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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
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SECTION III - Award of Purple Heart Medal.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

1. 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 posthumously to:

Technical Sergeant IRVING BRICKER, 32272195, Company F, 301st Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 7 February 1945, during an assault against strong enemy positions, Technical Sergeant BRICKER, who was in command of a platoon of infantry, noticed that enemy snipers were about to ambush the leading squad which had moved too far forward. Fearlessly dashing forward, he killed two enemy with accurate rifle fire. As the assault continued, an enemy counter-attack with six tanks threatened to completely disorganize the platoon. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, Technical Sergeant BRICKER moved about, rallying his men, pointing out casualties to medical aid men, and directing anti-tank fire. He alone defended one flank, killing two enemy, wounding one and capturing two. Turning to the opposite flank where the enemy was attempting an encirclement, he continued fighting against overwhelming odds until he was killed. Technical Sergeant BRICKER'S deficient courage, heroic and inspiring leadership and supreme devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

2. 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:

Captain (then Second Lieutenant) DANNEY B TAYLOR, 01323045, Infantry, Company G, 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States in FRANCE. On 23 June 1944, although still suffering from wounds sustained during enemy action, one week previously, Captain TAYLOR volunteered to lead a night patrol into hostile territory to ascertain the strength and disposition of the heavily fortified enemy main line of resistance, in Fort de Mont Castro, France. Upon approaching the enemy line of resistance, Captain TAYLOR and the two enlisted men accompanying him were subjected to intense machine gun fire. Undeterred, Captain TAYLOR and

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his companions crawled under the murderous fire to within ten yards of an enemy emplacement. Though severely shaken by six hostile grenades, he courageously moved further into the hostile sector and prepared a map of mortar and artillery positions and the terrain features of the region. When the patrol returned to friendly lines the following day, the accurate data which they had obtained was employed to great advantage in planning a subsequent action which successfully reduced the fortifications and penetrated the enemy defenses. Captain TAYLOR'S determined leadership, aggressive courage and supreme devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

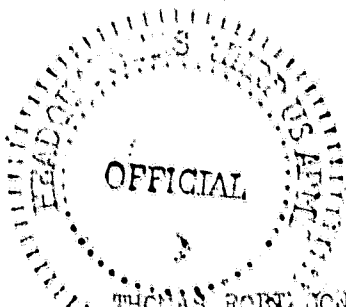
II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class THOMAS A JONES, 32795623, Company A, 95th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 13 April 1945, Private First Class JONES was serving as Surgical Technician when an enemy shellburst seriously wounded several of his comrades. Disregarding his personal safety, Private First Class JONES unhesitatingly exposed himself to the enemy fire and began to administer first aid to the wounded. Throughout the continued shelling, he fearlessly remained exposed and treated the wounded until an enemy shell struck only a few inches from him, killing him instantly. Private First Class JONES' steadfast fortitude, great courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to:

Chief Warrant Officer HERBERT E BROD, W2109996, Army of the United States, Headquarters, Third United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 28 December 1944 in FRANCE.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:



THOMAS ROBERTSON,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

H. G. MADDOX,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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