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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (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 Distinguished Service Cross previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

*Name: AMEND. BY GOS 87 -- 25 Apr. 45*

Colonel JOHN L HINES, 16749, Cavalry, Combat Command "A", 6th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Colonel HINES, commanding Combat Command "A" of the 6th Armored Division, repeatedly distinguished himself by his skilful, courageous leadership. During operations in the EASTOGNE, BELGIUM area, across the Our River into Germany, through the Siegfried Line, across the Rhine River towards FRANKFURT AM MAIN, he was constantly with the forward elements of his command, braving heavy fire to encourage and direct his men. Colonel HINES was severely wounded while leading a column against enemy-held FRANKFURT, but he had so disposed his troops that they continued forward, forced a crossing of the Main River and entered the city. This gallant officer's outstanding achievements were important contributions to the success of Third U. S. Army operations; his bold, fearless leadership and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 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 Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant MILTON J MUNCH, C1999955, Infantry, Company "G", 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 25 January 1945, when a platoon of the infantry company commanded by Lieutenant MUNCH was crossing a field in an attack near LAUSDORN, LUXEMBOURG, an intense concentration of fire forced the men to the ground where they were at the mercy of the enemy. Realizing that the men must advance, Lieutenant MUNCH, with no thought of his own safety dashed onto the fireswept open field, inspiring the troops by his bold, fearless example. He went from man to man, encouraging them to go forward, and remained in the open until he had accomplished his mission. Lieutenant MUNCH'S heroic action marks him as an outstanding leader. His fearlessness and courageous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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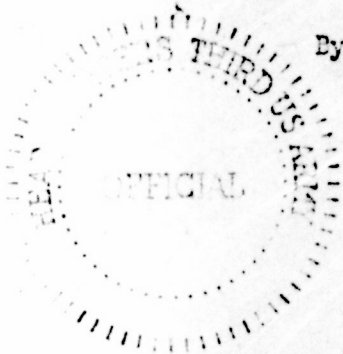
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, the award of a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the following named officer on 14 April 1945 is announced:

Brigadier General EWART G PLANK, 012649, United States Army, Advance Section, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 17 December 1944 to 25 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:

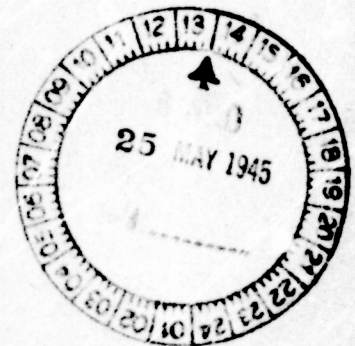
Captain STANLEY E MORGAN, 0417912, Medical Corps, 101st Airborne Division, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 27 March 1945, Captain MORGAN was in command of American prisoners of war at Stalag IX A, ZIEHENHAIN, GERMANY, when the German Command ordered the camp evacuated on the following day, necessitating a forced foot-march of approximately 200 kilometers. Captain MORGAN, heedless of the personal danger involved in obstructing the move, formulated an audacious plan which was successful in preventing the evacuation. The cool-headed leadership of this officer resulted in saving the lives of American soldiers who could not have survived the march and in their subsequent release by attacking American forces. Captain MORGAN'S unflinching devotion to duty and his constant concern for the men committed to his care reflect great credit upon himself and the military forces of the United States.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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

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



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