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GENERAL ORDERS

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- ADJUTANT GENERAL ORDER**
- Section I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross
  - Section II - Award of Silver Star
  - Section III - Award of Bronze Star Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)
  - Section IV - Award of Bronze Star Medal

**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:

Sergeant VITO C. FUMILLA, 36682054, Company F, 385th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 10 April 1945, near DASHWIG, GERMANY, when Sergeant FUMILLA'S platoon was pinned down by murderous enemy fire several hundred yards short of their objective, he fearlessly stood up in the face of this withering fire and charged the hostile machine gun guarding an approach to the town. With deadly, accurate fire he killed four and captured a like number of the enemy gun crew. Without waiting for his platoon to join him, he charged hostile troops entrenched in defensive positions outside the town and eliminated three of them while routing the others so completely that his platoon was enabled to break through into the town. Then, assuming command of his squad again, he led the advance into the town and killed four more enemy soldiers firing at his men from sniper positions. Through Sergeant FUMILLA'S heroic actions, his platoon was enabled to attain their objective; his indomitable fighting spirit 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 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:

Major General HARRY J. COLLINS, 07520, United States Army, Headquarters 42nd Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 15 March 1945, near REIPERTSWEILER, FRANCE, General COLLINS fearlessly exposed himself to intense hostile automatic weapons, mortar and artillery fire and made his way forward to the leading elements of his division whose attack had been slowed by fierce enemy resistance. With utter disregard for his own safety, this intrepid officer advanced through the heavily mined area and the withering hostile fire, contacted his battalion and regimental commanders at a forward battalion observation post and personally directed the attack. General COLLIN'S inspiring leadership was instrumental in a renewed and successful advance against the enemy; his heroic actions and unwavering devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

**III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)** - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, (over)

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**R E S T R I C T E D**

GO No. 244, Hq Third US Army, 7 September 1945, Cont'd.

as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq APO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Colonel EARLE A. JOHNSON, 08210, Infantry, 302nd Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. 8 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in GERMANY.

Captain KARL YOST OLWYNSKI, Infantry, Headquarters 35th Tank Battalion, 6th Armored Division, United States Army. 20 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 56, Hq APO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq APO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Major CHARLES M. SANFORD, 036809, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 86th Engineer Heavy Pontoon Battalion, United States Army. 1 June 1944 to 2 May 1945 in UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM, and GERMANY.

First Sergeant JOHN E. RIEHL, 37269543, Company E, 1301st Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. 22 March 1945 to 15 April 1945 in GERMANY.

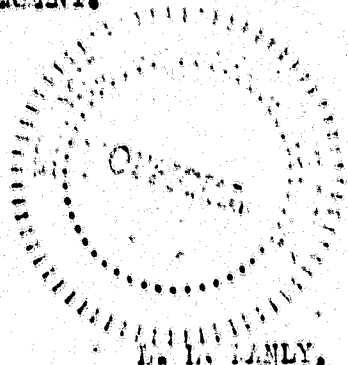
Staff Sergeant ALLEN H. SITTERWHITE, 33027741, Troop E, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, United States Army. 24 December 1944 to 15 February 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY.

Technician Fifth Grade CLINTON C. BLAZA, 35749136, Service Battery, 264th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 9 September 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM, and GERMANY.

Private First Class CLAY O. HOLLEY, 36947951, Artillery Section, Headquarters Third U. S. Army, United States Army. 9 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in GERMANY.

By command of General HATTOM:

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



D. L. JANLY,

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

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