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- SECTION II - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
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I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4. - Colonel GEORGE S SPEIDEL, JR, PO 306, General Staff Corps, this Headquarters, is announced as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Headquarters Third United States Army.

II. 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:

Second Lieutenant FREDERICK K BAUER, 0526465, Infantry, Company A, 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 1 December 1944, when enemy armor and infantry in great strength sought to dislodge our forces from the newly-won town of ST BARBARA, GERMANY, Lieutenant BAUER led his reinforced company in a spirited dawn attack which succeeded in clearing the town of all but two hostile tanks. Although suffering from a painful face wound, he organized a volunteer rocket team and advanced with them through a hail of enemy rifle fire to where effective fire could be placed on the hostile armor. Wounded a second time, he refused evacuation until the two tanks had been forced to withdraw under the heavy fire he directed against them. Lieutenant BAUER'S gallant tenacity and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

III. 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 to:

First Lieutenant ELLER T COTTON, 01175407, Field Artillery, Detachment F-362, Company F, 3d Military Government Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. From 17 - 22 April 1945, Lieutenant COTTON demonstrated great personal courage and initiative in organizing and maintaining military government administrative establishments in the towns of KOHLSTEIN, HESSENHOF and BEZELDORF, GERMANY. As a member of a spearhead military government team with the 14th Armored Division, he contributed much to the success of tactical operations. Lieutenant COTTON'S aggressiveness and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant HAROLD T GARVIN, 0529832, Field Artillery, Battery B, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 4 Apr 1 1945, when an enemy patrol attacked friendly elements of

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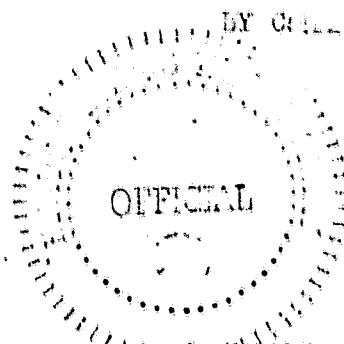
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an anti-aircraft artillery position near SCHIERSCHWENDE, GERMANY, Lieutenant GARVIN went to the aid of several comrades who had been wounded in the skirmish. In the face of fierce enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, he crossed open terrain to where the men lay and finding them unable to walk, administered first aid and carried them to safety. Lieutenant GARVIN'S unflinching courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Sergeant JOSEPH A. COSTE, 3549666, Battery A, 482d Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Gun Battalion (504th-Propelled), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Europe. From 27 to 29 December 1944, when numerically superior enemy forces advanced to cross the road leading into HAUER, ISSELBOURG, First Sergeant (then Sergeant) COSTE displayed great personal courage and leadership ability in directing his assault weapons section in a vigorous defense of the town. Even as hostile troops moved to encircle his positions, he calmly stood his ground and on one occasion single-handedly thwarted a desperate enemy frontal assault. Sergeant COSTE'S aggressiveness and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN SCOTT:



DON E. GARLETON,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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