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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 Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

✓ Captain Thomas F. Carothers, 0325295, Infantry, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 9 August to 14 August 1944, near Barenton, France, during a regimental attack on a strategic enemy-held position, Captain Carothers courageously led his company in a drive that secured the objective. When their newly-taken position was subjected to an enemy counter-attack, Captain Carothers, heedless of the enemy small-arms, mortar and artillery fire, moved to a position well in advance of his troops from which he was able to observe and direct artillery fire on the main enemy elements. His courageous act inspired his men to ward off the attack by the forward elements of the enemy drive. Captain Carothers remained among the forward elements of his command and directed the defense against repeated enemy counterattacks until the enemy had been ejected from the sector. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain Carothers reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS (MISSING IN ACTION). 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 the following named officer, missing in action:

✓ Captain Jacob A. George, Jr., 01010693, Cavalry, 17th Tank Battalion, 7th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 19 September 1944, Captain George directed his tank to the front when enemy fire stopped the leading elements of his company in an attack near Sillogny, France. Unable to dislodge the enemy from their well-fortified positions by the use of his tank weapons, Captain George, with complete disregard for his own personal safety in the face of known danger, exposed himself above the turret and hurled hand grenades into the enemy positions. In performing this hazardous act he was wounded by enemy sniper fire, but his display of exemplary courage spurred his men on to accomplish their mission. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Captain George reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

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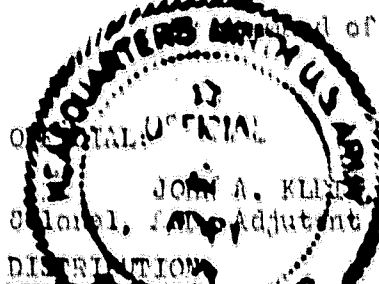
III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

*Award revised by G.O. 11-2094-45*  
 \* Lieutenant Colonel William W. Morriam, 391595, Infantry, 82nd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action. On 12 September 1944, Colonel Morriam directed an armored attack on enemy installations located at the far end of a destroyed bridge across a canal in Belgium. The enemy was firing antitank guns, mortars and machine guns into the column as it advanced. In order to better view the situation, Colonel Morriam fearlessly directed his driver to move to the head of the column. When his armored car was hit by enemy antitank fire and his driver wounded, Colonel Morriam and his crew dismounted, the driver falling in front of the still slowly-moving vehicle. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and hoodless of the enemy machine-gun fire, Colonel Morriam stopped the car, rendered first aid to the wounded man and moved him to cover. The gallantry and courage of Colonel Morriam reflect much credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Major John W. Finnell (then Captain), 0365923, Infantry, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for gallantry in action. On 30 July 1944, Major Finnell was in command of a detached post at a critical point in the defense of Notre Dame la Conilly, France. When a large enemy armored column, closely supported by foot infantry, attacked his outguard, Major Finnell moved calmly about the position, exposing himself to withering enemy fire. He rallied his men and after bitter close-in ground fighting, the attack was temporarily repulsed. Major Finnell quickly organized his half-track carriers, his men and his weapons into new positions. When the anticipated second attack struck, the enemy was cut down with heavy losses. After receiving orders to withdraw and join a general counterattack launched by his division reserve, Major Finnell dismounted his command, organized fighting echelons and skillfully covered the withdrawal of his half tracks. The gallantry and courage of Major Finnell reflect much credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

IV. 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:

Staff Sergeant Chester E. Taylor, 30108521, Air Corps, 126th Liaison Squadron, United States Army for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, from 24 August to 10 September 1944. Entered military service from Hawaii.

Approved of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:  
  
 Colonel, Adjutant General.

J. E. MOORE,  
 Brigadier General, GSO, Chief of Staff.

