

150  
9  
1  
9  
RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS  
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 403

GENERAL ORDERS

7 February 1945.

NUMBER 32

SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.  
SECTION II - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOHN C SNYDER, O1177644, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 775th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. The conspicuous bravery Lieutenant SNYDER displayed while leading a reconnaissance patrol of the 5th Ranger Battalion near LUDWELLER, GERMANY, on 21 December, distinguishes him as an outstanding leader. With complete disregard for his own safety, he preceded his patrol to within fifty yards of a strongly defended enemy position and called for supporting artillery fire. Then, although wounded by the friendly fire he was directing, Lieutenant SNYDER courageously remained in his exposed position directing effective fire which destroyed one pillbox, damaged another, and killed and wounded many of the enemy. Lieutenant SNYDER'S heroic determination, courage, and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant HAROLD B CORDES, 37243852, Company "G", 22d Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 2 August 1944, during action near VILLEBAUDON, FRANCE, one of the tanks advancing with Sergeant CORDES' regiment was hit and set on fire. Sergeant CORDES, noticing that a wounded crew member was trapped inside the burning tank, fearlessly braved intense enemy fire falling in the area and went to the endangered soldier's aid. Completely disregarding his own safety, the intrepid soldier mounted the flaming tank, and although burned severely and wounded by the enemy fire, he succeeded in extricating the trapped crew member. Sergeant CORDES' conspicuous heroism, and his unselfish courage and loyal devotion to duty exemplify 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 No. 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir No. 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade LEONARD I BISHOP, 34656337, 88th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad (Separate), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 5 January 1945, in BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, Technician Fifth Grade BISHOP was working with his squad to remove a buried bomb. When intense enemy artillery fire was directed against the squad, Technician Fifth Grade BISHOP, completely disregarding his own safety,

- 1 -

RESTRICTED

**RESTRICTED**

GO No. 32, Hq Third US Army, 7 Feb 1945, cont'd.

jumped into a truck nearby which was loaded with blasting caps and high explosives and drove it through the intense fire to a place of safety. His conspicuous courage and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

X Lieutenant Colonel HARRY S SHELLEY, O291116, Medical Corps, 101st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 20 July 1944 to 8 January 1945.

X Major WILLIS J KIRKBRIDE, O1693427, Medical Corps, 614th Medical Clearing Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 September 1944 to 24 January 1945.

X First Sergeant GEORGE P BRESLIN, 35121165, 39th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 17 July 1944 to 31 December 1944.

X Technical Sergeant BRYAN O BARTLETT, 33521145, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 1 August 1944 to 24 January 1945.

X Technician Fourth Grade MAXWELL L MOORE, 37245223, 3043d Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 12 July 1944 to 10 January 1945.

X Private JOHN W HAGAN JR, 31362238, Company "C", 168th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at ST VITH, BELGIUM, from 17 December 1944 to 22 December 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Chief of Staff.

R. E. CUMMINGS,  
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,  
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

3 - T.G.(Att: Dec & Awards Br)  
1 - CG ETO US Army (AG Ops Div-2)  
    (Awards & Dec B AG Mil Pers Div-2)

2 - CG 12th A Gp (G-1 Sec - 1)  
    (CO 37th MRU - 1)  
18 - AG Misc  
6 - G-1, AG's Hq

**RESTRICTED**