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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 ETC US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETC US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel PAUL RANDY, 0358457, Infantry, 2d Battalion, 319th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in LUXEMBOURG. On 23 December 1944, Colonel RANDY led the 319th Infantry against HEIDERSCHIED, LUXEMBOURG, four miles in front of the existing front lines. The town was taken, but while defensive organization was in progress the enemy counter-attacked in force with tanks and infantry. Colonel RANDY courageously led his men against the enemy and put them to rout. The following morning during another strong counter-attack this intrepid officer organized all available men and personally led them in defense of the command post, coolly calling friendly artillery fire on his own positions. He was continuously in the front lines, inspiring the troops by his fearless, gallant example. His conspicuous courage, fearless leadership and heroic devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain JOSEPH S GIACOBELLO, 01311878, Infantry, Company "F", 137th Infantry Regiment, 39th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 10 December 1944, Captain GIACOBELLO'S company was given the mission of seizing an enemy-held factory on the far side of the Saar River at SARRIGUEMINES, FRANCE. In the night, the Captain and two enlisted men crossed the river on an improvised plank bridge, assaulted the first machine-gun position and killed the crew. Then, entering the first factory building they killed twelve more of the enemy and assaulted the main building where for three hours they fought a superior number of the enemy among the factory machines with grenades, pistols, and finally with knives. The enemy set fire to the building but the men held their ground, and in hand-to-hand combat the fearless Captain killed two of the enemy. When the rest of the company arrived, Captain GIACOBELLO led them against the remaining defenders and completely annihilated them. His heroic devotion to duty, conspicuous courage and fearless, inspiring leadership 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 32, Hq ETC US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETC US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant VERNE W. LARSEN, 36039646, 595th Ambulance Company, Motor, Separate, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM. On 19 December 1944, Sergeant LARSEN was in charge of a clearing station at LUTROCIS, BELGIUM,

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which was in imminent danger of being over-run by the rapidly advancing enemy. He courageously remained at his post and continued to direct evacuation of the patients even when the enemy had come within small arms range of the station. Through his calm courage all patients were saved from capture by the enemy. His actions and his heroic devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETC US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETC US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

✓ Brigadier General MILLEY G MADDOX, 012892, General Staff Corps, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 September 1944 to 21 December 1944.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETC US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETC US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Colonel EVERETT BUSCH, 07260, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 September 1944 to ~~11 October 1944~~ 18 October 44

✓ First Lieutenant HELEN R WILKIE, 8760929, Army Nurse Corps, 107th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, BELGIUM, and LUXEMBOURG from 18 July 1944 to 19 February 1945.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

H. H. CUMMINGS,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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