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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

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Master Sergeant JOHN L MIMS, 6399789, Headquarters Company, Third United States Army. For gallantry in action in SICILY. The courage and skill Sergeant MIMS displayed under fire on 11 July 1942, near GILA, SICILY, distinguishes him as an outstanding soldier. Strafed by enemy aircraft and under heavy fire when the Germans counterattacked, Sergeant MIMS, driving the Commanding General, Seventh United States Army, remained loyally at his post and assisted in delivering counterfire against the enemy. The fearless determination he displayed, his initiative and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Corporal LAURENCE K SFURLIN, 34481847, 333d Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 5 April 1945, Corporal SFURLIN was a member of a reconnaissance party that encountered a large enemy force near WUTHA, GERMANY. In full view of the enemy, he courageously manned a machine-gun mounted on a weapons carrier and succeeded in knocking out an enemy dug in machine-gun position. Enemy sniper fire knocked his helmet from his head but he continued firing until he fell from the truck wounded. Even then he endeavored to raise himself to position and continue the fight with rifle fire but he was again wounded. Corporal SFURLIN'S fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class JOHN A DRESSER, 19126596, Company "L", 302d Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 19 January 1945, the platoon of which Private First Class DRESSER was a member was surrounded by enemy forces in action near TETTINGEN, GERMANY. For six days the platoon battled cold and hunger and the determined enemy, repulsing all attacks until relieved on 26 January by friendly forces. During that time Private First Class DRESSER repeatedly distinguished himself by his courage under fire, by his determination and the hazardous patrol missions he accomplished. His heroism and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class WERNER J RUFF, 39130897, Battery "D", 119th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 25 March 1945, Private First Class RUFF was on duty with a wire patrol near SAARLAUTERN, GERMANY, when he learned that a soldier lay wounded in a mine field nearby. He proceeded to the area and without hesitation, completely disregarding his own safety, entered the field and rendered first aid to the soldier. Later, during efforts to evacuate the soldier a mine was detonated injuring assisting personnel. Although injured himself, Private First Class RUFF again gave aid to

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the wounded and assisted in their evacuation. The skill and courage and devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant WALTER W GROMEK, 37176695, 32d Medical Depot Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY from 28 July 1944 to 22 April 1945.

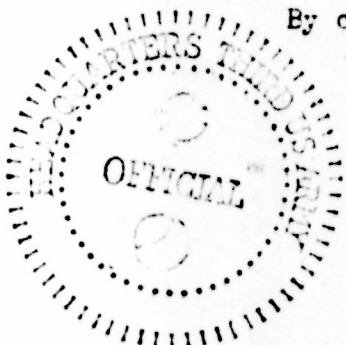
Staff Sergeant OWEN C REUNAUF, 32200089, 107th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY from 18 July 1944 to 18 April 1945.

Sergeant WILLIAM P COLLINS, 33303647, 430th Military Police Escort Guard Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY from 1 February 1945 to 26 March 1945.

Sergeant JOHN G VERCHINSKI, 20301902, 430th Military Police Escort Guard Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY from 1 January 1945 to 26 March 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade IRVIN H WAGSTAFF, 37614199, 32d Medical Depot Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY from 28 July 1944 to 22 April 1945.

By command of General PATTON:



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