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- I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.
II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS).
III. 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:

Sergeant Wallace E. Brown, 38451754, Cavalry, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 17 April 1945. When his patrol leader was wounded while clearing a town, Sergeant Brown, with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced alone in the open, against a dug-in enemy position 50 yards away and silenced it so that the injured officer could be evacuated. So effective was his fire that two enemy soldiers were killed and the remainder forced to withdraw. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Brown reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (POSTHUMOUS). 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 posthumously awarded to:

Private First Class Robert G. Randall, 38695011, Infantry, 347th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 26 March 1945. After an assault crossing of the Rhine River, Private Randall and a group of companions advanced up the beach to join the rest of their company. Encountering severe enemy small arms fire, one of the men was seriously wounded and the remainder sought shelter in a nearby house. When an aid man was wounded in his attempt to reach the injured soldier, Private Randall, against the advice of his squad leader, moved from his place of comparative safety across open fire-swept terrain to the wounded man. While administering aid to his comrade, Private Randall was struck and mortally wounded by enemy small arms fire. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Private Randall reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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:

Major Robert W. Neal, 0334619, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 15 September 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Major Rudolph F. Weinberger, 0924969, (then Captain and Major), Corps of Engineers, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 10 November 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain Kenneth E. Hardin, 01317786, (then First Lieutenant and Captain), Infantry, 309th CIC Detachment, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 23 February 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant William A. Ostrom, 01298749, Corps of Military Police, 472nd Military Police Escort Guard Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 24 February 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Second Lieutenant James H. Ratliff, Jr., 02001145, Infantry, 309th CIC Detachment, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 23 February 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Donald W. Bialocki, 35555723, Medical Department, Headquarters Detachment, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Elmer A. Heinz, 36035745, Corps of Military Police, 472nd Military Police Escort Guard Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 19 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

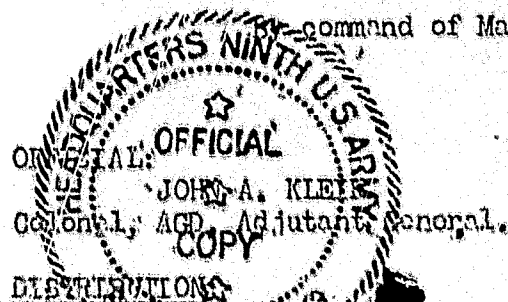
Staff Sergeant Charles N. Short, 15107662, Counter Intelligence Corps, 309th CIC Detachment, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 23 February 1945 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Third Grade John B. Corlella, 19084946, Ordnance Department, Headquarters Detachment, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

Technician Third Grade Charles H. Goff, 19083949, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters Detachment, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 5 September 1944 to 15 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Robert W. Wiedman, 32923952, (then Corporal), Corps of Military Police, 472nd Military Police Escort Guard Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations from 10 April 1945 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

By command of Major General MOORE:



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