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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.  
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Sergeant ROBERT HANSEN JR, 19112136, Company "A", 603d Tank Destroyer Battalion, (SP), United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 12 November 1944, during furious fighting near MANY, FRANCE, the tank destroyer which Sergeant HANSEN commanded was hit and disabled by enemy fire, and the crew was forced to dismount. Upon locating the source of enemy fire, Sergeant HANSEN bravely remounted his burning vehicle and, unassisted, fired the 76mm antitank gun until the destroyer was again hit and demolished. Then, braving the intense enemy fire, he attempted to go to the aid of the crew members of another disabled destroyer but was knocked unconscious by an exploding shell. Sergeant HANSEN'S courageous determination to destroy the enemy, and his conspicuous heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade EDWARD J STEPANIK, 36359999, Company "C", 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. The supreme courage and unselfish devotion to duty Technician Fifth Grade (then Private) STEPANIK displayed while serving as an aid man with his infantry company during intense fighting near UCKANGE, FRANCE, distinguishes him as an outstanding soldier. Completely disregarding his own safety he fearlessly braved fierce enemy fire to administer aid to his wounded comrades, repeatedly performing individual acts of heroism above and beyond the call of duty. Technician Fifth Grade STEPANIK'S heroic accomplishments exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

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\* Captain JOSEPH H CREIGHTON, 01192683, Corps of Engineers, 1512th Engineer Water Supply Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 25 July 1944 to 14 September 1944.

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First Lieutenant ESTHER M LEECH, N783421, Army Nurse Corps, 104th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 June 1944 to 15 January 1945.

First Lieutenant RICHARD D ALFORD, O1114754, Corps of Engineers, 1512th Engineer Water Supply Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 25 July 1944 to 14 September 1944.

First Lieutenant LOIS I JERNBERG, N783326, Army Nurse Corps, 104th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 June 1944 to 16 January 1945.

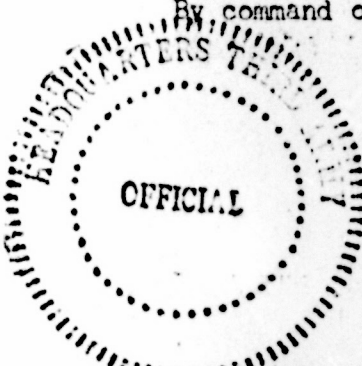
First Lieutenant FLORENCE M SHOTKOSKI, N734637, Army Nurse Corps, 104th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 June 1944 to 16 January 1945.

Second Lieutenant MARGARET PETERSON, N737749, Army Nurse Corps, 104th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 June 1944 to 16 January 1945.

Second Lieutenant ELISE S FRAYER, N784416, Army Nurse Corps, 104th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 June 1944 to 19 January 1945.

Second Lieutenant ROSE M RINELA, N783818, Army Nurse Corps, 104th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 June 1944 to 16 January 1945.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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