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Section I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross
Section II - Award of Silver Star
Section III - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 34, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Captain ROBERT S. DAYTON, 01892406, Infantry, 59th Armored Infantry Battalion, 13th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 29 April 1945, near PLITTLING, GERMANY, Captain DAYTON'S company was subjected to withering enemy mortar and artillery fire as they moved forward to establish a bridgehead across the ISAR River. With utter disregard for his own safety he exposed himself to intense hostile machine gun fire, led the advance towards the bitterly defended bridge, directed the elimination of enemy machine gun emplacements and deployed his men in defensive positions. Although momentarily stunned by enemy shell-fire during the course of the fierce action this intrepid officer continued to lead his men with inspirational courage and personally killed seven enemy soldiers. Captain DAYTON'S heroic leadership was instrumental in the successful establishment of the bridgehead; his gallant 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 1, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOHN R. HENDERSON, 02003350, Infantry, 393rd Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Belgium. During four days of fierce enemy counterattacks from 16 - 19 December 1944, near KRINKELT, BELGIUM, Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) HENDERSON displayed cool, heroic leadership and indomitable courage as he led his squad and then part of his battalion in a successful withdrawing action. When his platoon leader became a casualty, he fearlessly assumed command and although wounded, remained behind to cover the platoon by placing fire against the advancing enemy troops. Although weak from his wound, he voluntarily advanced through heavy hostile artillery fire and infiltrated through the enemy lines to lead Battalion units which had been cut off from the rest of the column back to the safety of friendly lines. Then, continuing his unselfish actions, he organized litter teams and led them into a fire-swept draw to evacuate comrades wounded by the intense enemy artillery barrage. Lieutenant HENDERSON'S exemplary heroism and unwavering devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Staff Sergeant WILLIAM R. POWELL, 6594483, Battery A, 242nd Field Artillery Battalion, 204th Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 20 January 1945, Sergeant POWELL was with an artillery forward observer's party directing fire against enemy positions near RUMTEENHEIM, FRANCE, when the enemy launched a preparatory artillery and mortar barrage which severed their communications and knocked out their radio. Acting on his own initiative, he courageously exposed himself to the intense hostile fire and although wounded, worked to repair the broken line in the face of the impending enemy attack. Before the line was completely severed hostile troops attacked in force, but he continued his heroic efforts until communications were re-established and friendly fire could be laid down upon the advancing enemy. Sergeant POWELL'S fearless actions enabled friendly infantry elements to repulse the attacks; his unselfish devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

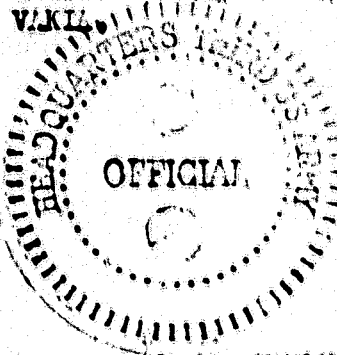
Private First Class RUSSELL W. PARKER, 42122763, Company A, 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 18 March 1945 during an advance through the town of IMLEXWELER, GERMANY, forward elements of Private PARKER'S company were held up by intense fire from two enemy machine guns on high ground north of the city. Forsaking his shelter inside a building he fearlessly advanced toward the hostile emplacements, although one of the machine guns directed all of its fire against him. With deadly, accurate automatic rifle fire, he killed the two-man crew operating the enemy gun and so effectively pinned down the hostile soldiers manning the other weapon that his company was enabled to advance and overrun the position. Private PARKER'S heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 32, Hq ATO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ATO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE RUTLER, 019735, Field Artillery, Headquarters 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 9th Armored Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in battle action with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 4 January 1945 to 6 May 1945 in BELGIUM, GERMANY, and CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

By command of General PATTON:

HORACE R. GAY,
Major General, US Army,
Chief of Staff.



L. L. HANLY,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Acting Adjutant General.

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