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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

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 ROBERT L KRIZ, 0391141, Infantry, Headquarters 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 4 March 1945, near UECKRATH, GERMANY, when the enemy launched a vicious counterattack at night, Colonel (then Major) KRIZ fearlessly moved up with the forward elements of his battalion and with utter disregard for his own safety in the face of withering hostile fire, regrouped the faltering men. Inspired by his cool, heroic leadership they repulsed the enemy counterattack and attained their objective. Colonel KRIZ'S gallant actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Major CHARLES F GAKING, 0314250, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 2 April 1945, during the assault on KASSEL, GERMANY, when the forward command post of Major GAKING'S battalion was attacked by a large enemy force, bypassed by the major portion of the assaulting troops, he exhibited cool, heroic leadership in organizing a defense, personally manning a rocket launcher and a mortar. When the enemy withdrew in the face of the inspired resistance he courageously pursued a damaged enemy tank on foot, armed only with a carbine, forced the tank crew and supporting infantry to retreat and set fire to the tank to destroy it. Major GAKING'S gallant actions and daring aggressiveness are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces.

Second Lieutenant MALCOLM B GOTT, 01322782, Infantry, Company H, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 18 March 1945, in REDERSCHELD, GERMANY, Lieutenant GOTT fearlessly advanced through intense enemy artillery fire, set up an observation post in a partially destroyed building, and with utter disregard for his own safety, called for an artillery barrage on two enemy tanks which had approached to within point-blank range of the building. Although subjected to devastating fire from both the enemy tanks and friendly artillery he remained at his position and adjusted fire until the enemy tanks and supporting infantry were forced to withdraw. Lieutenant GOTT'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES D ST JOHN, 13018704, Company C, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On

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2 March 1945, near THUM, GERMANY, Sergeant ST JOHN and his platoon were isolated by a fierce enemy counterattack and subjected to withering small arms and automatic weapons fire. With cool, heroic leadership he maneuvered them to the shelter of a farm building, set an adjoining haystack on fire to provide a smoke screen, silenced a hostile machine gun with accurate fire from his BAR and then audaciously turned it on other enemy forces, pinning them down until friendly elements arrived to give assistance. Sergeant ST JOHN'S gallant actions and indomitable fighting spirit are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant ERNEST L BARBER, 33407167, Company B, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 13 April 1945, during an attack on LEIPZIG, GERMANY, Sergeant BARBER fearlessly continued on across a bridge when his company was forced back, killed two enemy riflemen in hand-to-hand fighting and although seriously wounded, aggressively plunged forward. Exhibiting a fierce desire to close with the enemy he killed eleven enemy soldiers, captured five and silenced two hostile machine guns and a 20mm flak gun position. He reported back to his company with valuable information as to enemy positions and although bleeding profusely from his wound had to be restrained from accompanying them forward. Sergeant BARBER'S indomitable fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces.

Sergeant WILLIAM E ZARNFALLER, 12221229, Company L, 395th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 25 March 1945, near ELLIGEN, GERMANY, Sergeant ZARNFALLER fearlessly left his fox hole and charged the first of two approaching enemy half-tracks. Although exposed to intense hostile machine gun fire he courageously opened fire with his BAR, killing two of the occupants of the vehicle and capturing the remainder. As the other enemy vehicle attempted to escape he dauntlessly opened fire upon it, killing three enemy soldiers and forcing the others to surrender. By his heroic actions he killed five and captured twenty seven enemy soldiers and prevented them from reinforcing the bitterly contested town. Sergeant ZARNFALLER'S intrepid gallantry and indomitable fighting spirit are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class CARL JKISTEL, 36730159, Company A, 343d Infantry Regiment, 86th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 26 April 1945, in DOSSELN, GERMANY, Private KISTEL'S company was forced to seek shelter from a devastating enemy artillery barrage. Realizing they were cut off from communication with the battalion, he fearlessly left cover and with utter disregard for his own safety set up his radio in the middle of the shell-swept street. A German shell exploded within five yards of his position, wounding him so seriously that he later lost both feet, but with unflinching heroism he crawled back to his radio, received orders from the battalion and relayed them to his company commander. Private KISTEL'S extreme gallantry and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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

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the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Captain ERNEST ENZIEN, 0284840, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 211th Quartermaster Battalion, Mobile, United States Army. 22 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Captain ROGER C COOPER, 01548033, Ordnance Department, 3447th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. 2 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Captain ROBERT L HUGHES JR, 0461611, Medical Administrative Corps, 104th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE and GERMANY.

Captain VERNON E TURNER, 01547834, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters 66th Medical Group, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Captain HERBERT GERSHBERG, 01689604, Medical Corps, 39th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. 21 July 1944 to 31 March 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

First Lieutenant CHRISTINE A D'AMICO, N755986, Army Nurse Corps, 110th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 11 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

First Lieutenant JOHN F WOLEVER, 01307607, Infantry, Headquarters Third United States Army. 1 October 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

First Lieutenant EARL R SMITH, 0486745, Signal Corps, Company A, 301st Signal Operation Battalion, United States Army. 6 July 1944 to 14 September 1944 in FRANCE.

First Lieutenant HARRY J CORDELL, 01549244, Ordnance Department, 252d Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. 6 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in BELGIUM, GERMANY and CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH H KRONZ, 02047396, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters 94th Medical Gas Treatment Battalion, United States Army. 7 June 1944 to 9 April 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE and GERMANY.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM H BAKER, 02046879, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters 94th Medical Gas Treatment Battalion, United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 10 April 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE and GERMANY.

First Sergeant ALBERT H WHITELEY, 31024111, Battery B, 548th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 18 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in GERMANY.

Master Sergeant EDWARD J GWINNER, 12216618, Company A, 301st Signal Operation Battalion, United States Army. 6 July 1944 to 1 March 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant LINWOOD L COLSON, 11014317, 257th Ordnance Medium Main-

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tenance Company, United States Army. 14 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant EDWARD L GRANNER, 36316418, 33d Medical Depot Company, United States Army. 20 July 1944 to 7 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH F BUFFO, 33565667, 107th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 18 July 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES D SCHMITT, 37200435, 257th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. 16 December 1944 to 3 February 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and BELGIUM.

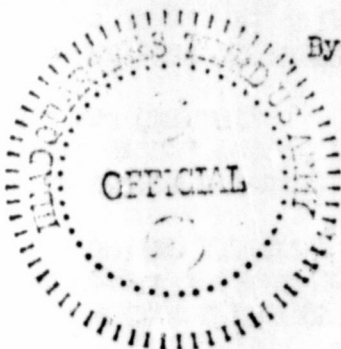
Staff Sergeant DAVID R BOLTON, 36398206, 972d Quartermaster Service Company, United States Army. 16 December 1944 to 25 December 1944 in LUXEMBOURG.

Staff Sergeant CARL A KRUEGER, 36168392, 104th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 1 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE and GERMANY.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C KUCHER, 32959228, 110th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 11 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Staff Sergeant SALVATORE CIRACLO, 32000696, Company F, 1303d Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. 1 January 1945 to 25 April 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

By command of General PATTON:



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