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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 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:

Lieutenant Colonel TOBIAS R PHILBIN JR, 0389385, Infantry, First Battalion, 379th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Colonel PHILBIN repeatedly distinguished himself by his audacious determination. On 16 November, during action near GR. VELOTIE, FRANCE, he entered an enemy occupied building alone, killed five of the enemy and captured the remaining five, thus clearing the way for an advance on FORT JUSSY. On 19 November, Colonel PHILBIN again distinguished himself by boldly leading a small party into ROZERIEULLES, FRANCE, where they blew up the enemy ammunition dump supplying FORT JEANNE D'ARC. Colonel PHILBIN'S conspicuous heroism, many times displayed, and his courage, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant FRANK R KUTAK, 0447037, Infantry, Company "A", 53d Armored Infantry Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 25 December 1944, Lieutenant KUTAK led Company "A", 53d Armored Infantry Battalion in an attack on REMOIVILLE, BELGIUM. Completely disregarding his own safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire, inspiring his men by his courage and fearless leadership. As a result of the attack, the strongly defended town was captured. That night, although he had been wounded twice, Lieutenant KUTAK reorganized his company and again distinguished himself by boldly leading his men against a numerically superior enemy force. His conspicuous heroism, many times displayed, and his courage and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant LEMUEL G TILSON, 3721165, Company "F", 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. During heavy fighting in FRAULAUTERN, GERMANY, on 12 December 1944, the 3d Platoon of Company "F", 377th Infantry was isolated from the main body of the company by enemy action. Sergeant TILSON, realizing that casualties in the isolated platoon were without medical aid, organized a squad from his platoon to rescue them. Attacking an enemy-held building in which the wounded were held prisoners, Sergeant TILSON boldly fought his way inside, engaged the enemy in a grenade fight, and drove them from room to room until the entire building was taken. As a result of Sergeant TILSON'S courageous actions the casualties were evacuated, twenty of the enemy were captured, and

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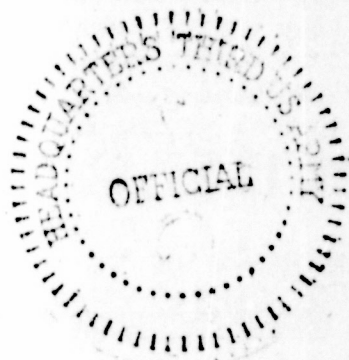
the company's objective was carried. His conspicuous heroism and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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

Staff Sergeant ROBERT L LAZENBY, 34771662, Company "C", 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 9 November 1944, during action near HUNTING, FRANCE, the squad with which Sergeant LAZENBY was advancing was halted by an enemy machine-gun, and the squad leader was severely wounded. Sergeant LAZENBY quickly reorganized the men, assumed command, and then advanced alone against the enemy position, braving the intense fire directed against him. Approaching closely, he threw three hand grenades which destroyed the gun and killed the crew. He returned to his men and led them in a further attack against the enemy. Sergeant LAZENBY'S conspicuous heroism, courageous leadership, and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade CLAYTON R CLOUGH, 31351492, 580th Ambulance Company, Motor, United States Army. For gallantry in action. The conspicuous courage Technician Fifth Grade CLOUGH displayed while performing his duties as an ambulance driver marks him as an outstanding soldier. On 17 December, at CLERF, LUXEMBOURG, he fearlessly braved intense enemy fire to rescue a wounded soldier from an exposed position. Although wounded himself during this action, Technician Fifth Grade CLOUGH continued on his voluntary mission and succeeded in evacuating the wounded soldier. His heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HOBART R. GAY,
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