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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 (POSTHUMOUS) - 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:

First Lieutenant EDWARD C CHRISTL, 026591, Field Artillery, Headquarters 868th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in AUSTRIA. On 4 May 1945, during an attack on EFERDING, AUSTRIA, our troops met fierce resistance from German SS troops. Lieutenant CHRISTL, although an artillery forward observer, heroically volunteered to lead an infantry squad into the bitterly defended town. With utter disregard for his own safety, he exposed himself to intense hostile automatic weapons fire and led his men in the successful accomplishment of their mission. Lieutenant CHRISTL was killed in this action, but his dauntless heroism and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

First Lieutenant H. ROLD D SWAN, 0538226, Infantry, Company I, 406th Infantry Regiment, 102d Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 10 April 1945, near STEINBURG, GERMANY, two platoons of Lieutenant SWAN'S company were ambushed by the enemy and pinned down by murderous small arms fire from well concealed positions. With utter disregard for his own safety he made a lone reconnaissance and established his machine gun section at such strategic positions that the hostile troops were subjected to a devastating cross-fire. During the fierce action which ensued, this intrepid officer exposed himself to the intense hostile fire on numerous occasions in order to draw fire upon himself and reveal the location of the hidden enemy. Although he was killed by a sniper, Lieutenant SWAN'S heroic leadership enabled the ambushed platoons to withdraw from their untenable position. His supreme gallantry and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant HOWARD O WAGNER, 32636734, Company A, 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 17 September 1944, during heavy action near LANDREMONT, FRANCE, Sergeant WAGNER, though painfully wounded, heroically refused evacuation and continued to attack the enemy. Armed only with a pistol, he captured two enemy soldiers and urged his men forward against the numerically superior hostile troops. He gallantly manned a machine gun and though surrounded by the enemy, fought on, courageously refusing to surrender, until mortally wounded. Sergeant WAGNER'S heroic leadership and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 22, 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:

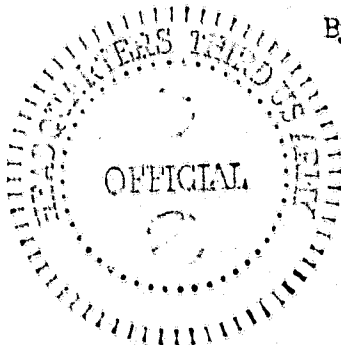
Lieutenant Colonel CARL T DUBUY, 023650, Medical Corps, Headquarters Third United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 28 January 1945 in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG.

Major JOHN F WOLF, 0373131, Infantry, Headquarters Third United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKI and AUSTRIA.

Captain CHARLES E LA HAUSOIS, French Army, Office of Strategic Services, French Office of Strategic Services Detachment, attached to 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. 8 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Sub-Lieutenant PHILIPPE A MAYER, French Army, Office of Strategic Services, French Office of Strategic Services Detachment, attached to 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. 8 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

By command of General PATTON:



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