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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR.
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS). *Rec'd 7/16/11*

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade Frank E. Palco, Jr., 33650820, Infantry, 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 15 January 1945 in Belgium. After giving aid to a wounded man, Technician Palco, completely disregarding intense enemy fire, led tanks forward in order that the wounded man could be evacuated. Discovering another wounded man, he carried him through the enemy fire to a place of safety. In a subsequent action, after giving aid to a wounded assistant, Technician Palco evacuated thirteen other seriously wounded men. Through his extraordinary courage, Technician Palco evacuated sixteen men who would have otherwise died of their wounds or exposure. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Technician Palco reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class James R. Graves, 30572677, Corps of Engineers, 554th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Albert K. Kuiper, 56452159, Corps of Engineers, 554th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Edwin D. Wood, 55228615, Corps of Engineers, 554th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

For distinguishing themselves by gallantry in action on 24 March 1945 in Germany. When fire from enemy defense positions pinned down fifty infantrymen on the far shore of the Rhine River, the above named enlisted men, storm boat operators, volunteered to evacuate these men. The mission was completed successfully and their gallantry while under enemy fire, undoubtedly aided in saving the lives of the stranded soldiers. The gallantry and courage of the above named enlisted men reflect great credit upon themselves and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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First Sergeant Randolph L. Fisher, 6887731, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technical Sergeant Ralph J. King, Jr., 6829159, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Fitzgerald, 39078358, (then Sergeant and Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Roger W. Amidon, 35673949, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Claude V. Andrada, 39163863, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Warre E. Bush, 6973384, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade Floyd J. Pondry, 39377045, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

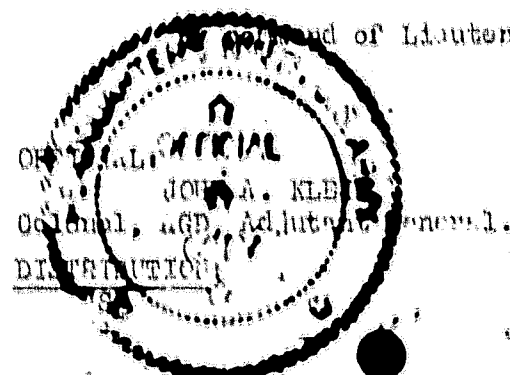
Corporal Jack M. Sill, 37048828, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1923, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to:

Captain Erwin G. Marquardt, Jr., 0384184, Signal Corps, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 October 1944 to 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Approved of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

J. E. MOORE,
Major General, GSO, Chief of Staff.



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