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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:

Staff Sergeant OSCAR H LANGENKAMP, 35551554, Company F, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 3 April 1945, during an attack on KASSEL, GERMANY, the advance of Sergeant LANGENKAMP'S squad was blocked by withering enemy fire emanating from a large building. He fearlessly led his men into the structure, killing two and capturing ten enemy soldiers defending the first floor. Their grenades expended, Sergeant LANGENKAMP crossed the street twice in full view of the enemy to obtain gasoline, set fire to the building, and skillfully placed his squad near the exits where they killed thirty enemy soldiers and captured thirty as they attempted to escape. Sergeant LANGENKAMP'S heroic leadership and aggressive actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant GLENN N JOHNSON, 37538944, Company C, 395th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 15 March 1945, during an attack on LORSCHHEID, GERMANY, Sergeant JOHNSON'S platoon was pinned down by an enemy machine gun nest in the nearby woods. With fearless courage he crawled towards the hostile position, cut his way through a heavy mesh fence, and in the face of direct, murderous enemy fire charged the enemy emplacement. Diving into a shell hole he tossed two grenades at the gun, killing two of the crew, and then killed the third enemy machine gunner as he attempted to escape. Sergeant JOHNSON'S heroic actions and intrepid gallantry are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - 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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Colonel COULTER R SUELETT, 0293601, Ordnance Department, Headquarters 69th Ordnance Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM, GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA and AUSTRIA from 6 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.

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:

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Lieutenant Colonel JAMES C. ATTENNY, O270757, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters 211th Quartermaster Battalion Mobile, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 28 March 1945, in TRIER, GERMANY, when the battalion command post caught on fire, Colonel ATTENNY courageously rushed to the second floor of the building and attempted to extinguish the blaze. Although exposed to exploding ammunition left behind by the enemy he fearlessly continued his efforts until the building had been cleared of personnel and equipment. Colonel ATTENNY'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal WILLIAM L. WELLS, 33769916, Battery C, 770th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 2 March 1945, near KOBSCHIED, GERMANY, when an M-5 tractor hauling a trailer loaded with high explosive ammunition became ignited, Corporal WELLS fearlessly assisted in uncoupling the trailer and prevented serious damage to personnel and equipment. Although he realized 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 comrades and valuable government property. Corporal WELLS' heroic actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class MAX WOLKOFF, 32947421, Company A, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 10 March 1945, during fierce enemy counterattacks near SEVEN, GERMANY, Private WOLKOFF courageously exposed himself to intense hostile artillery and tank fire and went forward alone to emplace and fire a mortar on the enemy positions. Private WOLKOFF'S unselfish gallantry and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces.

Private First Class JOHN BUSSIÈRE, 36679492, Company A, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 22 April 1945, during an attack on EILERSBURG, GERMANY, the company with which Private BUSSIÈRE was acting as a radio operator was pinned down by withering hostile machine gun, automatic weapons and artillery fire. With complete disregard for his own safety he fearlessly left cover, accompanied the forward observer and assisted in adjusting friendly mortar fire on the enemy positions. Private BUSSIÈRE'S courageous actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class LEONARD J. SENSEN, 36681482, Company A, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 19 December 1944, during action near LAMERSDORF, GERMANY, Private SENSEN courageously volunteered to drive through intense hostile mortar fire and procure vitally needed ammunition. Although the trip was hazardous due to conditions of mud, dusk and enemy fire, he fearlessly attained his objective and enabled his company to maintain their fire on enemy positions. Private SENSEN'S heroic actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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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 for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Technician Third Grade CLIDE G MORRISON, 39676989, 116th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. 30 July 1944 to 6 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Sergeant RICHARD JAMES, 33608102, 110th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 11 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Sergeant WALTER E POWELL, 36251767, Company C, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 29 June 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Sergeant TROY D SADLER, 38487551, Company B, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 30 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Sergeant CLARENCE D SEMSTER, 33535835, Company C, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 28 June 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade GILBERT H BOECKELMANN, 37290676, Headquarters Platoon, 414th Collecting Company, United States Army. 4 December 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade JOE S MARTINEZ, 38014509, 39th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 21 July 1944 to 31 March 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade CLIDE L SLAGLE, 35031035, Detachment C, 152d Station Hospital (European Theater of Operations Blood Bank), United States Army. 12 July 1944 to 18 April 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM H STRICKLER, 33233419, Company B, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 30 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Corporal ALLAN J BLANCHARD, 11038646, Battery B, 548th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 18 February 1945 to 1 May 1945 in GERMANY.

Corporal RONALD J HOFFPAUIR, 38487612, Company B, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 30 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Corporal GEORGE H KOTHKAMP, 36681561, Company A, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 2 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Corporal HAROLD F NEMMER, 36628772, Company C, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

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Corporal WILLIAM J STREDER, 36762373, Company A, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Technician Fifth Grade SYLVESTER JACOBS, 39299383, 3434th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. 21 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

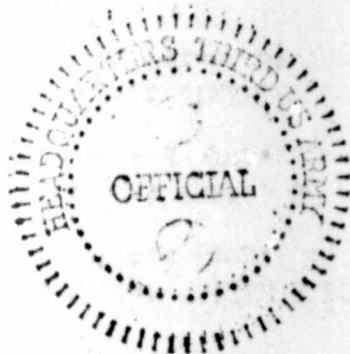
Private First Class BENJAMIN F BURCH, 35760314, Company B, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 30 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Private First Class EARL E LEMOINE, 38487516, Company B, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. 30 June 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

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 RALPH W WELLENKES, 0537725, Field Artillery, 548th 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 GERMANY from 20 February 1945 to 24 April 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,  
Adjutant General.

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