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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 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 posthumously to:

Sergeant THOMAS J. DAWSON, 32120265, Company "C", 19th Tank Battalion, 9th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in BELGIUM. During fierce action near SIBERT, BELGIUM, on 28 December 1944, the tank commanded by Sergeant DAWSON was hit and set on fire. The Sergeant dismounted and fought the blaze even though he was completely exposed to intense enemy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire. Failing to bring the fire under control he courageously remounted the tank and succeeded in extricating two of the crew members through the front hatches even though machine gun and antitank fire was striking the vehicle all about him. In a final courageous effort to rescue the remaining crew members he climbed to the turret, but as he lowered himself into the burning tank the enemy scored two direct artillery hits and he was killed. Sergeant DAWSON nobly gave his life for his comrades, in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. His courage and complete devotion to duty live on as a constant inspiration to those with whom he served.

Private First Class MIKE CERMAK, 32042930, Company "E", 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 23 November 1944, Private CERMAK'S company launched an attack against a strong enemy position near SCHEVELNUTTE, GERMANY. When the enemy counterattacked, forcing the company to withdraw, Private CERMAK without thought of his own safety placed his machine gun in an exposed, strategic position determined to slow the enemy advance until his company could establish a new line. Despite intense fire concentrated against him he courageously held his post, manning his weapon with deadly accuracy. When his company resumed the advance they found him dead at the gun he had so valiantly defended. Private CERMAK'S heroism and courageous, unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and will live on as a constant inspiration to his comrades.

Private ELBERT J HALL, 31445389, Company "A", 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 22 November 1944, Private HALL was a member of a forward scout party that advanced under intense hostile fire and occupied a group of buildings at JAGER HAUS, GERMANY, along the route to the company objective. When the party was subjected to a counterattack he assumed a strategic position and by sustained accurate rifle fire prevented the

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enemy from infiltrating. Machine gun, mortar, rocket, and grenade fire was concentrated against him; he was wounded several times, but he courageously held his post until reinforcements fought their way to him five hours later. Private HALL was killed in action the following day but his heroic stand lives on as an inspiration to his comrades. His fearless determination and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private JACK GILL, 39159666, Company "A", 735th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in FRANCE. During an attack on VIDOUVILLE, FRANCE, on 26 July 1944, the tank in which Private GILL served as an assistant driver was hit and set on fire. Upon order to abandon the flaming vehicle Private GILL made his escape and crawled towards the security of a hedgerow, but when he discovered that the driver had not followed he turned and courageously made his perilous way back to the tank. Private GILL extricated the unconscious driver and dragged him through the murderous fire, but as he neared a protected position he was killed by an enemy machine gunner. In keeping with the highest traditions of the military service this gallant soldier gave his life for his comrade. His courage and heroic, unselfish devotion to duty live on as a constant inspiration to those with whom he served.

2. 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:

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT B MORAN, 0388141, Infantry, 345th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 6 February 1945, Colonel MORAN led an infantry battalion against fiercely defended Siegfried Line fortifications near ROTH, GERMANY. Braving antipersonnel mines and intense enemy fire of all descriptions he pushed forward, inspiring his troops by his bold, fearless leadership. On the following day when the advance was halted by machine gun fire from strongly fortified bunkers, Colonel MORAN, completely disregarding his own safety went forward and personally selected gun positions for assaulting tank destroyers. The brilliant, courageous leadership this officer displayed; his heroism and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant NEIL F BRENNAN, 01019146, Infantry, Company "B", 735th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 12 January 1945, Lieutenant BRENNAN commanded a platoon of the 735th Tank Battalion during action to reduce a strong pocket of resistance near WILTZ, GERMANY. In the course of the attack, infantry elements the tank platoon supported became leaderless, and the tanks were halted by a concentration of mines. Without hesitation, Lieutenant BRENNAN dismounted from his tank, organized the infantry and fearlessly led an assault against the German positions inspiring the men by his heroic leadership. Boldly in the lead, armed with a sub-machinegun, he charged the enemy in their foxholes and singlehandedly destroyed a machine gun nest. Under Lieutenant BRENNAN'S determined leadership the objective was attained. The fearless courage he displayed and his devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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Staff Sergeant WILLIAM J BENNETT, 7010168, Battery "C", 687th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 16 December 1944, when the artillery battery with which Sergeant BENNETT served was attacked by strong enemy forces this gallant soldier, with no thought of his own safety, braved intense enemy fire to reach a position in a building from which he delivered effective rifle fire upon the enemy. Although wounded twice he held his post, refusing to be evacuated. On 19 December when the position was again attacked and the battalion command post surrounded, Sergeant BENNETT on his own initiative organized and led a counter-attack, inspiring his men by his bold, fearless leadership. Two days later when the enemy attacked a third time, in force with tanks and infantry, Sergeant BENNETT again distinguished himself by braving heavy fire to direct effective artillery fire against the enemy. His fearless determination, his initiative and loyal, courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with 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:

Colonel FRANCIS X PURCELL JR, 016380, Corps of Engineers, 1301st Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 16 December 1944 to 15 April 1945.

Major SAMUEL KARLIN, 0318240, Medical Corps, 4th Auxiliary Surgical Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 6 June 1944 to 14 April 1945.

Major PIERCE W POWERS, 0257847, Medical Corps, 4th Auxiliary Surgical Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 6 June 1944 to 14 April 1945.

First Lieutenant RICHARD F ALBERA, 01576872, Quartermaster Corps, 3048th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 25 July 1944 to 4 April 1945.

First Lieutenant THOMAS H HOOVER, 01543521, Medical Administrative Corps, 495th Collecting Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and BELGIUM from 17 July 1944 to 19 January 1945.

First Lieutenant DANIEL ZUCKERMAN, 02047899, Medical Administrative Corps, 597th Ambulance Company, Motor, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, BELGIUM, and LUXEMBOURG from 1 August 1944 to 31 January 1945.

First Sergeant ROSCOE A ROBERTSON, 33534178, 676th Engineer Light Equipment Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 15 October 1944 to 14 March 1945.

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Master Sergeant FRANK LACH, 35321340, 3515th 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, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 21 July 1944 to 31 March 1945.

Master Sergeant CELESTINO P MAGGIO, 33028720, Headquarters 14th Ordnance Battalion, 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 July 1944 to 1 April 1945.

Master Sergeant ARTHUR T LOSFY, 38008578, 129th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 27 August 1944 to 31 March 1945.

Master Sergeant RONALD J WOOD, 37330872, 676th Engineer Light Equipment Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 15 October 1944 to 14 March 1945.

Technical Sergeant FRANKLIN R BURNWORTH, 35421042, Headquarters 172d Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG from 1 August 1944 to 28 January 1945.

Technical Sergeant HUGH H JONES, 14098683, 520th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 5 August 1944 to 5 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH F KEGLER, 20217941, Headquarters 249th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 20 August 1944 to 31 March 1945.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES A LELMON, 20839995, Headquarters Battery, 558th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 1 September 1944 to 15 March 1945.

Staff Sergeant CLAYTON I BADGER, 31086825, 433d Collecting Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 1 January 1945 to 25 March 1945.

Staff Sergeant CARL J SANTUCCI, 35335336, 902d Ordnance Heavy Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 20 July 1944 to 30 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant JOEL A WHITE, 32751192, 590th Ambulance Company, Motor, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 6 June 1944 to 24 March 1945.

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Technician Third Grade RICHARD E WILLIAMS, 37315298, Battery "A", 119th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 10 September 1944 to 31 March 1945.

Sergeant JOHN W GAGYE, 35233820, Company "A", 229th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 1 November 1944 to 23 March 1945.

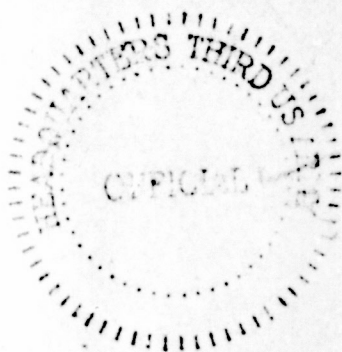
Sergeant CARL G MARLATT, 33419302, Company "C", 94th Medical Gas Treatment Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 19 August 1944 to 15 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade ROBERT E CONKLIN, 35758289, Headquarters and Service Company, 249th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 20 August 1944 to 31 March 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade JULIUS KAPLAN, 31314699, 4th Auxiliary Surgical Group, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 8 June 1944 to 14 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade LUBREY G WOOD, 36827377, 109th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 1 June 1944 to 10 April 1945.

By command of General PATTON:



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