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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
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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:

Captain BENJAMIN W ANDERSON, 0414270, Infantry, 13th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 27 August 1944, during an attack against strongly held enemy positions near BREST, FRANCE, Captain ANDERSON and two of his squads became isolated from the company. Displaying the highest qualities of leadership, the intrepid Captain rallied his men and led them through withering fire to the battalion objective; seized a key point and held it for twelve hours despite several determined attempts by the enemy to dislodge him. Captain ANDERSON'S courageous actions paved the way for the ultimate success of his battalion in obtaining its objective, and his fearless, inspiring leadership and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the best traditions of the military service.

Private First Class EDWIN C MATHUES, 35136351, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 22 June 1944, during action near CHERBOURG, FRANCE, Private MATHUES accompanied his wire chief on a mission of repairing a vital communication line. When the enemy detected and opened fire upon his companion, this soldier, without thought of his own safety, fearlessly ran forward shouting and gesticulating in an effort to divert the enemy's attention to himself. Private MATHUES' courageous action permitted the wire chief to reach a point of safety, but he himself was killed when the enemy directed their fire upon him. His conspicuous heroism and supreme, 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:

Private WILLIAM G TAYLOR, 32611848, Medical Detachment, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action. During the period 3 to 4 December 1944, Private TAYLOR distinguished himself by his outstanding performance

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of duty while serving as an aid man with Company "F", 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion, during an assault on LAUTERBACH, GERMANY. Throughout the fierce action, this gallant soldier moved fearlessly about under mortar and artillery concentrations, exposed to continuous small arms fire, giving aid and comfort to the wounded. His cheerful attitude and conspicuous courage were inspirational to his comrades, and his heroic accomplishments and supreme devotion to duty 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 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain JAMES THOMAS CONNER JR, 01110425, Corps of Engineers, 553d Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. On 24-25 January 1945, Captain CONNER twice made his way on foot deep into enemy territory to aid in evacuating valuable engineer equipment which would otherwise have been destroyed or would have fallen into enemy hands. The courage and resourcefulness he displayed, and his initiative and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces.

Private First Class BOBBIE L CAMPBELL, 37524783, Medical Department, 1303d Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 February 1945, at BOLLENDORF, LUXEMBOURG, Private CAMPBELL courageously, without thought of his own safety, entered an enemy mine field to give aid to a wounded comrade. His conspicuous heroism and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class MICHAEL DZIWENKA, 31113751, 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 First Class DZIWENKA was engaged in clearing an enemy mine field near DIEKIRCH, 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.

Private First Class GORDON R STRAND, 36727854, Headquarters and Service Company, 553d Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany. On 24-25 January 1945, Private STRAND twice made his way on foot deep into enemy territory to aid in evacuating valuable engineer equipment which would otherwise have been destroyed or would have fallen into enemy hands. The courage and resourcefulness he displayed, and his initiative and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces.

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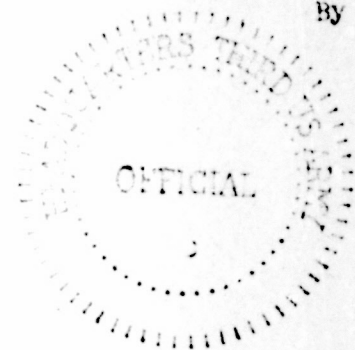
X Master Sergeant EARL E CASWELL, 13097277, Company "A", 33d Signal Construction Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 10 August 1944 to 22 September 1944.

* *Serial # Amend by HQ # 66-3/23/45 39176142*
* Technical Sergeant CHARLES L WEEKS, 38176142, 61st Chemical Depot Company, 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 15 February 1945.

X Staff Sergeant ARTHUR ROTHFIELD, 32032086, 109th Evacuation Hospital, Semi-mobilo, 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 15 February 1945.

X Technician Fifth Grade FULGENCE D CHARLAND, 31033250, Third US Army Photo Center, 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 23 January 1945.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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