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SECTION I - AWARD of Distinguished Service Cross.
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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.- By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1945, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ROBERT G BUSSARD, 19160279, Company E, 378th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 15 November 1944 Sergeant BUSSARD reorganized and led his depleted platoon in a frontal assault against the strong and heavily barricaded FORT D'ILLANGE in FRANCE. When an enemy pillbox opened up with automatic weapons fire, wounding him in the knees, he continued the gallant advance alone to within grenade range of the hostile strongpoint. Then, with deadly accuracy, he hurled a grenade into the fortification, killing four enemy soldiers, and then single-handedly routed the remaining twelve occupants, taking them prisoner. He was wounded a second time before he could resume command of his platoon. Sergeant BUSSARD'S courageous aggressiveness and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class JOHN W. METYCH, 36315258, Company E, 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 9 November 1944, during an attack against high ground near HANNICIS WOODS, FRANCE, Private METYCH'S squad was pinned down by withering enemy machine gun fire. Firing his BAR with deadly effect, he assaulted the position alone, destroying the weapon and killing the two-man crew. Again the squad was halted by a second hostile machine gun and again he charged, this time forcing the crew of three to surrender. When a third enemy gun opened fire, he gallantly moved forward again, and although wounded in the leg before he could reach the strongpoint, continued to deliver such devastating fire that his comrades were enabled to overrun the position. Private METYCH'S courageous action and unflinching devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1945, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Major General JOHN HILLIKIN, 02656, United States Army, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. From 8 - 10 March 1945, shortly after Corps units under his command had seized intact the Ludendorff Bridge at REMAGEN, GERMANY, General HILLIKIN fearlessly exposed himself to fierce hostile aerial bombardment and artillery fire of all calibers to personally spearhead the advance of our troops in the initial crossing of the Rhine River. When the great volume of hostile fire pinned down elements

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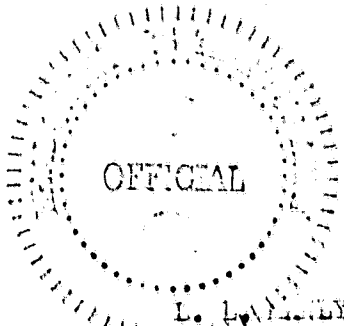
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of the assault forces, he calmly moved among them, shouting words of encouragement and supervising the treatment and evacuation of casualties. General HILLIARD'S cool self-assurance and heroic deliberation effectively inspired our forces to establish a secure foothold across the Rhine. His leadership and unwavering devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant BRENT W. HASTY, 34409759, Company "A", 20th Armored Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 19 November 1944, when a heavy concentration of enemy fire had killed or wounded all the members of Sergeant HASTY'S machine gun section during fierce action near SCHWIRDOREFF, FRANCE, he evacuated the wounded men to safety and courageously returned to man the weapon alone. As an overwhelming number of hostile troops attempted a thrust at the left flank of his company, he delivered such a devastating stream of fire that a portion of them were either killed or wounded and the enemy attack broken off. Sergeant HASTY'S heroic determination prevented a serious threat to his comrades' flanking positions. His dauntless actions and unwavering devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:



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