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1. 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:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM HESS, 33469215, Headquarters Company, 42d Tank Battalion, 11th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 19 March 1945, Sergeant HESS' platoon was given the mission of securing a bridge across the Nahe River at MARTINSTADT, GERMANY. In an unarmored quarter-ton truck, Sergeant HESS boldly led his platoon through intense enemy small arms mortar and nebelwerfer fire to the site of the bridge and started across it although he knew that the enemy had probably wired the structure for demolition. While he was on the bridge it was destroyed by demolition and Sergeant HESS was severely wounded, but despite his critical injuries he calmly gave orders to have the Battalion Commander notified of the action. The courageous determination and unswerving devotion to duty Sergeant HESS displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant THOMAS E OXFORD, 38671965, Company C, 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 17 March 1945, Sergeant OXFORD'S company was moving toward an important road junction near BUPRICH HUTTERS DORF, GERMANY, when they encountered an enemy tank. The tank immediately opened fire endangering the foot troops. Sergeant OXFORD, without hesitation, made his way to the tank, audaciously sprang onto the rear turret and began beating upon it, shouting to the crew to surrender. The crew members, believing themselves to be surrounded, crawled from the tank and surrendered to Sergeant OXFORD. His bold action saved many of his comrades' lives. The courage and heroic devotion he displayed to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class GEORGE R MEYER, 37573097, Company "L", 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 8 November 1944, near MOYENVIC, FRANCE, an attacking infantry platoon was pinned down by intense enemy fire. Private MEYER, an automatic rifleman, on his own initiative moved forward to the left flank of the enemy force and despite heavy fire succeeded in gaining an advantageous position. Then, boldly advancing with marching fire, he engaged the enemy in a fierce fire fight, killed eight of the defenders, wounded four, destroyed two machine guns and forced the remainder of the group to flee. His heroic action permitted the platoon to advance and seize its objective. The fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty he displayed exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR - 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 Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant BRUCE M CASEY, 01051900, Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry Regiment, 70th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 3 March 1945, Lieutenant CASEY led his infantry company against strong enemy positions near STIRING WENDEL, FRANCE. Completely disregarding his own safety, he heroically braved intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, encouraging and inspiring his men by his bold, fearless leadership. As the company advanced, Lieutenant CASEY was severely wounded but refused to be evacuated and continued to direct his men by telephone and messenger. Inspired by his devotion to duty the company smashed through to its objective. The courageous determination Lieutenant CASEY displayed is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant JAMES L ROADY, 01319779, Infantry, Company E, 2d Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. Lieutenant ROADY was a Platoon Leader in bridgehead forces during action near SAMRY-SUR-NEID, FRANCE, on 13 November 1944. During a series of fanatical enemy counterattacks, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire, inspiring and encouraging his men by his bold, fearless leadership. He was severely wounded while leading an attack but refused to be evacuated and continued to direct his men. On one occasion, Lieutenant ROADY, with complete disregard for his own safety, braved withering fire to replenish the platoon's supply of grenades. His fearless determination, the courage and devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

1. 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 to:

Private First Class Charles E Ostrandor, 35046897, Battery A, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 April 1945, near SCHLERSCHWENDE, GERMANY, when his battery was attacked by an enemy patrol, Private OSTRANDER exhibited courageous leadership by organizing his outnumbered men into a skirmish line and repelling the attack. Private OSTRANDER'S aggressive, heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

2. 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 posthumously to:

First Lieutenant ROBERT R WALSH, 01052619, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Third 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 August 1944 to 5 April 1945.

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Sergeant EARL L BLAY, 36406765, 3048th Quartermaster Graves Registration 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 15 November 1944 to 1 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade LEWIS D SHAMM, 35551655, Headquarters Third 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 August 1944 to 5 April 1945.

3. 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:

Major ROBERT M ALLGEIER, 0298285, Corps of Military Police, 512th Military Police Battalion, United States Army. 1 February 1945 to 9 May 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Major ROBERT W DILLINGHAM, 0306689, Field Artillery, Headquarters 770th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 23 December 1944 to 12 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Major LESTER J LARSEN, 0375774, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Third United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

Major EMERICK VON HAAM, 0400460, Medical Corps, Detachment F2D2, Company D, 2d European Civil Affairs Regiment, United States Army. 21 September 1944 to 5 April 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

Captain FRANK V BRECKA, JR, 01040352, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 551st Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 6 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Captain ALLEN B CHILDERS, 01176918, Field Artillery, Headquarters 770th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 23 December 1944 to 12 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Captain GORDON F FISHER, 0376967, Medical Corps, Headquarters 316th Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. 25 July 1944 to 7 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Chaplain (Captain) DONALD C IRWIN, 0485580, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters 69th Medical Group, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

Captain WILLIAM W RODGERS, 01179594, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 770th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 12 March 1945 to 27 April 1945 in GERMANY.

First Lieutenant ESTHER B MILLER, N783589, Army Nurse Corps, 104th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. 18 July 1944 to 30 April 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

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Second Lieutenant MORRIS WRIGHT, 02001188, Army of United States, Headquarters Third United States Army. 25 June 1944 to 21 January 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

First Sergeant EARL I PECK, JR, 38029905, 118th Signal Radio Intelligence Company United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 9 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, and GERMANY.

Master Sergeant ROSCOE J CHAMBLISS, 18104728, Headquarters Detachment, 66th Medical Group, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

Master Sergeant EDWIN L RINTANEN, 35304847, 118th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 9 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, and GERMANY.

Master Sergeant PAUL WILSON, 6366890, 32d Medical Depot Company, United States Army. 19 July 1944 to 9 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant DONALD GRIFFIN, 35131077, 3577th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. 1 March 1945 to 5 May 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant HARRY HUGHES, 39180967, Headquarters and Service Company, 1252d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. 26 March 1945 in GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant ROGER T SLIVER, 35131119, 2d Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. 8 June 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

Staff Sergeant JAMES J CASTANINO, 31069043, 110th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 9 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, and GERMANY.

Staff Sergeant HENRY N PAYTES, 20367415, Battery C, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 1 September 1944 to 1 April 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

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Staff Sergeant STEVE WORONA, 35173690, Battery A, 277th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 10 September 1944 to 1 April 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade LEWIS E COAKES, 36758856, Service Battery, 181th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 17 August 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade DE COU DEINBERGER, 36530191, Company A, 87th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. 25 to 26 February 1945 in GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade STUART R REDMOND, 36162569, 32d Medical Depot Company, United States Army. 7 June 1944 to 9 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

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Technician Fourth Grade CURTIS H WAKEFIELD, 33041435, Battery C, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 1 September 1944 to 1 April 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

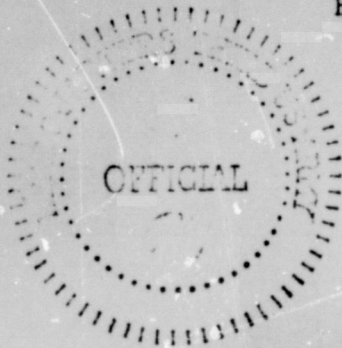
Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM W WARD, 16155758, 118th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 9 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, and GERMANY.

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES F PERSE, 37344006, 581st Ambulance Company, Motor (Separate), United States Army. 26 June 1944 to 22 December 1944 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and BELGIUM.

IV. AWARD OF AIR 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, an Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant RICHARD D WILSON, 01175616, Field Artillery, 270th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 16 January 1945 to 20 February 1945.

By command of General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

R. E. CUMMINGS,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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