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ORDER

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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:

Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd H. Gomez, 021353, Infantry, 334th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 December 1943, in Germany. Completely disregarding intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Colonel Gomez personally led his battalion in forty minutes of savage fighting and was first to reach the objective. Throughout the entire action, Colonel Gomez showed complete disregard for intense enemy fire and moved from one man to another, encouraging the men and looking after the wounded. By his personal courage, he inspired the men to move forward so aggressively that a minimum of casualties was sustained in taking the objective. He then organized a defense that successfully repulsed determined enemy counterattacks. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Colonel Gomez reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private Dwight Gilbrath, 36965363, Infantry, 1st Armored Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 20 November 1944, in Germany, an attacking platoon was pinned down by fire from two enemy machine guns. Completely disregarding his own personal safety, Private Gilbrath crawled forward toward the flank of the enemy positions. Unable to reach an advantageous position and still maintain cover, he boldly dashed across open terrain to a position from which he could use his hand grenades. With deadly accuracy, Private Gilbrath hurled his missiles of death into the two enemy emplacements, totally destroying both of them. His daring deed enabled his platoon to continue its advance. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Private Gilbrath reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. 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 Joseph A. Miccari, 12226227, Infantry, 110th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 27 November 1944, in Germany, Private Miccari fearlessly crawled to a hazardous position and succeeded

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in neutralizing enemy machine-gun fire that was holding up his platoon's advance. Upon discovering another enemy soldier preparing to fire upon his squad, Private Micoori rose from his position to point out this target to a comrade. While exposed, he was seriously wounded. Despite his painful injury, Private Micoori again rose in the face of murderous fire to hurl a grenade at the enemy. This heroic action cost him his life but through his supreme sacrifice, he averted many casualties to his platoon. The extraordinary heroism and courageous actions of Private Micoori reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Private John W. Vriese, 37037439, Infantry, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 16 July 1944 in Normandy, France.

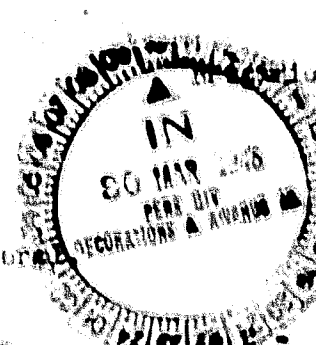
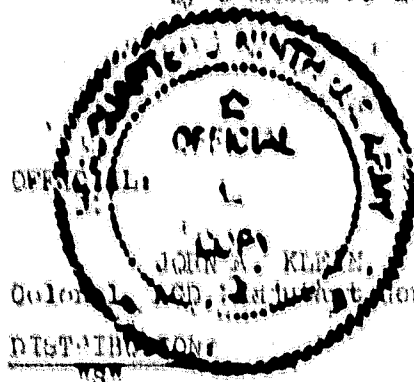
Private Charles B. Zimmer, 42052845, Infantry, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 12 August 1944 in France.

IV. 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 503rd Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 21 July 1944 to 31 January 1945, the 503rd Ordnance Heavy 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 503rd Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

The 3513th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company for superior execution of duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 26 June 1944 to 31 January 1945, the 3513th 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 3513th 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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