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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN F SMITH, 0316592, Infantry, 3d Battalion, 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 10 January 1945, Colonel SMITH led his battalion in an attack against strong enemy positions near TRENTLEHOF, LUXEMBOURG. When the advance was halted by intense fire, Colonel SMITH boldly charged forward alone, mounted a damaged tank destroyer and with deadly accuracy manned the machine gun mounted on the vehicle. Then, ignoring the hail of fire centered upon him he continued forward, reconnoitering enemy positions and directing artillery concentrations. Returning to his troops he led the battalion forward in a brilliant maneuver and seized the objective. The extraordinary heroism he displayed, and his inspiring leadership and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain ROYD H MC CUNE, 0414074, Infantry, 2d Battalion, 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 10 March 1945, during action to enlarge the bridgehead at REMAGEN, GERMANY, troops crossing the Ludendorf bridge were subjected to intense artillery fire and pinned down in their positions. Captain MC CUNE immediately gained control, rallied the men and infiltrated them across the bridge in groups between artillery bursts. For five hours he stood completely exposed, braving the devastating fire to encourage and inspire his men. Through his heroic leadership the attack planned for the following morning jumped off on schedule. The fearless determination he displayed, and his courage and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant HENRY F LUEHRING, 01051266, Infantry, Company C, 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 4 March 1945, Lieutenant LUEHRING led his company against the enemy in fierce action near OBERHERSDORF, GERMANY, inspiring his troops by his bold, fearless leadership. Although severely wounded he refused evacuation, and in hand to hand combat personally killed five of the enemy defending a machine gun position. He was again wounded but continued on and directed fire that wiped out a second machine gun nest. The following day he led his troops into MINERALBRUNNEN and on across the Kyll River to capture high ground to the east. Throughout the

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action he was constantly in the lead, exposing himself to withering fire. The courage and determination and heroic devotion to duty Lieutenant LUEHRING displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant CLARK E JOHNSON, 01302005, Infantry, Company K, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During action near EISERN, GERMANY, on 30 March 1945, Lieutenant JOHNSON organized his isolated company and crawling through a hail of enemy fire, personally placed their five attached tanks in advantageous positions. He signalled the attack and firing his carbine as he ran, charged the enemy flank and prevented a link-up between the main garrison and a body of reinforcements. He continued forward and fearlessly led a platoon in a surprise attack on the German command post, killing many of the defenders and capturing the commanding officer and his staff. Lieutenant JOHNSON'S heroic inspiring leadership exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant DALE E BOWYER, 0543128, Infantry, Company L, 376th Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. While leading his platoon under heavy fire in an attack near SINZ, GERMANY, on 25 January 1945, Lieutenant BOWYER was severely wounded by an enemy mine. Refusing evacuation even though both of his feet were shattered, he shouted instructions and encouragement to his men from where he lay. Inspired by his bravery the men reformed, moved clear of the minefield and continued the advance. Only then did Lieutenant BOWYER permit himself to be evacuated, first crawling clear of the minefield to prevent injury to the litter bearers. His devotion to duty and to his men, and his courage and fearless determination are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Sergeant CHARLES A BALDARI, 20258510, Company C, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During the initial phase of the assault upon BIESDOFF, GERMANY, on 12 February 1945, Sergeant BALDARI successfully attacked, alone, three enemy pill boxes which were delaying the advance of his company. By his bold actions he permitted his company to advance and captured fourteen prisoners. On the following day he courageously crawled 150 yards forward of his company front line, under direct enemy fire, and evacuated a wounded comrade. During action the same day, through his courage and determination he was largely instrumental in disrupting an enemy counterattack which threatened to encircle his company command post. The unfaltering courage, heroism and devotion to duty Sergeant BALDARI displayed exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant HERMAN E STEIN, 32356794, Company F, 2d Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. After bitter fighting near BERGSTEIN, GERMANY, on 7 December 1944, Sergeant STEIN reorganized the men of his company and prepared for an enemy counterattack. Courageously venturing out on a lone patrol he discovered the enemy in the process of regrouping, killed or wounded fourteen Germans with his BAR and returned to his comrades. When heavy shelling indicated the counterattack was imminent he took up a position 100 yards in advance of his group and heroically engaged the attacking Germans in a yard by

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yard fire fight until he was forced back to his prepared position. Sergeant STEIN'S fearless actions so inspired his men that they repulsed a numerically superior force. His accomplishments exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Captain WALTER T EMMES JR, 01587946, Quartermaster Corps, 4050th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. On the night of 11 April 1945 in ALSFELD, GERMANY, a cargo truck loaded with high explosive ammunition caught fire, showering shrapnel and burning fragments over the nearby area. Captain EMMES, with utter disregard for his own safety, approached the blazing truck and in the face of terrific explosions, fought the blaze with available fire fighting equipment in an effort to prevent the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings. Captain EMMES' heroic actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain HENRY L TWIGG, 01574356, Quartermaster Corps, 3511th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. On the night of 11 April 1945 in ALSFELD, GERMANY, a cargo truck loaded with high explosive ammunition caught fire, igniting a nearby warehouse. Observing that the truck was beyond saving, Captain TWIGG courageously entered the blazing warehouse and at great risk to his life directed crews in extinguishing the flames. Due to his heroic actions and cool leadership, the warehouse and several nearby buildings housing American troops were saved. Captain TWIGG'S achievements reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant ROBERT B MORRISEY, 01592459, Quartermaster Corps, 3511th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. On the night of 11 April 1945, in ALSFELD, GERMANY, a cargo truck loaded with high explosive ammunition caught fire, endangering a nearby barracks housing displaced persons. Exhibiting cool leadership and with utter disregard for his own safety, he entered the barracks and directed an orderly withdrawal from the endangered building. He then returned to the blazing truck and aided in keeping the flames from spreading. Lieutenant MORRISEY'S heroic actions and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

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* Lieutenant Colonel JAMES E GOODWIN, 020158, Field Artillery, Headquarters Third United States Army. 15 September 1944 to 16 Dec. 1944 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Captain RAY L FINLEY, 01578464, Quartermaster Corps, 575th Quartermaster Railhead Company, United States Army. 18 October 1944 to 9 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

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Captain CLIFFORD E SIMONS, 01551744, Ordnance Department, 3076th Ordnance Motor Vehicle Distributing Company, United States Army. 23 March 1945 to 11 May 1945 in GERMANY.

Captain JACK V GUNION, 01114147, Corps of Engineers, Company B, 1252d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. 22 January 1945 to 27 February 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Captain CHARLES L BOWERS, 01542950, Medical Administrative Corps, 35th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. 25 June 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

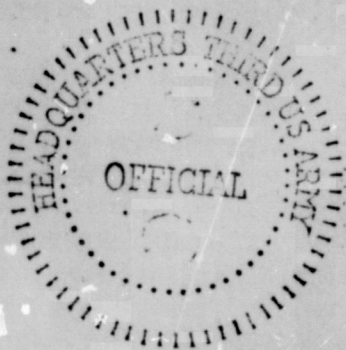
First Sergeant RAYMOND I BECK, 12138758, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Ordnance Group, United States Army. 26 September 1944 to 9 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Master Sergeant ROBERT E DWYER, 12213492, 562d Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company (Tank), United States Army. 21 November 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technician Third Grade JOHN F CARTER, 38155420, 129th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. 1 October 1944 to 31 March 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Corporal HOWARD W HIMMELREICH, 32017116, 3577th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. 20 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

By command of General PATTON:



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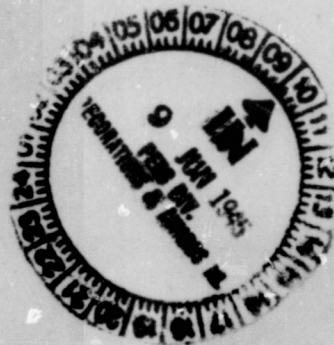
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