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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS
II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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:

Major Edward J. Regan, 0333223, Infantry, 28th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 23 and 24 February 1945. Upon reaching the far shore of the Roer River, Major Regan leaped into the maze of wire and lunged for the enemy bank, inspiring those who were able to follow. Despite the loss of many weapons and men, Major Regan and his men pushed forward and took their first objective. Despite unsurmountable odds, Major Regan organized defensive positions and repulsed several enemy counterattacks during the night. The following day Major Regan called for artillery, bringing it so close that it was a barrier at the perimeter of defense. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Major Regan instilled his men with the spirit that achieved a final victory for them. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Major Regan reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Technical Sergeant Henry A. Malone, 34355017, (then Private First Class), Infantry, 413th Infantry Regiment, 104th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 3 November 1944. When the assault elements of his battalion met five enemy tanks and one tank pinned his company down at close range, Sergeant Malone immediately took aggressive action with his rocket launcher. Exposing himself to enemy sniper fire, he made his way to a coverless position within sixty yards of the enemy tank. Despite intense small arms fire which his action drew, Sergeant Malone fired four well aimed rounds, setting the tank afire and forcing it to withdraw. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Malone reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Francis J. Daddario, 32010749, Infantry, 13th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 25 February 1945. When the advance of his platoon was held up by enemy machine-gun fire from a pillbox directly forward of the platoon, Sergeant Daddario realizing the seriousness of the situation, secured a bazooka and advanced to one side of the emplacement. Firing the bazooka through an aperture, he succeeded in destroying the machine gun inside and killing the crew. He then proceeded to attack the remaining two enemy machine gun squads in front of his platoon. He totally destroyed one gun and its crew and forced the other squad to withdraw. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Daddario reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Edward M. Bell, Jr., 32264918, Corps of Engineers, 25th Armored Engineer Battalion, 6th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 30 March 1945. When a task force was held up by a bridge prepared for demolition by the enemy, Private Bell braved direct enemy artillery, machine-gun and rifle fire to remove the charges. While continuing his self-assigned task, Private Bell was wounded by enemy fire and fell from the bridge. Through his conspicuous courage and gallantry, Private Bell enabled the task force to advance and complete its mission. The extraordinary heroism and courage of Private Bell reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Major Virgil P. Foster, Jr., 0436333, Infantry, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, for wounds received in action on 31 December 1944.

Captain Ieland W. Van Denburgh, Jr., 01035022, Chemical Warfare Service, 57th Chemical Maintenance Company, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 10 April 1945.

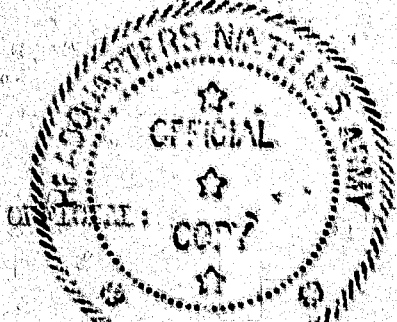
Second Lieutenant Taylor S. Oldham, 01015646, Cavalry, 4th Information and Historical Service, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 1 August 1944.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth F. Dietz, 36720650, Ordnance Department, 3422d Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 9 June 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Felix J. Doherty, 42093231, Quartermaster Corps, 3060th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, United States Army, for wounds received in action on 1 September 1944.

Private John F. Dietrichson, 31140411, Corps of Engineers, 277th Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 12 May 1945.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



Colonel, AGO, Adjutant General.

DESTINATION:

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