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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 52, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is posthumously awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Peter J. Parrow, 20111599, Infantry, 46th Armored Infantry Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 1 December 1944, Sergeant Parrow was acting as a platoon leader during a company attack on enemy machine-gun positions in Germany. When his platoon was pinned down by intense machine-gun fire, Sergeant Parrow courageously exposed himself to the enemy fire as he crawled forward one hundred fifty yards to hurl hand grenades into one of the machine-gun nests, killing the entire crew. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he started toward the second enemy position. Fire from a third enemy gun, which had previously been silent, mortally wounded this gallant soldier before he reached the second enemy gun. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Parrow reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Frank Morales, 37326029, Infantry, 413th Infantry Regiment, 10th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 31 November 1944 in Germany, in enemy task, supported by infantry, moved into the positions held by the platoon in which Private Morales was an assistant squad leader. Realizing the futility of his position and the danger of his comrades, Private Morales faced the enemy fire to secure a more advantageous position. From this position, he exchanged fire with the enemy tank. His fourth rifle round found its mark and the tank was forced to withdraw, but not before it had fired a direct hit on his position taking his life. The heroic efforts of Private Morales undoubtedly saved the lives of many fellow soldiers. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Private Morales reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

II. 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 52, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Captain Edward L. Curran, 170580, Medical Corps, 326th Medical Clearing Company, United States Army, for heroism and courageous action. On 18 December 1944, in Holland, Captain Curran rushed through an inferno of fire to the attic of a three-story building which had been subjected to an incendiary bombing raid by enemy planes. Fighting his way through smoke and flames, Captain Curran personally carried four aged and crippled civilians to safety. He then continued to live and die at his post in extinguishing the fire. The heroism and courageous actions of Captain Curran reflect much credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maine.

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Sergeant Richard L. Nowstad, 38108063, Medical Department, 626th Medical Clearing Company, United States Army, for heroism and courageous action. On 18 December 1944, in Holland, Sergeant Nowstad led his men through a blazing inferno of fire to the basement of a bombed building to direct them in the removal of government vehicles. After personally extinguishing the fire on one vehicle, he again braved the smoke and flames to assist in evacuating casualties and patients, both civilian and military, in another burning building. Sergeant Nowstad then fought the fire until it had been extinguished. The heroism and courageous actions of Sergeant Nowstad reflect much credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

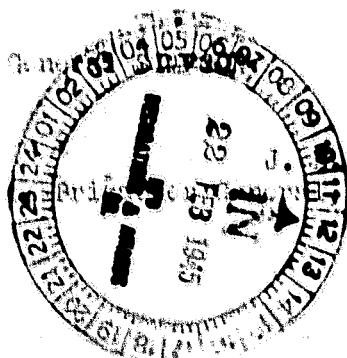
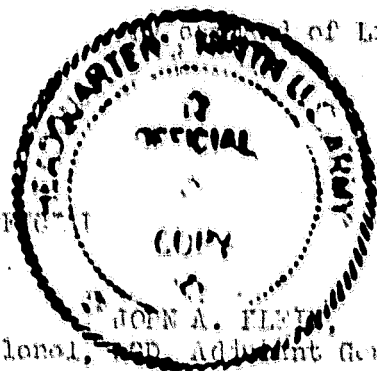
Private Rudolph E. Sorlates, 33583028, Medical Department, 626th Medical Clearing Company, United States Army, for heroism and courageous action. On 18 December 1944, Private Sorlates dashed into a burning building, housing civilian patients, which had been subjected to an incendiary bombing raid by enemy planes. Headless of the smoke and flames and despite a fall through a collapsed floor, he continued to assist in the evacuation of patients and casualties. After all had been removed to safety, he fought the fire until it had been extinguished. The heroism and courageous actions of Private Sorlates reflect much credit upon himself and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER). 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, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Wilbur J. Week, 0454226, Field Artillery, 256th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 15 September 1944 to 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

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:

First Lieutenant George Stein, 01175890, Field Artillery, 250th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 14 August 1944 to 27 December 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.



J. MOORE,
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