attack them-  
selves and forced the German army to  
fall back and leave the territory of  
Belgium in this area.

BELGIAN FOURRAGERE (1940),  
awarded under Decree No. 6133, 18  
June 1940, by the Ministry of National  
Defense, Regent of the Kingdom.

81st Smoke Generator Company (Atchd to 4th Inf. Div) BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 6133, 18 June 1949, by the Ministry of National Defense, Regent of the Kingdom, with the following citation:

During the period from 7 to 13 September 1944, they penetrated into Belgian territory and attacked the enemy in the Beauraing-St. Hubert-Marche-Laroche-St. Vith sector. This attack was conducted with success and drove the enemy from southeastern Belgium and forced them to fall back in this region on the Siegfried Line defenses.

463d AAA Automatic Wpns Bn (Mobile) (Atchd to 79th Inf Div) FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 5, 14 January 1949, by the Minister of National Defense (for citation, see "79th Infantry Division").

813th Tank Destroyer Bn (Atchd to 79th Inf Div)

FRENCH FOURRAGERE in the colors of the Croix de Guerre (1939-1945), awarded under Decision No. 48, 14 August 1949, by the Minister of National Defense.

Delete:

38th Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz) (Atchd to 9th Inf Div) BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 1391, 20 November 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "9th Infantry Division," second citation only).

102d Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz), Troop A BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 1391, 20 November 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "9th Infantry Division," second citation only).

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[AG 200.62 (4 Oct 49)]

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

J. LAWTON COLLINS  
Chief of Staff, United States Army

\* Also cited with 102d Cav Group for French Croix de Guerre.