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DESIGNATION OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

1. The Kaserne located at Schwabach, Germany (Map Coordinates T-390860) is named Whitson Kaserne in honor of Private William H. (Red) Whitson. Private Whitson was a member of Company B, 53rd Armored Infantry Battalion, and was killed in action at Avranches, France on 31 July 1944. Private Whitson's company was ordered to move to the south of Avranches to cut off the withdrawal of enemy forces which were being forced southward by concentrated tank, artillery and air support. Private Whitson manned a machine gun and as the enemy column approached he opened a withering fire, knocking out twenty-four vehicles and killing forty-eight of the enemy single handed. He continued to fire until he was mortally wounded. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action.

2. The Kaserne located at Regensburg, Germany (Map Coordinates 9WU1955) known as Fort Skelly, and formerly known as Flak Kaserne, is named Skelly Barracks in honor of Captain Thomas M. Skelly, Field Artillery. Captain Skelly, a liaison pilot who was a member of the 252nd Field Artillery Group, was shot down near Linkfert in the Rhineland and subsequently died of wounds received in action on 11 March 1945.

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