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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETC US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETC US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Captain ORAL J. NELSON, 01319318, Infantry, Company "L", 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE from 9 November to 12 November 1944. Captain NELSON commanded Company "L", 359th Infantry during fierce action in the vicinity of MALLING and KERLING, FRANCE. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire, completely disregarding his own safety to lead his troops personally. When his battalion attacked to retake KERLING, Captain NELSON assumed command of another company that had lost its officers and reorganized it while under heavy fire. Throughout the action he courageously moved from platoon to platoon, encouraging and inspiring the men, and he personally led the platoon that retook the town. His conspicuous heroism, many times displayed, and his courage and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant LEON M WOOD, 01824130, Infantry, Company "B", 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 17 January 1945, Lieutenant WOOD led a platoon of the 773d Tank Destroyer Battalion in action against the enemy at OBERMELFACH, LUXEMBOURG. Advancing on foot through heavy fire he determined the location of several enemy tanks, then fearlessly led his own force of tank destroyers against them, directing fire from the open deck of his vehicle. Three of the enemy tanks were destroyed. After the Lieutenant dismounted to place the infantry in advantageous positions the enemy attacked again, and again he led his tank destroyers against them, destroying two more tanks. The heroic, inspiring leadership he displayed, his courage and supreme devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant VERNIE A LINDSAY, 37155435, Company "C", 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 9 December 1944, during an attack against a strongly held enemy fortification near DILLEBERG, GERMANY, Sergeant LINDSAY'S platoon leader was wounded. The Sergeant immediately assumed command and fearlessly led the platoon through intense fire to within forty yards of the objective. Then, placing his men in strategic positions, he assaulted the pillbox alone, armed with as many hand grenades as he could carry. He threw fifteen grenades into the pillbox, killing many of the enemy and forcing the remainder to surrender. The enemy counter-attacked immediately,

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but the intrepid Sergeant quickly organized his men and repelled the attack. His conspicuous heroism and fearless, courageous leadership reflect the greatest credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class HERBERT H BURR, 37236263, Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion, 11th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. On 15 January 1945, during action near NOVILLE, BELGIUM, the tank in which Private BURR was serving as assistant driver was disabled by enemy artillery fire. Private BURR dismounted, evacuated one wounded crew member to a place of safety, and crawled 150 yards back to the burning tank in an endeavor to rescue the remaining crew members. Finding that they were dead, he drove the tank to a place of cover and extinguished the flames. This soldier's conspicuous heroism and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant JAMES L MCDONALD, 31398790, Company "A", 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 10 December 1944. During action near DILLINGEN, GERMANY, when a numerically superior enemy force attacked positions of two entrenched infantry platoons and forced them to withdraw, Sergeant MCDONALD voluntarily led them in a bold assault to retake their positions. Completely disregarding his own safety he advanced toward the objective and killed one of the enemy with rifle fire; and fearlessly jumped into a dugout, seized a German rifle and with it killed another of the foe. Moving on, he wounded another of the enemy with a retrieved grenade and took him captive, killed two more with submachine-gun fire, forced another to surrender and routed the remainder from the stronghold. The fearless leadership this intrepid soldier displayed, and his conspicuous heroism, determination and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class HAROLD R MCQUAY, 35632671, Company "K", 358th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 23 November 1944, during action near BUTZDORF, GERMANY, when the platoon of which Private MCQUAY was a member became separated from the company, he voluntarily braved intense enemy fire to make contact with an adjacent platoon. As he advanced he noticed an enemy machine-gun directing fire against another platoon. With complete disregard for his own safety he boldly assaulted the gun and killed the crew with point blank rifle fire, continued on until he reached the lead squad of the platoon that was his objective and led it to a position from which it could protect the exposed flank of his platoon. His conspicuous heroism, courageous determination and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

II. 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:

Lieutenant Colonel RUSSELL L MULLOCH, 01634539, Medical Corps, 35th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 25 June 1944 to 25 December 1944.

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Lieutenant Colonel THOMAS R STANDER, 0237251, Medical Corps, 35th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 25 June 1944 to 25 December 1944.

Major ROBERT G WAITT, 023720, Corps of Engineers, 552d Engineer Topographic Battalion, 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 October 1944.

Captain VERNON E CASE, 0452162, Medical Administrative Corps, 437th Medical Battalion, Separate, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and BELGIUM from 20 July 1944 to 15 February 1945.

Captain RAYMOND COWARD, 0270518, Cavalry, Detachment C202, Company "H", 1st ECA Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 26 September 1944 to 15 February 1945.

First Sergeant CHARLES F BOVA, 32337025, Headquarters Company, 1st Tank Destroyer Brigade, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 3 August 1944 to 15 February 1945.

First Sergeant LOUIS R MURRAY, 1022961, 3213th Quartermaster Service Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 22 October 1944 to 31 December 1944.

Master Sergeant JOSEPH L HIRCKLEY, 39228937, 347th Ordnance Depot Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 26 June 1944 to 15 February 1945.

Master Sergeant JAMES P PACKER, 33161849, Headquarters 1st Tank Destroyer Brigade, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 3 August 1944 to 15 February 1945.

Technical Sergeant RICHARD B CLODFELTER, 34304103, Headquarters Third United States Army (then attached 6811th Traffic Regulating Group), 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 19 December 1944.

Technical Sergeant GUY L STATZER, 36361069, Headquarters 1st Tank Destroyer Brigade, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 3 August 1944 to 15 February 1945.

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Staff Sergeant SAMMAN L DICK, 33256064, 456th Ambulance Company, Motor, Separate, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, BELGIUM and LUXEMBOURG from 9 August 1944 to 17 February 1945.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS RICHARD DURANT, 35031219, 432d Medical Collecting Company, Separate, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY from 11 December 1944 to 15 February 1945.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT C PROCTOR, 34114990, 580th Ambulance Company, Motor, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 29 August 1944 to 7 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant GLEN B TOWLER, 34449477, 3444th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance 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 11 February 1945.

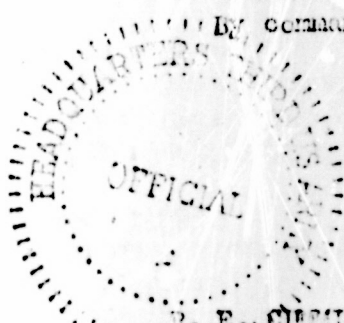
Technician Third Grade WALTER J ORSZEWKI, 32176668, 35th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 25 June 1944 to 25 December 1944.

Sergeant HARRY N COLES, 32752565, 590th Ambulance Company, Motor, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and BELGIUM from 30 July 1944 to 1 February 1945.

Sergeant PETER C MACALUSO, 32034646, Company "E", 88th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, 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 31 December 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN W ALDRIGHT, 42042419, Company "A", 652d Engineer Topographic Battalion, 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 October 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

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