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SECTION I - Award of Distinguished Service Cross.
SECTION II - Award of Silver Star.
SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to:

First Lieutenant FREDERICK EASTMAN, 0367806, Field Artillery, Headquarters 315th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 2 April 1945, while in charge of a forward observation team that was directing supporting artillery fire for an infantry company attacking enemy positions, First Lieutenant EASTMAN unhesitatingly assumed command of the infantry company when the company commander became a casualty. In order to establish contact within the company and to coordinate deployment for the attack, First Lieutenant EASTMAN exposed himself to murderous enemy small arms fire and successfully reorganized the company. Throughout the entire action, First Lieutenant EASTMAN directed constant effective artillery on the enemy strong-points, fearlessly exposing himself to direct more accurate fire. When supporting tanks arrived, in the absence of communications, First Lieutenant EASTMAN exposed himself completely, dashed to the lead tank to personally direct its course and fire toward the main enemy strength, and repeated the feat when the eventual success of the mission demanded the action. First Lieutenant EASTMAN'S courageous initiative and loyal devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, 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:

Captain FLOYD D HARDER, 01287705, Infantry (Armored), Company B, 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, 9th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG. On 18 December 1944, Captain HARDER left his front-line company to seek badly needed ammunition and supplies, but due to the overwhelming number of enemy troops engaging the battalion, he was soon completely cut off from his company. The front-line companies were surrounded by enemy forces and communications lines were disrupted for a period of thirty-six hours. Captain HARDER, accompanied by one enlisted man, voluntarily infiltrated through four miles of enemy-held territory and contacted the isolated

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units. He devised a daring withdrawal plan and through sheer skill, outstanding courage and determination led 200 officers and men of his own and adjacent companies through enemy lines without suffering any casualties, although his column often passed within hailing distance of enemy outposts, motorized and dismounted columns, and other enemy installations. Captain HARDEF'S outstanding leadership, courage, and loyal devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

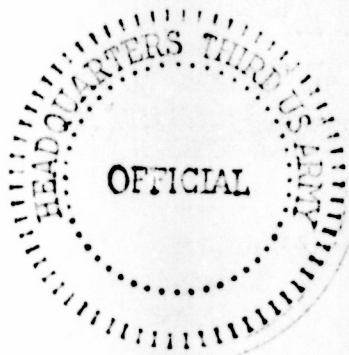
Captain RAYMOND J TOWLE, O452607, Quartermaster Corps, Military Government Detachment H-282, United States Army. 10 March 1945 to 15 April 1945 in GERMANY

First Lieutenant WILLIAM J LINK, O331580, Infantry, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945 in LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technician Fourth Grade NORMAN W SIMPSON, 33812151, Headquarters, Third United States Army. 2 January 1945 to 8 May 1945 in BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technician Fifth Grade DOMINICK CHILRO, 42014226, Headquarters Company, XII Corps, United States Army. 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945 in GERMANY and AUSTRIA.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:



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