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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:

Lieutenant Colonel WADSWORTH P CLAPP, 023687, Corps of Engineers, 55th Armored Engineer Battalion, 10th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 19 February 1945, Colonel CLAPP was entrusted with supervising engineer operations in connection with establishing a bridgehead across the Saar River near AYL, GERMANY. Braving intense fire from Siegfried Line defenses Colonel CLAPP courageously remained at the exposed position personally supervising operations, inspiring and encouraging his men by his fearless example. Laboring tirelessly for three days without relief he succeeded in getting across six battalions of infantry, but on 22 February he was killed by enemy artillery fire. The heroic determination Colonel CLAPP displayed and his supreme, courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class EUGENE SOTO, 32092496, Headquarters Company, 50th Armored Infantry Battalion, 6th Armored Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. In the vicinity of BIZORY, BELGIUM, on 6 January 1945, Private SOTO was the first gunner of a machine gun platoon holding a section of the line that was subjected to repeated enemy counterattacks. He heroically remained at his gun inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy who on one occasion advanced to within twenty yards of his position. When enemy tanks closed in on his position he stood his ground until he was killed at his gun by direct tank fire. The courage Private SOTO displayed lives on as an inspiration to his comrades. His fearless determination and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

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:

Captain EDWARD R RADZWICH, 0452318, Infantry, Company "I", 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. The brilliant, heroic leadership Captain RADZWICH displayed during furious action to take SAAR - BRUNNEN, FRANCE, distinguishes him as an outstanding commander. With complete disregard for his own safety he repeatedly took the lead in fierce assaults against the

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enemy, exposing himself to fire to inspire and encourage his men. He personally killed many of the enemy in bold, daring action, and his fearlessness and skill were in great measure responsible for the capture of the town. His courage and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) WALTER A YOUNG, 02006435, Infantry, Company "I", 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 1 December 1944, Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) YOUNG skillfully led his platoon against a strong enemy position near SARRE-UNION, FRANCE, inspiring his men by his bold, fearless example. The platoon closed with the enemy in hand-to-hand combat and drove them from their positions, inflicting heavy casualties. The Germans counterattacked but Lieutenant YOUNG drove them back with fire from a captured heavy machine gun. He then quickly organized his platoon into defensive positions and held his objective. The skill and daring Lieutenant YOUNG displayed distinguished him as an outstanding soldier. His fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class NORMAN A OSTERBERG, 33435260, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. On 23 December 1944, the enemy launched a fierce attack against positions of the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment near MARVIE, BELGIUM. When a force of tanks threatened to break through, Private OSTERBERG, a rocket-launcher man, heroically exposed himself to intense direct fire and repeatedly drove the tanks back after they had approached to within ten yards of his position. After three hours of fierce action Private OSTERBERG was wounded, but his heroic stand prevented the enemy from penetrating the infantry positions. The fearless determination and courageous devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec 1, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec 1, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) HENRY WILDER, 34576470, Company "L", 302d Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action near NENNIG, GERMANY. On 20 January 1945, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) WILDER'S platoon was surrounded by overwhelming enemy forces. They held their position for six days, battling cold and hunger and the determined enemy. While under continual observation of the enemy, Sergeant WILDER courageously made many patrols to the flanks and to the rear in an attempt to find a route of withdrawal, and it was through his efforts that the platoon leader was kept informed of the enemy dispositions. Sergeant WILDER'S fearless determination and heroic devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN M GRAHAM, 19158614, 502d Quartermaster Car Company, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 7 April 1945, while action as a driver of a quarter-ton vehicle on a mission of extreme importance, the inspection party led by his commanding officer was ambushed near APPELSTADT, GERMANY, by a numerically superior enemy force. During the fire fight that ensued, the driver of another vehicle in the group was seriously wounded while manning the

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machine gun on his quarter-ton vehicle and called for help. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade GRAHAM exposed himself to enemy fire by crawling onto the open road and dragging the wounded man to safety. He then, under intense small arms fire, ran for the quarter-ton vehicle, started it, backed it around, still under fire, and slowed down long enough for another officer in the party to jump in before driving down the road in a hail of fire to secure aid and relief for others in the party. Shortly thereafter, he returned with a small task force and aided in the recovery of the bodies of two members of the party and the escape of a third member who had been in hiding. Technician Fifth Grade GRAHAM'S courage and bravery under fire reflects the greatest credit upon himself and is in the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major HARRY P SNYDER, 0330117, Field Artillery, 174th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 26 March 1945, near ST GOAR, GERMANY, Major SNYDER voluntarily braved intense enemy fire to rescue two casualties who lay in an exposed position. His heroic achievement, undertaken with complete disregard for his own safety; the fearless determination he displayed and his courageous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain JOSEPH H ONORATO, 01576456, Ordnance Department, 3537th 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 and GERMANY from 1 November 1944 to 10 April 1945.

Captain ROY A RIGGS, 0155556, Quartermaster Corps, 3801st Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, BELGIUM, and GERMANY from 1 August 1944 to 23 March 1945.

First Lieutenant ROBERT D BURGNER, 01116053, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 1301st Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 22 March 1945 to 15 April 1945.

First Lieutenant HARRY E FULWEILER, 01051565, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "C", 119th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE from 23 July 1944 to 2 August 1944.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM E SHANKS, 01547146, Medical Administrative Corps, 32d Medical Depot 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 1 August 1944 to 18 April 1945.

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Master Sergeant MICHAEL F COLUCCI, 32021803, Headquarters Special Troops, Third 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 August 1944 to 1 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES M RAWLS, 32273520, Headquarters and Service Company, 183d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 22 December 1944 to 31 March 1945.

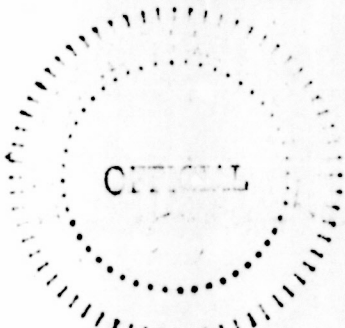
Private First Class LEIGH G FOSTER, 36574733, Company "A", 503d Military Police Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, and GERMANY from 6 July 1944 to 13 April 1945.

IV. AWARD OF AIR 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 Air Medal and five Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a sixth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

First Lieutenant VERN L CLINE, 01177335, Field Artillery, 558th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE and GERMANY from 16 February 1945 to 9 March 1945.

V. AMENDMENT TO GO NO. 83, THIS HQ, CS - So much of GO No. 83, this Hq, cs, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to Colonel CARL G GIESECKE as reads "0209626", is amended to read: "0290626."

By command of General PATTON:



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

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Adjutant General.

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