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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir No. 52, 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 ODIE T STALLCUP, O532119, Infantry, First Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 27 September 1944, during an enemy counter-attack near PETTEHCOURT, FRANCE, Lieutenant STALLCUP, an anti-tank platoon leader, was wounded by artillery fire. Disregarding his wounds he rallied his men and personally manned an anti-tank gun until the enemy attack was stopped. Then, having established contact with a group of riflemen, he courageously led them in a determined attack, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. Not until he reorganized his troops in a defensive position did he permit himself to be evacuated. Lieutenant STALLCUP'S inspiring, heroic leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

✓ Staff Sergeant HARRY L LUTHER, 37162022, Company "K", 320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 29 December 1944. Sergeant LUTHER, while leading a patrol near HARLANCE, LUXEMBOURG, encountered a strongly manned enemy machine-gun outpost. He promptly shot the sentry guarding the position, threw several grenades into the dugout, and captured a prisoner. He captured two more Germans in another nearby dugout, and upon investigating a third position, captured another of the enemy. Upon hearing a noise in the first dugout he had entered, Sergeant LUTHER returned there and captured four more prisoners; and later while searching the area, he took prisoner two more of the enemy when they attacked him. Sergeant LUTHER'S audacious determination, conspicuous heroism and fearless, devoted leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade COLEMAN S ROGERS, 33226061, Medical Detachment, 317th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 8 November 1944, near MORVILLE-SUR-SAILLE, FRANCE, Technician Fourth Grade ROGERS was severely wounded by enemy artillery fire while closely following advancing troops. Then, despite his own wounds, he dragged himself painfully across a muddy field to where another wounded soldier lay; bandaged the man's wounds and attempted to crawl to the rear with the wounded soldier on his back. The physical strain proved too much for Technician Fourth Grade ROGERS in his wounded condition, and he was found and evacuated sometime later, too weak to bandage his own wounds. His conspicuous, heroic courage and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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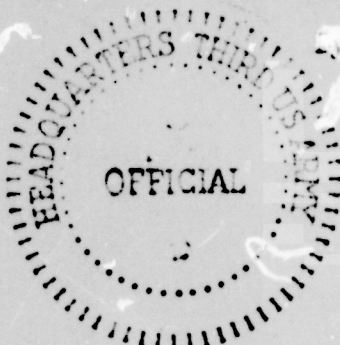
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✓ Corporal EUGENE L LAFOUNTAIN, 39389247, Company "B", 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy at SAARLAUTERN-RODEN, GERMANY, on 4 December 1944. Corporal LAFOUNTAIN, commanding a tank destroyer, attacked three enemy tanks, destroyed one and crippled or destroyed another. Enemy anti-tank weapons then opened fire, wounding Corporal LAFOUNTAIN and killing the assistant driver. The remaining members of the crew, not realizing that Corporal LAFOUNTAIN had been wounded, left the tank, protected in their withdrawal by the fire of the gallant Corporal who fought until his ammunition was exhausted. Only then did he leave his tank destroyer and permit himself to be evacuated. The cool courage and supreme devotion to duty of Corporal LAFOUNTAIN reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

II. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETC US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETC US Army, 27 May 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units for service between the dates indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
✓ 593d Ambulance Company, Motor (Separate)	1 August 1944 to 30 November 1944
✓ 3577th Quartermaster Truck Company	17 September 1944 to 17 November 1944
✓ 594th Ambulance Company, Motor	25 July 1944 to 25 December 1944
✓ 258th Quartermaster Railhead Company	16 October 1944 to 22 December 1944
✓ 352d Quartermaster Railhead Company	24 July 1944 to 22 December 1944
✓ 585th Medical Ambulance Company, Motor (Separate)	6 June 1944 to 1 December 1944
✓ 514th Quartermaster Group, for the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment thereof	20 July 1944 to 20 September 1944
✓ 171st Medical Battalion, for the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment thereof	6 June 1944 to 1 December 1944

in command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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