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I. 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 James T. Pace, 13065539, 228th Field Artillery Group, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 13 October 1944, during an enemy air raid over Holland, Private Pace, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, used his body as a shield to protect a small child standing nearby. An exploding enemy bomb took the life of this gallant soldier, but his heroic act saved the life of the child. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Private Pace reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. 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 Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain Dan Jennings, 01283077, 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action. On 23 August 1944, near Melun, France, Captain Jennings led his men through enemy mine fields and directed the removal of the mines. After moving forward through the southern section of the city, Captain Jennings led his men against heavy enemy opposition to secure positions on an island in the river beyond the city. Through his personal efforts, Captain Jennings located and moved into position a part of his command which had become separated from the main body of troops. His courageous efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his entire unit. The gallantry and courage of Captain Jennings reflect much credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (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 Silver Star is posthumously awarded to:

Captain Frank J. Parlevacchin, 01291507, 119th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, for gallantry in action. On 26 July 1944, in an attack near St. Lo, France, Captain Parlevacchin, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, courageously led his company through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire toward its objective. Displaying inspirational leadership and heroic gallantry, Captain Parlevacchin moved forward to personally lead and direct the advance. When only two-hundred yards from his goal, Captain Parlevacchin was mortally wounded. Spurred on by his exemplary actions, his troops continued with the attack, driving the enemy from their positions and securing the objective. The gallantry and courage of Captain Parlevacchin reflect much credit upon himself and are in keeping

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with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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IV. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Technician Sergeant Edward E. Kutik, 32761284, 188th Signal Repair Company, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroism and courageous action. On 24 August 1944, near Gouven, France, after being notified that several enlisted men had been wounded by an exploding enemy "S" mine while bathing at a heavily-mined beach, Sergeant Kutik voluntarily entered the mined area to render first aid and to help evacuate the wounded and dying. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and fully aware of the dangers involved in his perilous mission, Sergeant Kutik diligently continued with his self-initiated task until all had been evacuated. The courage and heroism displayed by Sergeant Kutik reflect credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

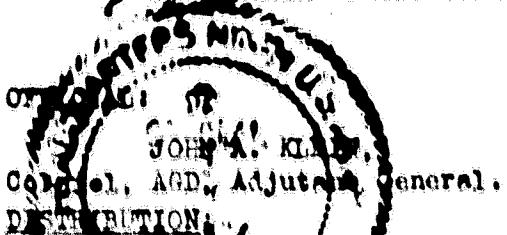
Technician Fifth Grade Paul G. Tanger, 35146082, 839th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by heroism and courageous action. On 24 August 1944, near Gouven, France, after being notified that several enlisted men had been wounded by an exploding enemy "S" mine while bathing at a heavily-mined beach, Technician Tanger voluntarily entered the mined area to render first aid and to help evacuate the wounded and dying. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and fully aware of the dangers involved in his perilous mission, Technician Tanger diligently continued with his self-initiated task until all had been evacuated. The courage and heroism displayed by Technician Tanger reflect credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

V. 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 Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:

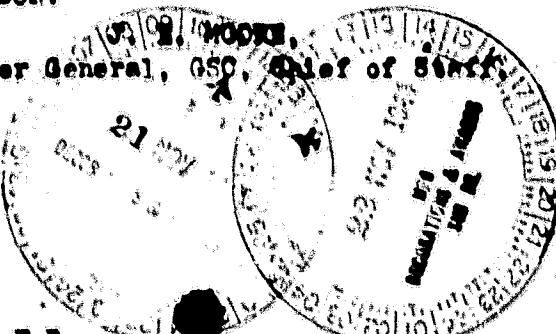
Captain John J. Lyder, 01177611, 196th Field Artillery Group, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. As a Liaison Pilot he successfully completed thirty-five different sorties, including front-line reconnaissance and adjustment of artillery fire on enemy installations. Entered military service from Kansas.

VI. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. So much of Section III, General Orders No 34, this headquarters, 23 October 1944, as pertains to award of Soldier's Medal to Chief Warrant Officer Charles V. Cooke, W2126828, 320th Ordnance Battalion, is rescinded.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



JOHN A. KELLY,  
Brigadier General, USA, Chief of Staff,



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