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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 TWX, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 22 September 1945, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Earle R. Smedes, 01313656, Infantry, 13th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany. On 1 April 1945, when a superior enemy force surrounded the area occupied by the Ammunition and Pioneer platoon, Lieutenant Smedes organized a small force and led them to the area. When they encountered direct machine gun and small arms fire, Lieutenant Smedes personally destroyed the enemy machine gun and its crew. When the enemy force continued its resistance, he killed one, dispersed others and deployed and led his men against the enemy. Lieutenant Smedes personally captured an enemy sniper from whom he received valuable information as to the enemy force. When reinforced by an Engineer platoon, he further strengthened the position of his force. He then evolved the plan of attack which was employed by two rifle companies and brought about the surrender of the enemy force. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Smedes are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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 TWX, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 22 September 1945, the Distinguished-Service Cross is posthumously awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Dale H. Seggerman, 20620104, Cavalry, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany. On 8 April 1945, when his company moved into an area under heavy artillery fire, Sergeant Seggerman, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled from his position of safety in an attempt to save the life of a wounded comrade. While aiding the wounded man, Sergeant Seggerman was mortally wounded. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Seggerman are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in TWX, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, 22 September 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to:

Captain Frederick A. Zicard, 01184614, (then First Lieutenant) Field Artillery, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

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By command of Major General MOORE:



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