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~~SECTION I~~ Award of Distinguished Service Cross. (Posthumous).
~~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 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 posthumously to:

Staff Sergeant GEORGE GAYDUSH, 33038908, Company D, 331st Infantry Regiment, 83d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 18 April 1945, during a fierce enemy counterattack near TOCHHELM, GERMANY, Sergeant GAYDUSH fired a light machine gun from the hip until he was seriously wounded, contributing in great measure towards repulsing the enemy attack. He gallantly refused evacuation until other wounded men had been removed. When the enemy attacked again, this intrepid soldier manned a machine gun to help repulse the enemy for a second time. Although evacuated shortly thereafter, he later died from his wound. Sergeant GAYDUSH'S heroic actions and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

Private First Class VIRGIL E BARTON, 35900924, Company A, 49th Armored Infantry Battalion, 8th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 12 April 1945 during action near DERENBERG, GERMANY, Private BARTON was painfully wounded but gallantly maintained fire upon an enemy position with his BAR. When the element of which he was lead scout encountered a hostile dug-in machine gun position and he was again wounded, this time mortally, he courageously continued to man his weapon and succeeded in pinning down the enemy until his comrades eliminated the position. Private BARTON'S heroic self-sacrificing action and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

Private First Class ANTHONY L MARKOVICH, 33399546, Company A, 61st Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 20 February 1945, during an attack on PALZEM, GERMANY, Private MARKOVICH'S squad was pinned down by intense hostile machine gun fire from a nearby building. With fearless disregard for his own safety, this intrepid soldier, advancing through the withering enemy fire, hurled a grenade at the position. After being knocked to the ground and seriously wounded by hostile small arms fire, he gallantly rose to his feet and destroyed the emplacement with another grenade. He was hit again by sniper fire, and later was killed by an enemy grenade. Private MARKOVICH'S self-sacrificing actions enabled his squad to accomplish its mission. His dauntless courage and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to his comrades.

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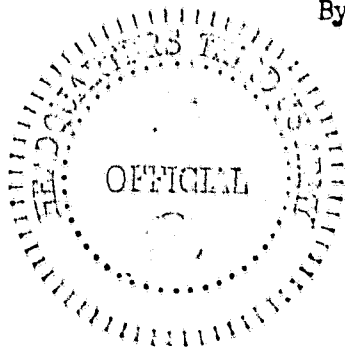
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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Major EDWARD T COTTER, O1573133, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters 519th Quartermaster Group, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Captain ROBERT S HOLLISTER, O1574447, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters 519th Quartermaster Group, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

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