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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, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Sergeant WALLACE M GALLANT, 11122799, Company M, 302d Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During a fierce enemy counterattack near LAMPEDEN, GERMANY, on 6 March 1945, Sergeant (then Private First Class) GALLANT courageously refused to withdraw with his machine gun section and remained at the gun position to kill ten, capture six and repulse the remainder of the attacking Germans. He continued his aggressive actions and when the enemy attempted a withdrawal two days later, he brought deadly fire to bear on their positions, killing sixteen and pinning down a large number so that friendly artillery fire could be accurately adjusted to inflict heavy casualties. Sergeant GALLANT'S dauntless tenacity and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES E MUELLER, 36200098, Medical Detachment, 634th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During action on 9 - 10 March 1945, near ERPEL, GERMANY, Technician Fourth Grade MUELLER fearlessly exposed himself to intense enemy artillery fire and air attack to aid and evacuate casualties. When an ammunition truck was hit by an enemy artillery shell he rushed to the blazing vehicle and with utter disregard for his own safety, in the face of the flames and exploding ammunition, carried the wounded driver to safety and administered first aid. He continued his heroic efforts until he was seriously wounded during an air attack the following day. Technician Fourth Grade MUELLER'S gallant actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class PAUL A ZARING, 37243322, 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. On 6 March 1945, when the enemy attacked and surrounded the town of OBERSEHR, GERMANY, Private ZARING was isolated from his platoon but heroically remained at his position as outpost guard and fiercely resisted enemy attempts to destroy vital artillery pieces. When his comrade was seriously wounded he administered first aid and although exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, resumed his dauntless defense, killing eight enemy soldiers and harrassing those who had the remainder of the platoon pinned down. Private ZARING'S cool courage and unflinching devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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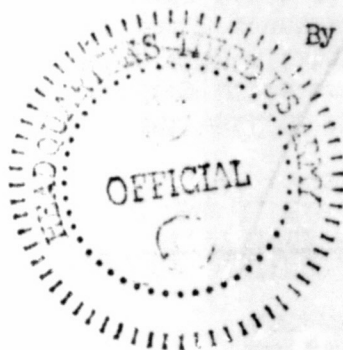
II. UNIT CITATION - Under the provisions of Sec IV, Cir No. 333, War Department, 22 December 1943, the following units are cited:

Companies A, B and C of the 741st Tank Battalion are cited for outstanding performance of duty against the enemy from 17 to 19 December 1944. During a violent enemy counterattack in the KRINKELT - ROCHERATH area, BELGIUM, personnel inexperienced in combat such as cooks, clerks and drivers, manned deadlined tanks and with superb courage met the headlong plunge of the enemy and inflicted severe casualties upon him. With utter disregard for their personal safety, the officers and men of these three gallant companies faced devastating hostile tank, anti-tank and self-propelled artillery fire and fought on tenaciously against overwhelming enemy forces. Again and again the infuriated enemy threw armor and infantry against the dauntless defenders but for three days and nights these assaults were turned back by the unwavering fortitude of the inspired men. When it became necessary to withdraw to a more tenable defensive position the tank men covered the withdrawal and were the last to leave the scene of battle. During the bitter three day engagement they had destroyed twenty seven enemy tanks, five armored vehicles and two trucks. Their indomitable fighting spirit and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces.

III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE - 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 Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units for service between the dates indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD OF SERVICE</u>
3436th Quartermaster Truck Company	1 March 1945 to 30 April 1945
556th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company	1 February 1945 to 30 April 1945
634th Quartermaster Laundry Company	28 March 1945 to 28 May 1945
465th Ordnance Evacuation Company	20 February 1945 to 20 April 1945

By command of Major General CRAIG:



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

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

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