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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:

✓ Second Lieutenant Carl C. Palm, 01326166, Infantry, 334th Infantry Regiment, 84th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 19 November 1944, Lieutenant Palm was putting his platoon of antitank guns into position in Germany when it encountered five enemy tanks followed by dismounted infantry. After throwing a hand grenade which dispersed the enemy infantry, Lieutenant Palm courageously directed antitank fire which disabled one of the advancing tanks. When the remaining four tanks overran his position, he entered a nearby building and fired from a second story window into the open turrets of the enemy vehicles, killing or wounding all five tank commanders. Two enemy officers and one enlisted man who emerged from a building across the street also became victims of his accurate fire. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Palm reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Second Lieutenant Michael Citrak, 02000610, (then Private First Class) Infantry, 376th Infantry Regiment, 84th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 29 November 1944, in Germany, Lieutenant Citrak crawled forward through intense enemy fire and hurled hand grenades which destroyed two enemy machine-gun nests, killing three enemy soldiers. He then assisted his platoon leader in killing another of the enemy and taking one prisoner. Later, when enemy patrols attempted to penetrate their lines, Lieutenant Citrak and his platoon leader opened fire from an advance point, dispersing the patrols. After enemy troops had infiltrated behind their lines, Lieutenant Citrak and four others crawled approximately one hundred yards to kill or wound between sixty and seventy of them. When his platoon leader became a casualty, he administered first aid and assisted in evacuating him to the rear. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Citrak reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

✓ Private First Class Harold J. Spoor, 33710038, Infantry, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 27 November 1944, in Germany, Private Spoor had advanced with his company until it became pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private Spoor courageously crawled forward until he was within twenty-five yards of the enemy position. Then with fixed bayonet, he hurled a hand grenade and charged.

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Though several shots were fired at him, he reached the enemy gun emplacement, shot the gunner, pulled the machine gun from its position, and with bayonet and rifle, killed the four remaining men of the crew. This voluntary act permitted the attack to continue. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Private Speer reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. 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:

✓ Colonel Thomas M. Metz, 020696, Coast Artillery Corps, 55th AAA Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 31 March 1944 to 4 February 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.

✓ Major Robert D. Harlan, 0455412, Coast Artillery Corps, 55th AAA Brigade, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 June 1944 to 2 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington D. C.

✓ Captain William F. Walters, 0461855, Signal Corps, 188th Signal Repair Company, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 October 1944 to 15 January 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under authority contained in Section I, Circular No 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

The 667th Engineer Topographic Company, for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 11 September 1944 to 20 January 1945, the 667th Engineer Topographic Company rendered meritorious service in the accomplishment of its numerous duties on the continent. Throughout this period, this unit achieved and maintained a high standard of discipline and demonstrated superior performance in every duty it was assigned. The conduct of the 667th Engineer Topographic Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



Colonel, Adjutant General.

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