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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 1, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

First Lieutenant HENRY O ODEGARD, O1177559, Infantry, Company E, 259th Infantry Regiment, 65th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 18 March 1945, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) ODEGARD led his platoon in a pre-dawn attack against strongly fortified enemy Siegfried Line positions near SAARLAUTERN, GERMANY. When his attacking force became disorganized due to numerous casualties and enemy mines in front of the hostile positions, he courageously returned to the initial point, reorganized his platoon and led them in a second assault through the minefield which was under heavy enemy machine gun, artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Inspired by his cool, heroic leadership, his men knocked out two small bunkers and one large pillbox with pole charges and rocket fire. Lieutenant ODEGARD'S intrepid gallantry against overwhelming odds and his unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant MICHAEL L RUNEY JR, O2055171, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 7 June 1944, during attempts by friendly elements to relieve a Ranger battalion trapped near POINTE DU HOE, FRANCE, Lieutenant RUNEY courageously advanced to a hazardous position in front of the attacking troops to direct artillery fire against well dug-in hostile troops. When a terrific enemy counter-battery barrage disabled his radio and partially destroyed his observation post, he dauntlessly returned to his post and directed such a devastating concentration of artillery that friendly forces were enabled to close on their objective. Lieutenant RUNEY'S gallantry and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class GUILLERMO ROSAS, 39720790, Company F, 14th Infantry Regiment, 71st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 26 April 1945, Private ROSAS volunteered to enter and clear a house from which a number of enemy troops were impeding the advance of his company through the town of BARBING, GERMANY. Armed with hand grenades and his M-1 rifle, he advanced alone through the withering hail of hostile fire and entered the house. With utter disregard for his own safety, he tossed a grenade into one room, killing five enemy soldiers. Moving from room to room and firing his M-1 rifle with great effectiveness, he forced the surrender of eight more hostile troops and cleared the remainder of the house. Through his intrepid actions Private ROSAS' company was able to press on to its objective; his indomitable fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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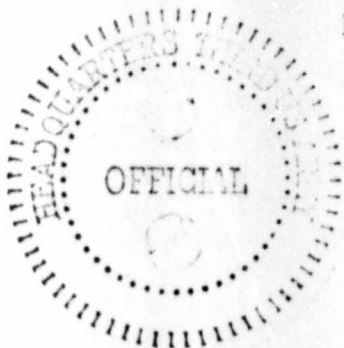
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II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO-US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant HENRY J LEWIS, 33296015, Company F, 5th Infantry Regiment, 71st Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 2 May 1945, Sergeant LEWIS fearlessly led his squad across the Iden River near ERING, GERMANY, in an advance maneuver planned as part of an attack by his company to seize and hold a vital dam and power plant. Although fully aware that the dam was heavily mined, this intrepid soldier braved intense hostile small arms, machine gun and 20mm fire and aggressively moved forward to his objective. Inspired by his heroic actions, the remainder of his company successfully accomplished their mission, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy in men and material. Sergeant LEWIS' courageous leadership and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class STANLEY M GADZIOLA, 32745439, Company C, 291st Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM. On 17 December 1944, Private GADZIOLA'S squad was preparing road defenses near STAVELLOT, BELGIUM, when they were attacked by a numerically superior force of hostile infantry and tanks. Exhibiting dauntless courage, he defended the road block and resisted all attempts of the enemy to drive through his position. Then, arming himself with a rocket launcher, this intrepid soldier advanced to engage the leading enemy tank, forcing it to withdraw into a mined area where it was disabled by an exploding mine. With the narrow route of advance thus blocked, the remaining enemy armor was forced to turn back. Private GADZIOLA'S heroic efforts and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



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

L. L. MENLY,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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