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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross (Oak-Leaf Cluster).
SECTION II - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
SECTION III - Award of Silver Star.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - 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, in addition to the Distinguished Service Cross previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant OSBORNE F SELLARS, 35588106, Company K, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During the two days of intense fighting from 17 March 1945 to 19 March 1945 near ITTENBACH, GERMANY, Sergeant SELLARS personally killed twenty-seven enemy soldiers and captured thirty-three others as he courageously led his platoon in a series of aggressive attacks to expand the bridgehead east of the Rhine River. In the initial attack he led his men across heavily mined, fire-swept terrain, knocking out an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance. Later in the day, he braved a heavy barrage of enemy shell-fire to adjust mortar fire on enemy troops regrouping for a counterattack. In the sharp action on the second day, he singlehandedly captured twenty-seven soldiers guarding a crossroads and killed thirteen others while riding on top of a tank. He then entered an enemy-held town alone after eliminating two hostile machine gun positions guarding the approaches to the village. Sergeant SELLARS' intrepid leadership and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. 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 LEE J BARSTON, 01053475, Infantry, 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, Lieutenant BARSTON led a small group of men in an attack against a suspected enemy headquarters at BARBING, GERMANY. Approaching the building from the back, he silenced an enemy machine gun firing from a position near the rear entrance and then led his attacking party inside where they encountered two enemy officers. In the bitter fire fight which ensued, he killed one officer, then fearlessly led his men in the fierce, close-range fighting from room to room which resulted in the capture of sixty enemy soldiers in the building. Lieutenant BARSTON'S heroic leadership and unswerving devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class JOHNNY C RODRIGUEZ, 38562280, Company I, 406th Infantry
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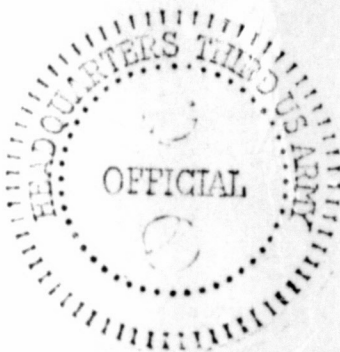
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Regiment, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 10 April 1945, Private RODRIGUEZ fearlessly braved withering enemy small arms fire to rescue three comrades seriously wounded during fierce, close-range action near STEIN in GERMANY. Advancing in the face of the heavy fire which had pinned down the rest of his platoon he administered first aid to the platoon guide who had been wounded by sniper fire and assisted in his removal to safety. He then carried his platoon leader 300 yards across the fire-swept terrain for treatment and returned under the intense hostile fire to rescue the third wounded man. Although he was painfully wounded in the last action, he treated his comrade's wound and moved him to cover. Private RODRIGUEZ'S heroic actions and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

III. 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:

Captain ARTHUR W DODSON, 31290044, Infantry, Company G, 376th Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 20 February 1945, when Captain (then First Lieutenant) DODSON'S company was pinned down by hostile machine gun fire a short distance from their objective near KREUZWEILER, GERMANY, he gallantly rallied his men and led them in bitter hand-to-hand fighting with the enemy forces. Facing the murderous barrage with cool defiance, he fearlessly advanced toward one of the enemy machine gun positions and with deadly, accurate fire killed two of the crew with his pistol, forcing eleven other enemy soldiers in dug-in positions nearby to surrender. This heroic act created disorganization among the other hostile troops, causing many of them to flee without their weapons, and so inspired his men that they overran the remaining enemy positions with a minimum of casualties. Captain DODSON'S courageous leadership and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

By command of General PATTON:



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