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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 William A. Rhodoy, 0438570, Infantry, 407th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 30 November 1944, Captain Rhodoy, a Company Commander, led his men in an attack against a heavily fortified town in Germany. As the drive pressed forward, it encountered heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Realizing the catastrophic consequences should the attack lose momentum, Captain Rhodoy, with complete disregard for the enemy fire, stood up, shouted encouragement to his men and charged into the town. Captain Rhodoy fearlessly faced the enemy fire again to summon supporting tanks that relieved a tense situation. The extraordinary heroism and aggressive actions of Captain Rhodoy reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

First Lieutenant William F. Eberle, 01383810, (then Second Lieutenant) Infantry, 379th Infantry Regiment, 98th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. From 2 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Germany, Lieutenant Eberle, a platoon leader, personally accounted for approximately eighteen of the enemy and aggressively led his men to deal death and destruction to the enemy forces. Despite intense enemy action that threatened to annihilate their positions, Lieutenant Eberle repeatedly exposed himself to enemy observation and, with carbine and bazooka, fearlessly set an example for his men to pursue. Following his exemplary actions, his men stubbornly resisted and finally routed the enemy. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Lieutenant Eberle reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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:

Sergeant James R. Markol, 14038431, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Ninth United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 September 1944 to 1 December 1944. Entered military service from Florida.

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

First Lieutenant Frank J. Heineman, O-1018319, Air Corps, 125th Liaison Squadron, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 1 December 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

IV. 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 Stanley H. Graves, O377567, Field Artillery, 272nd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 29 October 1944 to 22 January 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

V. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under authority contained in Section I, Circular No 345, War Department, 28 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to:

The 3508th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 20 November 1944 to 12 February 1945, the 3508th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance 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 3508th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:



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