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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
- II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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:

Captain Frank E. Pool, 03945, Infantry, 10th Tank Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations from 3 to 5 March 1945. Exposing himself to all types of enemy fire, Captain Pool, riding in the leading vehicle, directed the attack of his tank company which swiftly advanced nine miles and overran six villages. In this action, he personally killed a large number of the enemy. Again riding in the leading tank on 5 March 1945, he led his men in a bitter fight which culminated in the capture of an enemy town and cut the enemy's last escape route in that sector across the Rhine River. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain Pool reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain William B. Whitney, 01289180, AUS (Infantry), 414th Infantry Regiment, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 4 December 1944. Discovering that two of his men were missing, Captain Whitney, immediately advanced into the fireswept area and searched the foxholes and shell-craters, found the two wounded men and personally carried them to safety. Realizing that a frontal assault on an enemy held railroad embankment would result in heavy casualties, Captain Whitney decided to try a bluff. Unarmed and carrying a small, celluloid map-board, Captain Whitney briskly walked down the track. Nearing an enemy trench, Captain Whitney motioned with his map-board and one enemy rose from his position and surrendered. He continued this action until a total of fifteen of the enemy had surrendered to him. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain Whitney reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

First Lieutenant Richard S. Lewis, 0446924, Infantry, 47th Armored Infantry Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 3 and 5 March 1945. Riding in the leading tank of a supporting tank company, Lieutenant Lewis exposed himself to all types of enemy fire while directing the attack of his armored infantry company which swiftly advanced nine miles and overran six villages. In this action, he personally killed a large number of the enemy. Again riding in the leading tank on 5 March 1945, he led his men in a bitter fight which culminated in the capture of a German town and cut the enemy's last escape route in that sector across the Rhine River. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Lewis reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

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Private First Class Francis S. Rose, 31217841, Cavalry, 82nd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Belgium on 28 December 1944. Private Rose, while on a mounted reconnaissance mission with his scout section leader, detonated a double tapper mine which hurled both occupants from the vehicle. Although suffering from a broken leg and badly mangled feet, Private Rose crawled one hundred feet through exploding ammunition to aid the officer whose body was burning from a white phosphorous grenade. After extinguishing the flames, Private Rose then crawled one and one half miles through snow and terrific cold, firing his pistol at intervals until he had attracted a friendly patrol, warned them of the mined area and secured aid for the mortally wounded officer. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Private Rose reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

II. 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:

Major Alfred B. Droke, 0321154, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 10 September 1944 to 26 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Lawrence Collins, W2131798, USA, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Clarence L. Wilson, W2109086, USA, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 29 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Joseph A. D'Addario, 42038601, (then Technician Fourth Grade) Quartermaster Corps, 6th Quartermaster Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 15 September 1944 to 8 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

and of Lieutenant General SEMPSON:

J. E. MCORE,  
Major General, G30, Chief of Staff.



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