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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, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant RICHARD M GROFF, 33149270, Company L, 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 3 January 1945, during fierce action near NOTHUM, LUXEMBOURG, Sergeant GROFF, exposing himself to intense hostile tank fire, picked up a light machine gun and a box of ammunition and led two machine gun sections into position. When the crews of the other two guns were killed by enemy sniper fire, this intrepid soldier dropped to his knees and opened fire with his machine gun. His ammunition exhausted, he crawled through the withering hostile fire to man one of the other machine guns, neutralizing the enemy fire and enabling his platoon to move into a more favorable position. Sergeant GROFF'S heroic, dauntless actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class HARRY G GAMBLE JR, 33501093, Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 22 October 1944, during action near L'ONCOURT WOODS, FRANCE, Private GAMBLE'S company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he volunteered to silence the weapon and fearlessly advanced alone, armed only with a demolition charge. Skillfully maneuvering to within a few feet of the enemy emplacement, he lit the charge and threw it into the machine gun position, destroying the gun and killing the crew of six. Private GAMBLE'S heroic, dauntless actions and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with 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 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:

Master Sergeant LOUIS R MATTHEW, 33063950, Headquarters 252d Field Artillery Group, United States Army. 20 February 1945 to 3 April 1945 in FRANCE, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Master Sergeant EDWARD J ZEKYNSKI, 32775439, Headquarters 287th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. 23 December 1944 to 3 May 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE and GERMANY.

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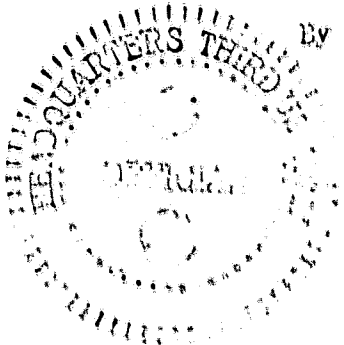
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III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE -- By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 338th Quartermaster Truck Company (Heavy) for service between 1 February 1945 and 31 July 1945.

By command of General ELLISON:



PAUL D. HARKINS,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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