

AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.
AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS).
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 1. 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:

Captain **WEND L. SKELLY**, O355105, Infantry, Company F, 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 17 February 1945, during fierce house-to-house fighting in SAARLOUIS-RODEN, GERMANY, Captain SKELLY, fearlessly braving intense hostile automatic weapons and rocket fire, moved through a heavily mined area in order to make a personal reconnaissance. He led his company against bitterly defended enemy fortified positions, moving man to man and fearlessly exposing himself to the withering enemy fire in order to direct the action of his troops. Inspired by this heroic leadership, his men moved forward and reduced the enemy positions, allowing the rest of the battalion to advance and secure its objective. Although Captain SKELLY was killed on the following day by an enemy mine, his dauntless courage and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to his men.

2. 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:

Major **ALEXANDER C STILLER**, O101000, Infantry, Headquarters Third United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 27 March 1945, when murderous enemy sniper fire threatened to disorganize a force under his command near HILDEBURG, GERMANY, Major STILLER fearlessly and deliberately exposed himself to this fire in order to rally his men. Through his example of coolness and gallantry, he organized and inspired them to resist the superior enemy force. Although wounded by enemy fire which had previously wounded his gunner and killed his driver, he calmly stood his ground and directed the defense of the position. Major STILLER'S outstanding leadership, his unflinching heroism and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (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 Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Sergeant **ALFRED KELLY**, 32735098, Company F, 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 17 February 1945, during bitter house-to-house fighting at FRULAUTERN, GERMANY, Sergeant KELLY deliberately exposed himself to enemy fire in ascertaining hostile

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... fire trapped several of his...
... the capture of his platoon leaders, he killed...
... a perimeter defense around the collapsed structure and fiercely fought off...
... attempts to capture any more of his comrades. Sergeant KELLY'S...
... and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest...
... of the Army service.

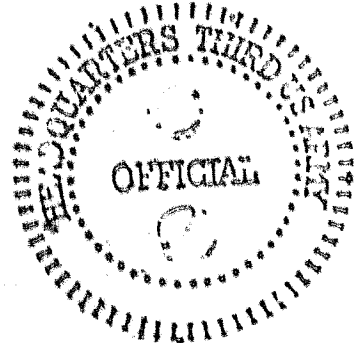
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class JOHN J MC CARTHY, 3201420, Company A, 10th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 27 March 1945, during sharp action against the enemy near HANDELBURG, GERMANY, Private MC CARTHY courageously remained at his post under withering enemy fire to render aid to his wounded comrades. Although taken prisoner several times during the following three weeks, he managed to order his captors on each occasion and finally return to his own unit. Private MC CARTHY'S unselfish actions and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant RICHARD G MEERS, 01551996, Quartermaster Corps, 3453d Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 7 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

By command of Lieutenant General TRUSCOTT:



VON E. CARLSTON,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

L. L. MANLY,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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11 February 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. John J. McCarthy
Box 386
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

So much of General Orders 288, Headquarters 3d United States Army, dated 10 October 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to John J. McCarthy, 32 OLA 428, is amended to read "Second Oak Leaf Cluster."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

E. C. Hope
Adjutant General

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