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ORIGINAL ORDER

- SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
SECTION II - Award of Soldier's Medal.
SECTION III - 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 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 RICHARD L MARNELL, 32851123, Company E, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 15 November 1944, Sergeant MARNELL'S platoon was pinned down by murderous, direct fire from hostile antiaircraft and machine gun positions near METZ, FRANCE. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant MARNELL crawled along a fire-swept ditch to within a few yards of the enemy positions and, in the face of the withering fire, silenced one of the guns with a hand grenade. Then, completely exposing himself, he fired a rifle grenade at another enemy position, neutralizing it and capturing seven of its crew. Sergeant MARNELL'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

II. 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:

Private First Class LERWILL J OLSEN, 37454964, Battery D, 456th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 29 June 1944, during the crossing from ENGLAND to FRANCE, the ship on which Private OLSEN'S battery was traveling struck a mine, causing a violent explosion in the hold where he was sleeping. With utter disregard for his own safety, he courageously assisted in the evacuation of several of his wounded comrades from the burning and partially flooded hold, continuing his heroic efforts until all living persons had been removed from the hold. Private OLSEN'S dauntless actions and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private THOMAS F CURRAN, 35043267, 34th Evacuation Hospital (Semi-Mobile), United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. On 19 June 1945, Private CURRAN'S attention was attracted by the helpless struggles of a woman swimmer in a river near RIEDENBURG, GERMANY. With utter disregard for his own safety, he plunged into the river and reaching the woman who had now lost consciousness, held her afloat until a raft was brought alongside. He immediately applied artificial respiration, and continued his efforts until she had sufficiently recovered to be moved to a civilian hospital. Private CURRAN'S heroic actions and unselfish devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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