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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:

Captain NEIL O JOHNSON, 01165184, Field Artillery, Headquarters 740th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 5 April 1945, while on a reconnaissance mission near TANN, GERMANY, Captain JOHNSON'S battalion commander was wounded in an enemy ambush. With utter disregard for his own safety he moved him to a nearby dugout with the assistance of an enlisted man, and heroically attempted to hold off the advancing enemy. In the bitter fighting that ensued he was knocked out by an enemy grenade and taken prisoner. Although threatened with execution for refusal to answer improper questions he faced his captors with calm bravery and later convinced the German commander to surrender to him since American troops were rapidly approaching the town. Captain JOHNSON'S dauntless courage and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant WILBUR F WORTHING, 01017204, Infantry (Armored), Company B, 745th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During a night attack on MELLERHOFE, GERMANY, on 2 March 1945, Lieutenant WORTHING gallantly directed the operations of his tank platoon in the face of intense enemy anti-tank, artillery and small arms fire. Although two tanks in which he was riding were destroyed by enemy action, he fearlessly mounted a third tank and by his courageous actions inspired his men to press the attack until the enemy positions were reduced. Observing one of his tanks, hit and burning, he exposed himself to withering enemy fire while rescuing its wounded and helpless commander. Lieutenant WORTHING'S heroic leadership and selfless, unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM E MC INERNEY, 01324944, Infantry, Company C, 53d Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 25 March 1945, during an assault of bridge positions near KLEIN-AUHEIM, GERMANY, Lieutenant MC INERNEY fearlessly advanced through friendly and hostile artillery fire and led his company to the bridge which was their objective. When his men faltered in the face of enemy artillery,

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20mm and small arms fire and exploding mines on the bridge itself, he gallantly ran to the head of the column and inspiring his men by his utter disregard for his own safety, led the way across the bridge. Lieutenant MC INERNEY'S heroic, aggressive actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

✓ First Lieutenant RAY F AXFORD, 01031372, Cavalry (Armored), Troop C, 25th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During a reconnaissance patrol near NICKENICH, GERMANY, on 8 March 1945, Lieutenant AXFORD observed a large enemy force preparing to evacuate the town, and exhibiting cool initiative and heroic leadership, led his platoon in an audacious, skillfully executed attack. Inspired by his bold actions his men killed fifteen, captured 200 of the enemy soldiers, destroyed or captured a large amount of equipment and so confused the numerically superior hostile forces that the platoon suffered no casualties. Lieutenant AXFORD'S daring aggressiveness and indomitable fighting courage exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces.

✓ First Lieutenant JOHN G SINCLAIR JR, 01018905, Infantry, Company A, 737th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During action near LIEG, GERMANY, on 14 March 1945, when his tank was hit by enemy anti-tank fire Lieutenant SINCLAIR, although painfully burned, rescued several members of his crew but refused evacuation himself. Exhibiting fearless courage this officer was again burned while trying to rescue the crew of another blazing tank but in spite of his wounds he continued to lead the assault on the enemy gun positions until they had been silenced and then organized a defense of the ground gained. Lieutenant SINCLAIR'S heroic leadership and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant CLYDE W EHRHARDT, 0539852, Infantry, Company C, 417th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 10 March 1945, during an attack on a vital, heavily defended hill near HERTESDORF, GERMANY, Lieutenant EHRHARDT exhibited heroic leadership in taking the objective and inspiring his outnumbered men in a gallant defense against three tank-led enemy counterattacks. The following day, although wounded, he continued to direct his men in resisting powerful enemy attempts to dislodge them. When a second serious wound forced him to be evacuated he courageously insisted on furnishing his battalion commander with clear, detailed information on the disposition and tactics of the enemy. Lieutenant EHRHARDT'S intrepid leadership and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Technical Sergeant FRANCIS E KELLEY, 11119574, Company L, 302d Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During an attack on KESSLINGEN, GERMANY, on 19 February 1945, Sergeant KELLEY was painfully wounded but refused to be evacuated and gallantly continued to lead his platoon. When sniper fire halted the advance

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he courageously approached from the flank, silenced the enemy rifleman and completely disregarding heavy artillery and mortar fire led a house to house attack which routed the enemy and resulted in the town's capture. Sergeant KELLEY'S intrepid leadership and courageous actions were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant PAUL E RANNEY, 33497522, Company E, 376th Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During an attack which knocked out two pill boxes in a strongly fortified enemy position near OCKFEN, GERMANY, on 25 February 1945, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade) RANNEY fearlessly exposed himself to intense enemy fire, evacuated the wounded commander of a tank and then directed fire of the tank and a rifle platoon on the third and last enemy pill box. When it became evident that it was too strongly fortified to be captured, he contacted the battalion commander by radio and skilfully followed his orders to effect a withdrawal. Sergeant RANNEY'S dauntless courage and intrepid leadership are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class EDWARD C BURNSHAW, 33472463, Cannon Company, 302d Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During an attack on OBERLEUKEN, GERMANY, on 19 February 1945, Private BURNSHAW was seriously wounded by an exploding enemy mine. Although suffering intense pain and weakened by additional wounds, he maintained constant contact with his unit by his field radio and adjusted devastating artillery fire on the enemy positions. He lay in his exposed position for eleven hours and courageously refused attempts to evacuate him on the grounds that it would endanger the lives of his rescuers. Private BURNSHAW'S heroic, unselfish actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces.

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:

Second Lieutenant EUGENE H CARTER, 02009806, Army of United States, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. During a night attack on enemy pill boxes on 21 February 1945, near WALLENDORF, GERMANY, Lieutenant (then First Sergeant) CARTER maneuvered his two tank destroyers towards the general location of the enemy positions, courageously dismounted, led them on foot to within point blank range and then directed devastating fire on the enemy until their positions were reduced. The following day his supporting armored units withdrew because of withering enemy anti-tank fire but he skilfully and heroically moved his tank destroyers and directed fire in support of a friendly infantry advance. Lieutenant CARTER'S cool aggressiveness and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

III. 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:

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First Lieutenant FIMM W WALLACE, 01181180, Field Artillery, Battery C, 770th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. When an M-5 tractor hauling a trailer loaded with high explosives became ignited near KOBSCHEID, GERMANY, on 2 March 1945, Lieutenant WALLACE fearlessly assisted in uncoupling the trailer and preventing serious damage to personnel and equipment. Although realizing the burning tractor was also loaded with explosives and that his own life was endangered he worked with cool courage to protect the lives of his men and valuable government property. Lieutenant WALLACE'S heroic actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

IV. 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:

Staff Sergeant CURTIS ALLEN, 14028228, Battery A, 277th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 10 September 1944 to 1 April 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Staff Sergeant ONIL MC CREADY, 33034647, 434th Collecting Company (Separate), United States Army. 12 August 1944 to 7 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM, GERMANY, AUSTRIA and CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS ROLANDO, 36366516, Headquarters Third United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE.

Technician Third Grade BEN D FUQUA, 20525186, Headquarters Third United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE.

Technician Third Grade EARL F BREIDAGEN, 33187537, Battery A, 129th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, United States Army. 28 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Sergeant ROBERT P REHRAUER, 36299739, Headquarters Detachment, 94th Medical Gas Treatment Battalion, United States Army. 18 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Sergeant ELMER B OLSON, 36833254, 179th Army Postal Unit, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Sergeant HERMAN F GOULDING, 36295023, Headquarters Detachment, 82d Ordnance Group, United States Army. 16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and BELGIUM.

Sergeant GALEN B ROTH, 33499857, 6th Convalescent Hospital, United States Army. 10 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade EARL E BENEDICT, 33012088, Headquarters Battery, 33d Field Artillery Brigade, United States Army. 27 January 1945 to 20 March 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

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Technician Fourth Grade EDDIE A ROUSSEAU, 31207598, Headquarters 179th Medical Battalion, United States Army. 18 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM, GERMANY and CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Technician Fourth Grade RALPH PRITCHARD, 35144722, Battery A, 277th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 10 September 1944 to 1 April 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade JACOB E MC FARLAND, 35144683, Headquarters Battery, 277th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 10 September 1944 to 1 April 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade HARRY E FLICK, 35144538, Battery B, 277th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 10 September 1944 to 31 March 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade HOMER B FULLER JR, 34794664, Headquarters Third United States Army. 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Corporal FRANK STUART, 35143745, Battery C, 277th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 10 September 1944 to 2 April 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Technician Fifth Grade STANLEY E HELBERG, 37456148, 39th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. 17 July 1944 to 31 March 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD A FINLEY, 39696662, 579th Signal Depot Company, United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 30 April 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE and GERMANY.

Private First Class ROBERT C GUSTAVSON, 36691129, Medical Detachment, 1303d Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. 1 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in LUXEMBOURG, FRANCE and GERMANY.

Private First Class VINNIE K PESTER, 37519850, 150th Army Postal Unit, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

V. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - 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, in addition to the Air Medal and two Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOHN E MC CANN, 01179527, Field Artillery, Headquarters 195th Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 24 February 1945.

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,

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27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant FRANK S LESSER, O2045257, Field Artillery, 955th 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 RHEINBEROHL, GERMANY on 19 March 1945.

VI. 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, a Air Medal is awarded to:

Captain WALTER C PITTMAN, O353881, Field Artillery, Headquarters 220th Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 4 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

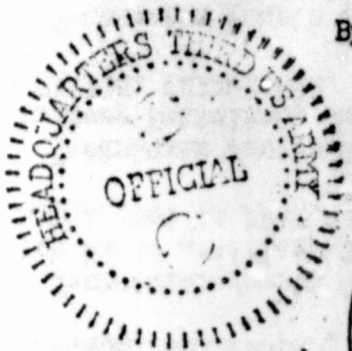
VII. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Technician Fourth Grade CLYDE JOHNSON JR, 6662815, Headquarters Battery, 548th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 19 February 1945.

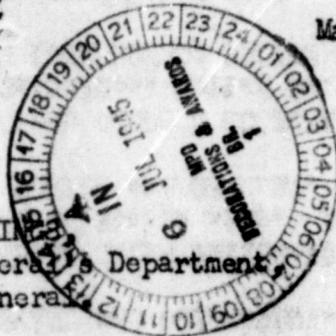
Private First Class RAYMOND E HALL, 37635587, Headquarters Battery, 548th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 20 April 1945.

Private JAMES ARBUCKLE, 31235757, Battery A, 548th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 12 April 1945.

By command of Major General CRAIG:



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