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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross,
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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 posthumously to:

Technician Fourth Grade PAUL FALAVOLITO, 13011940, Company "D", *** Tank Battalion, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 15 November 1944, Company "D", *** Tank Battalion, was advancing against the enemy near KIRSCHNAUMEN, FRANCE, when one of the tanks was hit and disabled by artillery fire. Technician Fourth Grade FALAVOLITO, noticing that the hatches of the disabled tank were jammed, trapping the crew, fearlessly left the cover of his own tank to aid his comrades. He coolly worked on the jammed hatches, ignoring the enemy artillery fire falling around him, and freed the crew. He then returned to his own tank and was about to mount when he heard another artillery shell coming. Thinking first of his crew, he shouted to them to close the hatches and was killed by the exploding shell. Technician Fourth Grade FALAVOLITO's supreme sacrifice for his comrades; his courage and heroic, unselfish 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 ANCEL G TAFLINGER, 0797935, Air Corps, *** Liaison Squadron, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 25 December 1944 an urgent call was received for immediate surgical aid for seriously wounded men of the 101st Airborne Division defending the enemy-surrounded city of BASTOGNE, BELGIUM. Lieutenant TAFLINGER of the *** Liaison Squadron courageously volunteered for the hazardous mission of flying a medical officer of the *** Auxiliary Surgical Group into the besieged city in a liaison plane. By adroit maneuvering he evaded the heavy anti-aircraft fire encountered over the enemy-held territory and succeeded in making a landing at dusk in a small field outside the city. Later that night he returned safely to his base, again braving heavy enemy anti-aircraft fire. Lieutenant TAFLINGER's outstanding heroism and his courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

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:

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Private First Class **WADISLAW P KODZ**, 38040619, Troop "B", *** Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 2 December 1944, during a strong enemy counter-attack in L'HOPITAL, FRANCE, a group of approximately fifteen of the enemy attacked the machine-gun position from which Private First Class KODZ was protecting the withdrawal of friendly troops. This soldier valiantly held his position in the face of direct fire from enemy machine-guns and rocket launchers until his comrades had withdrawn to better positions. Only then did he seek safety, firing his machine-gun from the hip as he withdrew. The initiative, courage, and devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class KODZ reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

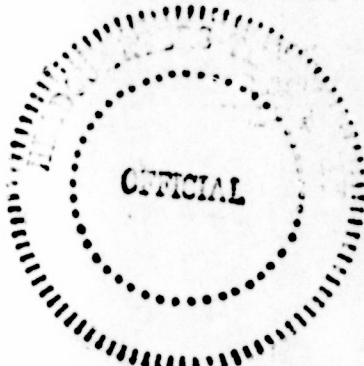
✓ Captain **MARIE A WILFORD**, N725365, Army Nurse Corps, *** Evacuation Hospital (Semi-mobile), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 24 June 1944 to 21 December 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant **OLIVE R TEDRICK**, N729390, Army Nurse Corps, *** Evacuation Hospital (Semi-mobile), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 24 June 1944 to 21 December 1944.

✓ First Lieutenant **HANSFORD T SHACKLETTE**, 01541305, Medical Administrative Corps, *** 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 13 March 1944 to 21 December 1944.

✓ Second Lieutenant **MARVIN W IRONSIDE**, 02047692, Medical Administrative Corps, ** Ambulance Company (Mtz), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 5 September 1944 to 19 December 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

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Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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