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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, the Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel DELA M ODEW, 020305, Cavalry, Headquarters 35th Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 26 March 1945, during operations near GUISSEN, GERMANY, Colonel ODEW fearlessly maintained position at the head of his armored task force although suffering from a wound received a few days previously. When blown out of his tank by a direct hit from an enemy 88mm gun which killed his gunner and set fire to the tank, this dauntless officer mounted another tank and continued to lead the attack. Inspired by his intrepid gallantry, the task force drove forward to inflict tremendous losses of men and materiel upon the enemy. Colonel ODEW'S heroic leadership and indomitable fighting spirit are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (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 Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT P BOOTH, 0307274, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. During fierce action near HARSCHHEID, GERMANY, on 6 - 7 February 1945, Colonel BOOTH personally led his battalion through withering enemy small arms, automatic weapons, mortar and artillery fire in a gallant assault against strongly defended Siegfried positions. Inspired by his example of heroic leadership, his men routed the enemy and secured their objective in the face of overwhelming odds. By continually exposing himself to enemy fire in order to visit even the smallest of his units he maintained a high state of morale among his troops and was able to direct attacks on individual objectives. Colonel BOOTH'S dauntless actions and inspirational courage are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

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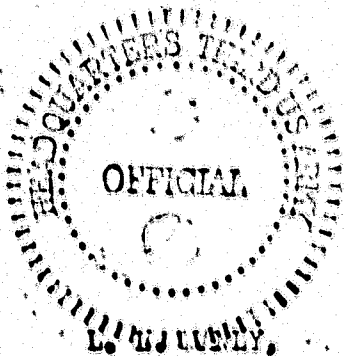
III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

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Captain JOSEPH E. KASUN, 01296010, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 41th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 28 April 1945, Captain KASUN fearlessly led his company forward against fierce enemy resistance in an attempt to capture the city of LANDSBERG, GERMANY. With his company ambushed and split in two sections by enemy action, he gallantly continued forward with a small force of men and audaciously assaulted the city. Exhibiting daring, aggressive leadership, this intrepid officer so skilfully deployed his small group that an enemy commander, believing himself surrounded by a large force, surrendered his entire garrison of approximately one thousand men. Captain KASUN'S dauntless, heroic actions and unwavering devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze-Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant BERNARD R. ERELMID, 59003454, Headquarters Battery, 738th Field Artillery Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 4 April 1945 to 8 May 1945 in GERMANY.

By command of General PATTON:



ROBERT R. GAY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

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

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