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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the following named officers on 30 December 1944 is announced:

Brigadier General ANTHONY C McAULIFFE, O12263, United States Army, 101st Airborne Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During the period 17 December to 26 December 1944, General McAULIFFE was in command of the 101st Airborne Division during the siege of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, by overwhelming enemy forces. Though the city was completely surrounded by the enemy, the spirit of the defending troops under this officer's inspiring, gallant leadership never wavered. Their courageous stand is epic. General McAULIFFE continuously exposed himself to enemy bombing, strafing, and armored and infantry attacks to personally direct his troops, utterly disregarding his own safety. His courage, fearless determination and inspiring, heroic leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

Lieutenant Colonel STEVE A CHAPPUIS, O20899, Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 25 December, during the siege of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM by overwhelming enemy forces, Colonel CHAPPUIS commanded a regiment of the defending 101st Airborne Division. When the enemy launched a fierce attack with strong infantry and armored forces in a supreme effort to seize the town, Colonel CHAPPUIS mustered all available cooks, drivers and orderlies to augment his depleted, widely deployed troops and skilfully maneuvered his forces to meet the attack. Under his courageous, inspiring leadership his men held, repulsing every attempt by the enemy to penetrate the lines. He repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to direct his troops effectively and personally reconnoitered enemy infested territory, completely disregarding his own safety. The heroic, inspiring leadership of Colonel CHAPPUIS, and his personal courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant MARION J VOGEL, 36643691, 231st Reinforcement Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an

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enemy of the United States on 17 and 18 September 1944, while Sergeant VOGEL was in charge of an advance party of the 231st Reinforcement Company. When his party was held up by heavy enemy shell fire at MANVILLE, FRANCE, and forced to retire, Sergeant VOGEL executed the evacuation without a loss of a man of his party. At their next position the advance party came under enemy sniper fire, and again Sergeant VOGEL disregarded his own safety to place his men under cover while he reconnoitered routes by which he was able to lead them safely to their original positions. His bravery and resourcefulness are worthy of high commendation.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel KENT A HUNTER, O114009, Army of the United States, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 September 1944 to 31 December 1944.

✓ Major ELMER S JOHNSON, O359394, Air Corps, 5th Combat Crew Replacement Training Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 15 June 1944 to 8 November 1944.

✓ Captain JAMES S RICHARDS, O1645239, Army of the United States, 38th Reinforcement Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 19 August 1944 to 1 November 1944.

✓ Captain BRUCE A ZERHLE, O1576848, Quartermaster Corps, 3577th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 20 September 1944 to 9 December 1944.

✓ Captain ROBERT E WILSON, O1286051, Infantry, 38th Reinforcement Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 19 August 1944 to 1 November 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant MAURICE U BIRDSONG, O1587943, Quartermaster Corps, 4050th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 22 December 1944.

✓ Aspirant (Second Lieutenant) ROGER P LEMAIRE, A00394, French Army, attached 512th Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 16 August 1944 to 25 October 1944.

✓ First Sergeant ANTHONY J RODRICK, 36340036, 300th Quartermaster Salvage Repair Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 21 December 1944.

✓ Master Sergeant EDWIN D GUERIN, 39259988, 300th Quartermaster Salvage Repair Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 20 December 1944.

Sergeant BENJAMIN DIANO, 32082577, Headquarters Detachment, 38th Reinforcement Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 19 August 1944 to 1 November 1944.

Technical Sergeant DANIEL PRESSLEY, 39821606, 4050th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 22 December 1944.

Technical Sergeant FREDERICK G BADGER, 6552839, 38th Reinforcement Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 19 August 1944 to 1 November 1944.

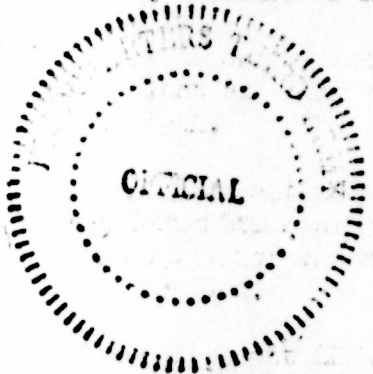
Staff Sergeant GELSOMINO ANDREINI, 32741470, 300th Quartermaster Salvage Repair Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 20 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD D MEIERER JR, 15049013, 841st Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 1 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant GERALD W BONNELS, 38036648, Headquarters Detachment, 38th Reinforcement Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 19 August 1944 to 1 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant JAMES H MORLEY, 32308889, Headquarters Detachment, 38th Reinforcement Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in CHAMFIGNEULLES, FRANCE from 15 September 1944 to 19 September 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
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