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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:

Second Lieutenant AUGUST A. STORKMAN, JR., 01326937, Infantry, 316th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 10 April 1945, when Lieutenant STORKMAN'S platoon was pinned down by intense fire from two enemy machine guns during an assault on SCHIRL, GERMANY, he courageously made a flanking advance to within thirty yards of the enemy positions and, firing his rifle from the hip, charged through a hail of fire to silence the first position. Although the devastating concentration of fire from the other enemy machine gun killed the sergeant who had accompanied him, he dauntlessly advanced upon the second enemy position and killed or wounded the men manning the gun. Lieutenant STORKMAN'S intrepid gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant PETER H. FLEURY, 12157539, Company "G", 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 16 March 1945, during an attack on PFLAFFENBECK, GERMANY, Sergeant FLEURY fearlessly went to the assistance of a platoon that had been pinned down by withering hostile machine gun fire, reorganized the scattered men and gallantly led them forward. When subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire emanating from a building he ordered his men to take cover, heroically advanced alone and killed six enemy soldiers with accurately thrown grenades, silenced the gun and captured three enemy machine gunners. Sergeant FLEURY'S intrepid leadership and indomitable fighting spirit are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. 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 44, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 44, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH F. STEPHEN, 36621039, 26th 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 November 1944, near VOSSENACK, GERMANY, Technician Fifth Grade STEPHEN'S company was attempting to neutralize intense enemy fire and release another company that was pinned down near the town. When they ran low on mortar ammunition, he courageously volunteered to brave the heavy hostile machine gun and 88mm fire and with utter disregard for his own safety made two trips to the ammunition supply dump and succeeded in replenishing the depleted store of ammunition. Technician Fifth Grade STEPHEN'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 44, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 44, 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:

Captain WILLIAM DULNE, JR., 0531278, Medical Corps, 106th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 24 July 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

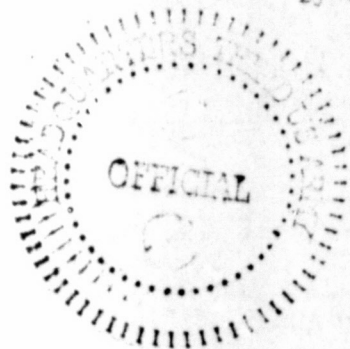
First Lieutenant RUTH A. LARBACH, N 732695, Army Nurse Corps, 39th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Staff Sergeant PAUL G. KOUTSNIKIS, 32448685, 39th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 28 February 1945 in UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. HULSO, 36530521, Company A, 87th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. 21 July 1944 to 29 April 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Sergeant JOHN L. FITZGIBBONS, 35138567, 104th Evacuation Hospital, (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 30 April 1945 in UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

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