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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:

✓ Second Lieutenant CHARLES KOLLIN, O1825300, Infantry, Company "A", 704th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 22 October 1944, Lieutenant KOLLIN commanded a platoon of Company "A", 704th Tank Destroyer Battalion in action near BEZANGE LA PETITE, FRANCE. As the platoon advanced with infantry elements, a mine field was encountered, and the resulting explosions signaled a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire. Disregarding the heavy fire, Lieutenant KOLLIN coolly reorganized his platoon, and going back and forth through the mine field, directed evacuation of the wounded. During subsequent action this courageous officer was severely wounded but continued to direct the attack, inspiring his men by his fearless leadership. His conspicuous heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

✓ Second Lieutenant JOHN A WHITEHILL, O1C18516, Cavalry, Company "A", 37th Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Lieutenant WHITEHILL, commanding Company "A", 37th Tank Battalion, repeatedly demonstrated the heroism and courageous leadership that distinguish him as an outstanding officer. On 24 December, during action near BASTOGNE, BELGIUM, he had three tanks knocked out from under him. On 26 December he personally led an assault against the enemy, (leading his men on foot after his tank was hit. Inspired by Lieutenant WHITEHILL'S fearless leadership, his men drove ahead and captured an entire battalion of enemy) paratroopers. This intrepid officer's conspicuous heroism and supreme 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:

✓ First Lieutenant LUTHER P WATSON JR, O1177229, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 236th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 11 December 1944, during action near GROS REDONNING, FRANCE, Lieutenant WATSON demonstrated the highest degree of courage and heroic, unselfish devotion to duty. While performing his mission of establishing a forward observation post this officer risked his life again and again to treat and evacuate wounded men, braving intense enemy fire with complete disregard for his own safety. His conspicuous heroism, above and beyond the call of duty, and his inspiring, courageous leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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III. 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:

✓ Captain HAROLD P HACKENBERG, 0451587, Medical Administrative Corps, 594th Ambulance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 25 July 1944 to 25 January 1945.

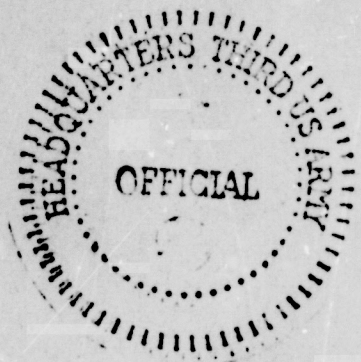
✓ Captain JOHANNES J JURGENS, 01684266, Medical Corps, 39th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 18 July 1944 to 30 December 1944.

✓ Chaplain (Captain) JULIUS K BRAUN, 0514885, Chaplain Corps, 104th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE from 1 June 1944 to 31 January 1945.

✓ Technical Sergeant WALLACE C NASH, 18002865, 619th Ordnance Ammunition Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, BELGIUM, and HOLLAND from 1 August 1944 to 1 February 1945.

✓ Private First Class CHARLSTE CABURIS, 32401319, Company 4A, 92d Medical Gas Treatment Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and BELGIUM from 24 August 1944 to 27 January 1945.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

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