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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:

✓ Technical Sergeant GLENN M. STODER, 35330931, Company E, 319th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 26 November 1944, after friendly artillery and mortar fire had silenced all but one strongly fortified enemy position holding up Sergeant STODER'S platoon near ST AVOLD, FRANCE, he courageously led a BAR squad toward the building and while his men engaged the hostile troops in a fierce fire fight, skilfully crawled to a position near the enemy stronghold. With deadly aim he hurled several hand grenades into the building and knocked out the hostile machine gun and its crew. When the platoon was again pinned down as they entered a nearby woods, he selected an enemy-held house as their only cover and with fearless disregard for his own safety, advanced toward it in the face of heavy fire. Although wounded in the leg, he reached the building and tossing several grenades through the windows, led the assault to clear the house. Sergeant STODER'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant RAIMUNDO R. SALAS, 38071719, Company C, 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. During bitter action on the night of 15 - 16 October 1944, near EILENDORF, GERMANY, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) SALAS and his crew engaged hostile infantry elements in a fierce, close-range fire-fight and succeeded in driving them off. Fearlessly placing his tank destroyer in an advantageous position he prepared to meet the expected assault of hostile armored units. When his vehicle was engaged by four enemy tanks and abandoned by the crew after being seriously hit, this intrepid soldier remounted and manning the 3" gun alone, disabled two of the hostile armored units and forced the other two to withdraw. Sergeant SALAS' gallant actions were instrumental in saving friendly foot troops from being overrun by the enemy tanks; his gallantry and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provision 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:

First Lieutenant JAMES C. WOOLLEY, 0867369, MAC, 67th Evacuation Hospital (SH), United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 2 August 1944, near BERICNY, FRANCE, Lieutenant (then Chief Warrant Officer) WOOLLEY fearlessly organized litter squads and went to the aid of a number of men and officers

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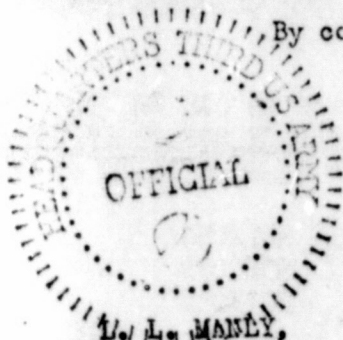
who had been injured by enemy mine explosions. With utter disregard for his own safety he directed the evacuation of the wounded men and entered the mine field on two occasions to assist in the treatment and removal of the wounded. When he entered the mine field for the second time he stepped on a mine which bounced into the air but failed to explode. In spite of this harrowing experience he courageously continued his efforts to aid the men injured by the previous explosions. Lieutenant WOOLLEY'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant TOY LARK, 6894820, Company B, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 13 March 1945, during an assault on high ground east of NIEDERZERT, GERMANY, Sergeant LARK courageously advanced alone to reconnoiter an enemy observation tower. With utter disregard for his own safety, he crawled to within a few yards of a wooded area before a burst of hostile machine gun fire emanating from a well concealed position near the tower wounded him in the stomach. Although in great pain, he attempted several times to assault the enemy position alone. When he could advance no farther, he signalled his men forward, and inspired by his heroic example they charged up the hill, overran the gun position and captured or killed the enemy crew. Sergeant LARK'S dauntless courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE - 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, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units for service between the dates indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD OF SERVICE</u>
498th Medical Collecting Company (Separate)	10 October 1944 to 10 December 1944
34th Medical Battalion, For the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment thereof	16 August 1944 to 12 June 1945

By command of General PATTON:



HOBART R. GLY,  
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