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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, HQ ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, HQ ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class DALE T PROCTOR, 17197243, Company "K", 301st Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 29 September 1944, Private PROCTOR was serving as a telephone operator observer with the 301st Infantry Regiment during action near PONT SCORFF, FRANCE. He was severely wounded when the enemy concentrated an artillery barrage on his position, but he remained at his post and continued to give accurate fire directions as aid men were dressing his wounds. Even then, although suffering great pain, he pleaded to be allowed to continue, and it was necessary to pry the telephone from his hand in order to evacuate him. This brave soldier died from his wounds the following day, but his conspicuous heroism, his courageous determination, and supreme devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to his fellow soldiers.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, HQ ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, HQ ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, the award of a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the following named officer on 31 January 1945 is announced:

Major General PAUL W BAABE, 05099, United States Army, 35th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action. During the period 7 to 13 August 1944, the 35th Infantry Division, under General BAABE'S command, was committed at MORTAIN, FRANCE, to stem a strong enemy counter-offensive and to rescue an infantry battalion which had been surrounded. During this action General BAABE was constantly with his front line troops, inspiring and encouraging them by his courageous personal example. Under his gallant leadership the Division accomplished its mission and relieved the besieged battalion. His conspicuous heroism, supreme devotion to duty, and exceptional skill exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the president and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, HQ ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, HQ ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Sergeant ROBERT L PENNINGTON, 35625690, Company "B", 1303d Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. The conspicuous heroism Sergeant PENNINGTON displayed while engaged in clearing an enemy mine field near DIEKIRCH, LUXEMBOURG, on 22 January 1945, distinguishes him as an outstanding

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soldier. With complete disregard for his own safety, he went to the aid of three of his comrades who had been wounded by an exploding mine, and after they had been evacuated he remained at his task until the field was cleared. Sergeant FENNINGTOP'S conspicuous heroism and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class JOHN J LAFFERTY, 35869941, Company "B", 1303d Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 January 1945, Private LAFFERTY was engaged in clearing an enemy mine field near DIERICH, LUXEMBOURG. He was severely wounded by an exploding S-mine, but courageously remained at his task and explained the pattern of the mine field to his comrades before he would permit himself to be evacuated. His determination and heroic devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain JOHN C CANNY, 0467121, Medical Corps, Company "C", 94th Medical Gas Treatment Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 19 August 1944 to 17 February 1945.

Captain CLIFFORD W MORSE, 0377926, Quartermaster Corps, 3510th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and BELGIUM from 15 August 1944 to 15 February 1945.

First Lieutenant HARRIET F O'BRIEN, 1760165, Army Nurse Corps, 109th Evacuation Hospital (SH), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE and BELGIUM from 1 June 1944 to 16 February 1945.

First Lieutenant IRBY D HENDERSON JR, 01579771, Ordnance Department, 851st Ordnance Heavy Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 16 August 1944 to 9 February 1945.

Second Lieutenant PHYLLIS J BAILEY, 1761852, Army Nurse Corps, 109th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE and BELGIUM from 6 June 1944 to 16 February 1945.

Staff Sergeant HOWARD P COOKE, 35561055, Company "B", 1303d Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 31 October 1944 to 4 February 1945.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES K COLLINS, 15114552, Third United States Army photo Center. 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 20 January 1945.

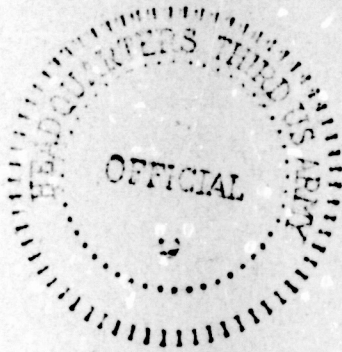
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Technician Third Grade JOHN B BILLIGEN, 33110939, 851st Ordnance Heavy Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 October 1944 to 9 February 1945.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



HOWARD R. GAY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

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

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