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- SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
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- SECTION III - Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster.
- SECTION IV - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 52, 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 WILLIAM E HALL, 18046334, 7th Engineer Battalion, 5th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. On 8 September 1944, Private HALL served with a detail ferrying infantrymen in an assault crossing of the Moselle River near DORNOT, FRANCE. His boat, which he manned by himself after assigned crew members had been wounded, was the first to reach the far shore under intense fire directed against the crossing site. During a subsequent crossing a direct mortar burst caused many casualties among the passengers, but this brave soldier, heedless of his own safety, stood in the boat, guided it to the near shore and evacuated the casualties before it sank. He immediately procured another boat which was also hit and sunk, forcing him to swim to shore through the freezing water. He obtained a third boat and continued his hazardous crossings throughout the night and the following day, under intensified enemy fire, until he was killed by artillery fire. Private HALL'S conspicuous courage and heroic determination are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and live on as a constant inspiration to his comrades.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class GEORGE R HARDIN, 36401966, Headquarters and Service Company, 87th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. During a storm crossing of the Saar River at SERRIG, GERMANY, on 24 February 1945, Private HARDIN voluntarily took an infantry support raft across the river under intense fire. His personal bravery made possible the landing of critical supplies for the infantry established on the far shore. His heroism and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class GUY G NORTON, 34194294, 433d Medical Collecting Company (Separate), United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 24 January 1945. Private NORTON, serving as an ambulance orderly, supporting action of the 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron near MESSERS-CLIFF, LUXEMBOURG, displayed great skill and courage in accomplishing his missions. On one occasion he voluntarily braved enemy fire to evacuate a wounded soldier from a forward area. Private NORTON'S heroism and courageous, untiring devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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III. 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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

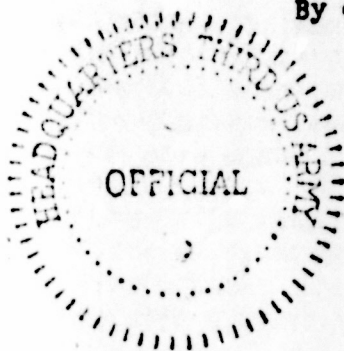
Colonel PHILIP C CLAYTON, 05210, Cavalry, Headquarters Third United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 15 November 1944 to 21 December 1944.

Colonel ROBERT SEARS, 02632, Ordnance Department, 69th Ordnance Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and BELGIUM from 1 November 1944 to 12 March 1945.

IV. 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:

Chaplain (Colonel) JAMES H O'NEILL, 016370, Corps of Chaplains, 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.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

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

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