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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
- II. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE.

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 Carl E. Pister, 0415195, Infantry, 137th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 6, 7 and 8 March 1945. After directing his men in a mopping-up of an enemy city, Captain Pister led his unit through a company which had become pinned down by enemy fire, and spearheaded the attack against the battalion objective. During the ensuing thirty-six hour battle, Captain Pister killed several of the enemy, captured five, engaged in a hand-to-hand tussle with an enemy soldier, overpowered an enemy machine-gun position, rescued seven wounded men and reorganized forward elements of another company as he reestablished his position for the final attack toward the objective. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain Pister reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Washington.

First Lieutenant Larion L. Howard, 01328363, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, 334th Infantry Regiment, 84th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany during the night of 26 and 27 April 1945. Ambushed by an enemy patrol as he was returning with a patrol that had secured important information, Lieutenant Howard, after removing a seriously wounded soldier to safety, led his men in a bold attack breaking the enemy positions and evading capture. Later, encountering six enemy soldiers, he killed two, wounded one and captured a fourth of the enemy whom he used as a guide through the heavily defended area, successfully reaching his unit with the vital information. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Howard reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant George D. Lamm, 01287020, Infantry, 508th Parachute Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Belgium on 22 December 1944. When demolition charges failed to destroy two bridges across the Salm River, Lieutenant Lamm led continuous attacks which held the enemy back while the bridges were prepared again. Although one bridge had been successfully destroyed the other was still usable. Realizing that this bridge must be completely destroyed, Lieutenant Lamm completely disregarding personal safety, laid the charges and detonated them in the face of heavy enemy fire. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Lamm reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant John E. Lance, Jr., 0537791, Infantry, 406th Infantry Regiment, 10th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations on 26 February 1945. Observing a number of Germans occupying a by-passed enemy emplacement and preparing to direct fire on the rear of his assault echelon, Lieutenant Lance charged the position killing two of the

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enemy. While rejoining the attacking rifleman, he killed four additional enemy soldiers who had made their way unobserved to a threatening position on the flank. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Lance prevented numerous casualties among his men and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

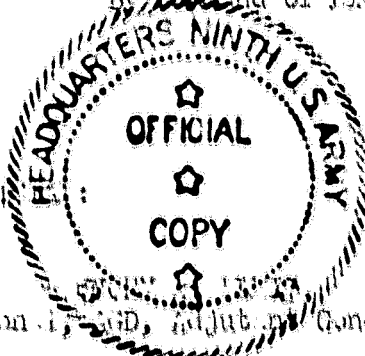
II. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under authority contained in Section 1, Circular No 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

The 131st Quartermaster Truck Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 1 December 1944 to 30 April 1945, the 131st Quartermaster Truck Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 131st Quartermaster Truck Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 186th Signal Repair Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 20 January 1945 to 9 May 1945, the 186th Signal Repair Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 186th Signal Repair Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 509th Military Police Battalion for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 10 February 1945 to 19 April 1945, the 509th Military Police Battalion rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 509th Military Police Battalion is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General OLSON:



J. S. MOORE,
Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

Colonel J. M. D., Adjutant General.

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