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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

1. 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 posthumously to:

Private First Class WILBUR C PYLE, 18198599, Company "C", 134th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 14 November 1944, Private First Class PYLE was advancing with his company against the enemy near BEVINGE, FRANCE. When a series of defensive enemy foxholes were encountered, Private First Class PYLE unhesitatingly advanced upon them. His helmet was knocked off by an enemy bullet as he started forward but he went on without it, ignoring the heavy frontal and flanking fire laid down by the enemy. He captured three of the enemy in the first foxhole and sent them to the rear. He coolly advanced upon a second and third foxhole, throwing grenades, and captured two more prisoners. Still advancing, he threw grenades into the fourth foxhole, killing one of the entrenched enemy and capturing another. Private First Class PYLE'S courageous determination to engage the enemy, and his conspicuous heroism and inspiring devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provision 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, the award of a Distinguished Service Cross to the following named officer on 18 January 1945 is announced:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN H MASON, C345436, Infantry, Third Battalion, 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 25 October 1944, in the vicinity of ELIZIERES, FRANCE, Colonel MASON organized and led an attack against a determined enemy force that had been resisting for several days. At the height of the attack, during the heaviest of mortar and artillery barrages, Colonel MASON, completely disregarding his own safety, continually roamed the front lines encouraging and assisting his troops; inspiring them by his personal bravery and conspicuous leadership. On one occasion he personally assisted a mortar crew by preparing 60mm rounds for firing. His heroism, intrepid leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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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:

✓ First Lieutenant JOHN T CAULFIELD, 01556854, Ordnance Department, 2d Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 9 June 1944. Lieutenant CAULFIELD displayed exemplary courage and presence of mind when the Liberty ship on which he was aboard was shelled by enemy shore batteries. Completely disregarding his own safety, he remained in an exposed position on deck and rendered first aid to the wounded. His heroism and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ First Lieutenant THOMAS J O'CONNOR, 01016969, Infantry, Company "C", 748th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 January 1945, near BUTZDORF, GERMANY, Lieutenant O'CONNOR displayed outstanding heroism by braving intense enemy fire to go to the aid of a wounded soldier who was in an exposed position. Lieutenant O'CONNOR'S conspicuous courage and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

✓ Sergeant FARKER D HAYES JR, 38029063, Company "A", 748th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 23 January 1945. The outstanding, heroic leadership Sergeant HAYES displayed commanding a platoon of tanks during action in NENNIG, GERMANY, distinguishes him as an outstanding soldier. His inspiring, courageous actions and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Master Sergeant THOMAS C CARR, 35405437, 39th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and BELGIUM from 11 November 1944 to 30 December 1944.

✓ Master Sergeant JAMES B CRUMBLY, 17041647, 570th Ordnance Ammunition Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 27 August 1944 to 27 December 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant EMANUEL STREET, 36389933, 570th Ordnance Ammunition Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 5 November 1944 to 27 December 1944.

✓ Technical Sergeant OSCAR BANKS, 38117941, 620th Ordnance Ammunition Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and BELGIUM from 1 August 1944 to 1 February 1945.

✓ Staff Sergeant ALVIN J TATENHORST, 36347980, 585th Ambulance Company, Motor, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 August 1944 to 13 January 1945.

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Technician Third Grade CARROLL G WILFORD, 38388620, 129th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 27 August 1944 to 24 January 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade FRANCIS H MULLER, 32462725, Company "A", 92d Medical Gas Treatment Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM from 20 December 1944 to 25 January 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH PANDOLFO, 32909128, Company "B", 1301st Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 7 December 1944 to 21 December 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade JESSIE D BURNS, 34826351, 841st Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 2 August 1944 to 25 January 1945.

Private First Class WILLARD A BUSH, 38324502, 495th Medical Collecting Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM from 28 December 1944 to 22 January 1945.

III. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE - 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, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units for service between the dates indicated:

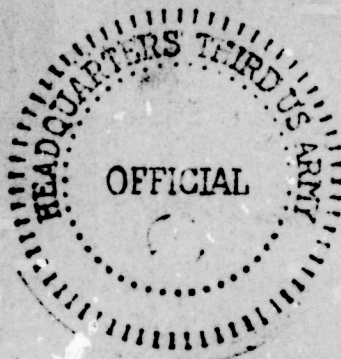
<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
3007th Quartermaster Bakery Company (Mobile)	3 November 1944 to 3 January 1945
94th Medical Gas Treatment Battalion	10 November 1944 to 8 January 1945
3801st Quartermaster Truck Company	1 August 1944 to 31 December 1944
3034th Quartermaster Bakery Company (Mobile)	6 October 1944 to 26 December 1944
3450th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company	9 August 1944 to 1 January 1945
6th Convalescent Hospital	1 August 1944 to 31 November 1944
12th Evacuation Hospital	1 September 1944 to 31 November 1944
82d Ordnance Group, for the 98th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad thereof	10 August 1944 to 16 January 1945

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IV. REVOCATION IN SEC I, GO NO. 20, THIS HQ, CS - So much of Section I, General Order No. 20, this Headquarters, 20 January 1945, as awards a Distinguished Service Cross to Private First Class WILBUR C FYLE, 18198599, is revoked. This award is republished as a posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Cross in Sec I of this General Order.

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,
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