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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
SECTION II - Award of Silver Star.

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:

First Lieutenant FREDERICK L TYLER, 01319875, Infantry, Company I, 66th Infantry Regiment, 71st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 15 April 1945, prior to an attack by Lieutenant TYLER'S company against an enemy-held airfield near BENK, GERMANY, he dauntlessly led a platoon of tanks forward under heavy enemy fire and directed them so effectively that three hostile machine gun emplacements were totally reduced. When a fourth machine gun continued to fire, he crawled within a few yards of the position and silenced the gun with a hand grenade. Waving his foot troops from their cover, he led them in a bitter fight, personally entering a nearby house in advance of his men to force the surrender of forty enemy soldiers. Later, when one of his men was wounded, he braved the continued heavy hostile fire to evacuate the man to safety. Lieutenant TYLER'S intrepid gallantry and unflinching devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class THOMAS E CHURCHILL, 6947995, Company L, 318th 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 two assault platoons of Private CHURCHILL'S company were subjected to withering enemy machine gun fire as they crossed an open area near KORNHOCHHEIN, GERMANY, he fearlessly set up his machine gun in an exposed position to fire at the enemy's flank. Wounded four times when his position became the object of a heavy concentration of return fire, he was forcibly moved to cover in spite of his protests. He then attempted to charge the hostile emplacements armed only with a captured German pistol. When ordered to report to the rear for medical treatment, he encountered six enemy soldiers and brandishing an empty enemy pistol at them, forced them to surrender. Private CHURCHILL'S determined heroism and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class MANUEL R ZABALA, 39590291, Company K, 405th Infantry Regiment, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 24 February 1945, when a supporting tank was hit and set afire during an attack upon the town of NOTTORF, GERMANY, Private ZABALA fearlessly ran forward through heavy enemy fire to the vehicle, removed its five occupants and after administering first aid assisted in their evacuation to the rear. When hostile fire disabled a second tank, he calmly braved the intense heat of the burning vehicle and removed the wounded occupants to safety. Noticing that one of the men was suffering from a shattered leg, he performed the necessary amputation, using his trench knife as a scalpel. Then, with the help of several comrades, he evacuated the wounded men

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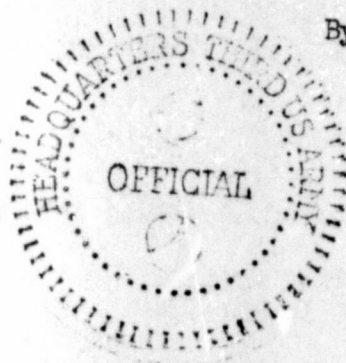
1000 yards across fire-swept terrain to an aid station. Private Z.B.L.'S courageous, unselfish actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - 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 Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class QUENTIN B CLARK, 35721326, 332d Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 5 April 1945, during patrolling action near WUTHA, GERMANY, forward elements of Private CLARK'S reconnaissance party were cut off from their support by intense hostile machine gun fire emanating from a commanding position overlooking the town. Armed only with his carbine, he courageously volunteered to eliminate the hostile position. In the face of withering enemy fire, he advanced toward the machine gun and with accurate fire wounded or captured twelve of the enemy soldiers, thus enabling his comrades to rejoin the forward elements of the party. Private CLARK'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class LORING L WADSWORTH, 31271580, Company E, 2d Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 6 June 1944, during the assault landing at POINTE DU HOE, FRANCE, Private WADSWORTH and another soldier scaled the high, rocky approaches at an unguarded spot and infiltrated behind the heavily fortified enemy positions. Braving withering fire he forced the hostile troops to withdraw inside a concrete pillbox, enabling the main assault force to gain a better foothold. He then courageously moved about the intricate network of enemy emplacements and wiped out four men of a hostile machine gun crew who were holding up the advance of the right flank of the friendly troops. When his comrade was killed in an attempt to eliminate the remaining two crewmen and silence the gun, this gallant soldier fearlessly charged the position and with deadly, accurate fire killed the two enemy gunners, enabling friendly elements to push forward. Private WADSWORTH'S intrepid actions and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



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