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SECTION I - Award of Soldier's Medal.  
SECTION II - Unit Citation.

I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM H. GREATBATCH JR, O1645610, Signal Corps, 579th Signal Depot Company, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 13 July 1944, Lieutenant GREATBATCH fearlessly entered a heavily mined field near ST. PAUL, FRANCE, and administered first aid to a comrade who had been seriously wounded by an exploding mine. With utter disregard for his own safety, he crossed 150 yards of the dangerous ground to render treatment and evacuate the wounded man to safety. Lieutenant GREATBATCH'S heroic actions and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Sergeant HOWARD W. STERNBERG, 36321081, Battery C, 456th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Mobile), United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. On 29 June 1944, during the crossing from ENGLAND to FRANCE, the ship on which Sergeant STERNBERG'S battery was traveling struck a sea mine. With utter disregard for his own safety he remained in the hold and although seriously endangered by the invading water and a blazing oil fire, assisted his comrades to escape. Upon reaching the deck he courageously ignored the imminent sinking of the ship and continued to give all possible aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Sergeant STERNBERG'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD E. TERRILL, 35733763, Headquarters Company, Third United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 20 June 1945, during a heavy storm on LAKE TEGERN-SEE, GERMANY, Technician Fifth Grade TERRILL commandeered a small power boat and unhesitatingly went to the aid of four officers whose sailboat had capsized. With utter disregard for his own safety he braved the hazardous elements and at the risk of having his own boat capsize, assisted the officers on board and skillfully navigated his craft to safety. Technician Fifth Grade TERRILL'S heroic, unselfish actions and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

II. UNIT CITATION - Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular 338, War Department, 22 December 1943, the 94th Signal Battalion is cited for outstanding performance of duty against the enemy from 9 March 1945 to 21 March 1945. When the Ludendorff Bridge was seized and friendly troops had crossed the Rhine River and established a bridgehead on the far shore the 94th Signal Battalion was charged with establishing and maintaining communications to the units east of the river. Exhibiting a high degree of combat operational efficiency the various specialized elements of the battalion plunged fearlessly into their vital assignment. Wire-laying crews braved withering enemy fire and established an underwater cable for

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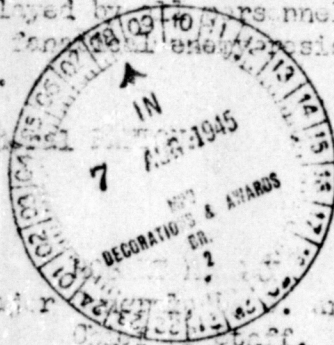
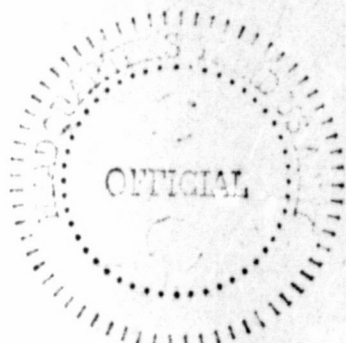
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the telephonic direction of artillery fire. Although the cable was parted repeatedly by the swift current it was repaired each time by the dauntless wire crews under hazardous conditions. During a period when all other troops were forbidden to use the bridge because of the intensity of the enemy fire, personnel of the battalion courageously exposed themselves to hostile artillery fire and air attack and succeeded in crossing the fire-swept bridge to lay the necessary cable. When radio sections braved the murderous barrage and set up the stations on the eastern shore they were ordered to cease operations because of direct enemy observation. With heroic tenacity they returned across the shell-torn bridge, established their stations on the west bank and operated them under hostile shell fire of such an intense nature that their antennas were often cut by flying fragments. As the fierce struggle to secure the bridgehead continued, personnel of the battalion performed amazing feats of communication installation and repair under the constant enemy attack. Radio sections again crossed the bridge, and although their vehicle was damaged by enemy action they calmly repaired it and moved forward to successfully establish their station on the far shore. When a ponton bridge was constructed, specialized crews carried their heavy equipment by hand to the east bank and audaciously began operations despite every enemy effort to disrupt communications. The undiminished courage displayed by the personnel of the battalion and their heroic determination in the face of constant enemy resistance exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

By command of General



Major General, Staff.

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