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I. GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL.—By direction of the President, the commanding officer, Berlin Military Post, is empowered, pursuant to the eighth article of war, to appoint general courts martial, *effective as of 5 May 1948*.

[AG 250.4 (4 May 48)]

II. BENEDICT FIELD, ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS.—*Effective as of 31 December 1947*, Benedict Field, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, was discontinued.

[AG 602, (30 Sep 46)]

III. CAMP LEE, VIRGINIA.—*Effective 15 May 1948*, the Quartermaster Center will be established at Camp Lee, Virginia, as a class II activity under the jurisdiction of The Quartermaster General and will consist of the following activities:

1. The Quartermaster School.
2. The Quartermaster Board.
3. All Quartermaster Corps troop units stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia.

[AG 323.31 (29 Apr 48)]

IV. ROTC UNIT.—*Effective 1 July 1948*, an Infantry ROTC unit will be established at the College of Education and Industrial Arts, Wilberforce, Ohio.

[AG 000.6 (13 Sep 47)]

V. BATTLE HONORS.—As authorized by Executive Order 9386 (sec. I, Bul. 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, Bul. 11, WD 1942), the following unit is 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:

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Cavalry Brigade, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on Luzon, Philippine Islands, during the period 1 to 3 February 1945. This unit, as part of a larger force, engaged in the daring and successful dash into enemy-held Manila that liberated the internees imprisoned in Santo Tomas University. Beginning the hazardous march at Guimba, Nueva Ecija, the troop traveling alone 30 minutes behind the leading squadron came under particularly heavy rifle, machine-gun, and mortar fire at Novaliches, the Chinese Cemetery, and Grace Park in North Manila. Entering the city in the evening of 3 February, the troop engaged in hand-to-hand combat with enemy forces which tried to crush the column as it proceeded south on Avenida Rizal. At Far Eastern University, the troop plunged into a pitched battle and for 3 hours stood off a determined and fanatical foe who launched repeated motorized and dismounted banzai attacks. During this battle many casualties were suffered and several badly needed supply trucks lost. Reorganizing under fire, the troop proceeded to Santo Tomas University where it participated in the liberation of 3,700 internees and prisoners of war. Within a period of 72 hours this unit made a bold and aggressive advance, through territory which had neither been reconnoitered nor secured and was known to be enemy-held, and was among the first forces to enter the city of Manila. The conspicuous gallantry, indomitable

fighting spirit, and outstanding performance of duty exhibited by *Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Cavalry Brigade*, 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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