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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS III

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

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ARTHUR F. GORHAM, O-21,249, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, U.S. Army. For extraordinary heroism in action on the ** day of July 1943, South of ***, Sicily. Lieutenant Colonel Gorham, Commanding *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, *** ** Airborne Division, in the face of severe hostile artillery fire and a counterattack by enemy tanks, rallied his paratroopers to hold their ground. Lieutenant Colonel Gorham personally manned a rocket launcher and destroyed one tank. While attempting to destroy another with hand grenades and a rifle, Lieutenant Colonel Gorham was killed. He stood forth in the forefront of the action, encouraging and inspiring his men to emulate his example, enabling them to hold forth until relieved. Next of kin: Mrs. Corinne Gorham, Wichita, Kansas.

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By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

HOBART R. GAY
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/ W. G. Caldwell
W. G. CALDWELL
Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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23 October 1943.

I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER for the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer:

ARTHUR F. GORHAM, O-21249, Lieutenant Colonel, *** Parachute Battalion, for extraordinary heroism in action on ** July 1943, northeast of ****, Sicily. Lieutenant Colonel Gorham had attached himself to the *** Battalion, *** Infantry, when that organization was attacked by about ten enemy tanks and a battalion of infantry. He took his place among about fifty men and officers who were holding a vital hill when the hill was surrounded by the tanks which fired on the defenders at point-blank range. Lieutenant Colonel Gorham moved from point to point firing at the eyeslit of tanks, shouting encouragement to the men and directing their fire until the counterattack was beaten off. Lieutenant Colonel Gorham's encouraging presence, intrepid bravery, and coolness under fire were a mighty inspiration to the handful of defenders in this grave situation, and reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

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By command of Lieutenant General PATTON :

OFFICIAL:

W. G. CALDWELL,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

HOBART R. GAY,
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