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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.  
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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:

Captain PAUL CHMAR, 0516094, Infantry, Company E, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 14 March 1945, prior to an attack on the town of WEISKIRCHEN, GERMANY, Captain CHMAR skilfully deployed his rifle company so as to trap a company of enemy soldiers. When the hostile forces became aware of their precarious situation and those not already surrounded attempted to retreat, he led his men in pursuit. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on his men this untrepid officer charged the hostile position and although wounded three times in the sharp action which followed, killed the gunner and silenced the gun. In spite of his wounds, he courageously continued to direct his men until the enemy was completely routed. Captain CHMAR'S fearless, aggressive leadership and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant NED T IRISH, 01647519, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 135th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 22 February 1945, Lieutenant IRISH displayed outstanding leadership during an assault crossing of the Saar River near SERRIG, GERMANY, under a terrific enemy artillery, mortar and automatic weapons barrage. With complete disregard for his own safety, he personally cleared the launching site of barbed-wire barriers and directed the positions of the boats. When disorganization of the attack was threatened by the increased intensity of the hostile fire, he exposed himself to full view of the enemy to reorganize the men and lead them in the successful accomplishment of their mission. Lieutenant IRISH'S heroic example and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant VIRGIL S BURKS, 02015773, Infantry, Company E, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 11 April 1945, while leading his platoon through a wooded area near ERFURT, GERMANY, Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) BURKS received a leg wound in a sudden fire attack from a hidden enemy position. Unable to walk, he gallantly continued to lead his platoon, crawling forward into the fierce hostile fire, firing his rifle and directing his men by the use of arm signals. Inspired by his heroic leadership the platoon reorganized, overran the enemy position and killed twelve enemy soldiers. Lieutenant BURKS' courageous aggressiveness and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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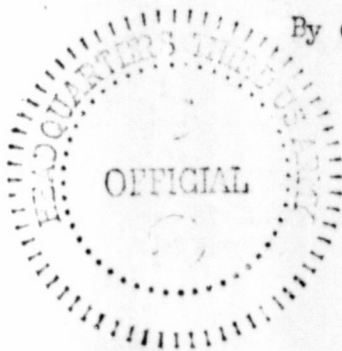
II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant OWEN DODSON, 33659166, Company C, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 21 March 1945, when deadly hostile machine gun fire pinned down Sergeant DODSON'S platoon during an attack against high ground positions near NEUSTADT, GERMANY, he courageously exposed himself to the withering fire to reorganize his men. Exhibiting cool, heroic leadership he assigned each squad a separate mission and taking a position well in advance of the forward elements, led them in the attack. Inspired by his fearless example, his men pressed on to the crest of the hill and in the bitter fighting which ensued, killed a number of enemy soldiers and captured seventy-five. Sergeant DODSON'S courageous actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

III. 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 to:

Technician Fifth Grade JAMES L MIRABILIO, 32445272, Battery A, 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in LUXEMBOURG. During three days of intense fighting from 17 - 19 December 1944 near HALLER, LUXEMBOURG, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) MIRABILIO fearlessly braved heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire to transport food and ammunition to front line troops, evacuate wounded comrades and guide armored columns across fire-swept terrain to positions where their fire power could be better utilized. Exhibiting great personal courage, he drove his one-quarter ton truck on one occasion at night through fog and inundated roads to alert friendly units for a withdrawal, and through his gallant efforts these units were evacuated with a minimum of loss. Technician Fifth Grade MIRABILIO'S heroic actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,  
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Chief of Staff.

L. L. MANLY,  
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