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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 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH W HAIRSTON, 38147344, Company I, 261st Infantry Regiment, 65th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 7 April 1945, during an enemy tank-infantry attack at STRUTH, GERMANY, Sergeant HAIRSTON gallantly exposed himself at great risk to deadly hostile grenade and rocket fire in order to thwart an attempted seizure of his company command post. Finding that an adjacent company was pinned down by withering enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant HAIRSTON advanced through the enemy fire and eliminated the hostile crew with point-blank sub-machine gun fire. Later in the same action, he gallantly braved both enemy and friendly fire to seek out and lead to safety a besieged group of his comrades and their prisoners. Sergeant HAIRSTON'S heroic, intrepid actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Technician Fifth Grade CLIFFORD L CURRY, 6956481, Troop B, 38th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 26 July 1944, during fierce, close-range action near VIDOUVILLE, FRANCE, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) CURRY was notified that a seriously wounded infantryman had been lying in an exposed area in front of his own lines for some time. Although the field in which the wounded man lay was subjected to withering friendly and enemy fire from three sides and from a distance of less than 100 yards, this intrepid soldier walked boldly through the murderous hail of fire to the side of his wounded comrade. As he picked up the wounded man in his arms, all fire, both friendly and hostile, ceased in salute to this unprecedented act of courage and valor, and he walked slowly to the safety of his own lines. Technician Fifth Grade CURRY'S unselfish gallantry and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class AUGUSTINE SILVA, 31018882, Company G, 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 19 November 1944, during action near BOURGAILSTROFF, FRANCE, Private SILVA'S company was pinned down by direct fire from a German heavy tank. With utter disregard for his own safety he courageously braved the withering hostile fire and crawled along to the shelter of a stone wall approximately ten yards from the tank. Standing up he tossed two well-aimed hand grenades at the tank, one killing the enemy machine gunner and the other dropping into the open hatch and killing two more of the crew. He then shot and killed the remaining two tank men as they attempted to crawl out. Private SILVA'S daring, intrepid actions enabled his company to advance and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR 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 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 OSCAR W. BETHEA; 01114365, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 652d Engineer Topographic Battalion, United States Army. 15 November 1944 to 15 April 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Chaplain (Captain) RAYMOND R. VAN HEUKELOM, 0521773, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters 590th Ordnance Battalion, United States Army. 1 December 1944 to 3 January 1945 in BELGIUM.

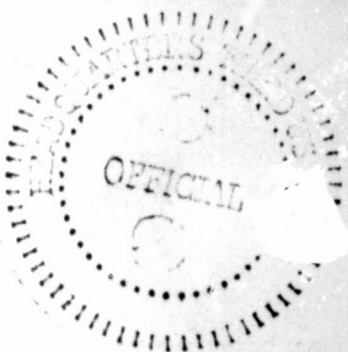
First Lieutenant ERNEST N. KARNEVICH, 01318392, Infantry, Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment 303, Headquarters Twelfth Army Group, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE - 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, 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>
69th Medical Group, for Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment thereof	1 December 1944 to 1 June 1945
4263d Quartermaster Truck Company (Heavy)	30 November 1944 to 30 June 1945
3910th Quartermaster Truck Company	20 July 1944 to 20 September 1944

By command of General PATTON:

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



R. E. CUMMINGS,
Colonel 1, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

DISTR. UNION: "A" "B" "C"
CG ADJUT (AG Opns Div - 2) 4
(Awards & Dec Br, AG Mil Pers Div -2)
TAG (Awards & Dec Br) 9
CO 37th MRU 1
G-1, this Hq 3
AG Misc 20

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